



Olivia T. Romero

December 31, 1954 - August 21, 2020

1954-2020

Olivia T. Romero, age 65, a resident of Albuquerque and a 1972 graduate of Belen High School, passed away at her home surrounded by her loving family on Friday, August 21, 2020. She was a free, loving spirit who lived life to the fullest. Family was everything to her and her daughters Avery and Jordan and her grandchildren Aaron, Derek, and Abby were not only the apple of her eyes, but they were the sunshine of her soul. Olivia was there every step of the way helping to raise her grandchildren and she meant everything to them. She became her mother and dear friend, Barbara H. Romero's caregiver, who turned 90 in March, 2020. Olivia was there for her mom for many years even after being diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. As a loving sister to Ben and Annabelle, Dicky and Suzanne, Nick, and Juliane Romero (who was her baby sister and one of her best friends.) She was always happy when they could all be together for any occasion. Because of her beautiful voice, Olivia was selected to N.M. Allstate choir her junior and senior year for the Belen Eagle Choir. She went on to perform for several singing groups throughout Albuquerque, most notably the well-known "Enchanters". Olivia graduated from UNM with a Master's Degree in Human Resources. She had a great passion for writing which led her to be hired by well-known videographer, Tony Jones, with whom she worked with for several years until his passing in 2011. He was a loving and caring human being who became one of Olivia's best friends and like Olivia's daughter, Jordan, always said, "he was the father I never had." She went on to author and publish her book "Same Old Truth", which was about her growing up and working in the family funeral business. Olivia had several writing projects that will now be left unfinished.

Her father, Arno Romero, with whom she had a very special bond, passed away in 1983. She is also survived by her loving nieces and nephews. Olivia's wishes were to be cremated.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. Her family would like to give their love and gratitude to her daughter, Jordan, who was her loving caregiver for the last 7 years and was always there for her no matter what, through thick and thin. The family would also like

to give a heartfelt thank you to Michelle and Veronica of Legacy Hospice for becoming a part of Olivia's family during this most difficult time. Olivia's family requests that donations be made in her name to National Pancreatic Cancer Foundation, P.O Box 1848 Longmont, CO. 80502. That laugh Olivia, that distinctive laugh that you shared with everyone you met, will never be forgotten.

Please sign Olivia's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Comments



“ Olivia was one of the lights in my life. She is missed.

Robert Rister - October 03, 2020 at 09:53 AM



“ Lenore Pena lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Lenore Pena - September 13, 2020 at 09:22 PM



“ My deepest condolences to the Romero family in the loss of your dear sister Olivia. I have such fond and loving memories of her. She joins the angels in heaven... Jude (Judith Molina) Edwards



Jude - September 12, 2020 at 01:10 PM



“ Jim Macey lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Jim Macey - September 07, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ Our thoughts are with all of Olivia's kith & kin...
Jim & Faith Macey...Los Lunas

Jim Macey - September 07, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ Romero Family would like to send our deepest condolences to the Romero Family!

Victoria Romero - September 06, 2020 at 02:40 AM



“ I was very sorry to hear of the passing of Olivia. She was a wonderful person and a great long time friend. RIP Olivia. I'll never forget the great times! ♥♥♥

Carla J. Place - September 06, 2020 at 01:41 AM



“ Our deepest condolences to the Romero Family. May GOD bless you in your time of need.

Ray & Pauline Chavez

raymond chavez - September 06, 2020 at 12:26 AM



“ Denise Tafoya Braun lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Denise Tafoya Braun - September 05, 2020 at 05:31 AM



“ Saying I'm so sorry for your loss seems inadequate but I'm otherwise speechless at her passing. Hard to loose someone you love.



Debbie Leach - September 04, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ I am beyond devastated. Our mothers were childhood friends, our dads were pals and she and I bonded over Mick Jagger in 5th grade, forging a friendship of many, many decades. May her memory be eternal! I loved that Olivia was a novelist under a pen name. I always enjoyed her book bio. -- "About Delora Dennis Believe it or not, Delora Dennis was born in a funeral home. She lived her own version of Six Feet Under, in a small town in New Mexico, growing up around embalming rooms, dead bodies, and caskets. But beyond this unusual fact, Delora has enjoyed a very normal life.

An inauspicious launch of her writing career took place at the tender age of nine, with the production of her play (with a long-since forgotten title) by her elementary school's Home and School Association. Of course, the trajectory of said launch didn't exactly follow a straight path.

Detours along the way included stints as a human resources manager, assistant funeral director, legislative analyst, speech writer, state fair exhibit manager, and independent video producer. Delora eventually returned to the path and continued to write in one form or another - video scripts, website content, how-to books, product reviews, informative articles, blog posts, press releases, etc.

Looking back now it's clear all of this was preparation for the type of writing she knew she had to try, but resisted like crazy.

"I've discovered writing fiction is like playing with a new toy. Once you've mastered the basics, the real fun comes from finding new ways to play with it. I'm having a ball.""

Lynda Sparber-Witz - September 03, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ Vicky Ulibarri lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Vicky Ulibarri - September 03, 2020 at 03:31 AM



“ Oh Liv, I will miss you immensely! You were a big sister and one of my favorite people! My heart is shattered.

My deepest condolences to Barbara, Jordon, Avery, Ben, Dicky, Nick and Julie, the grandchildren, nieces, nephews and the rest of the family--for the loss of your dear Olivia. May you all be comforted and blessed and kept safe and strong during this most difficult time.

You were my very first friend, (since I was 3 and you were 5) my beautiful, sweet, Olivia. I will love you forever!

I know I will be able to find you on the other side, because I will follow your laugh. RIP, till we meet again.

JoAnna Vanlersel - September 01, 2020 at 08:08 PM



“ JoAnna Vanlersel lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



JoAnna Vanlersel - September 01, 2020 at 07:54 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about Olivia's passing, my condolences to the entire family.

Linda Ball - August 30, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ MAY YOU REST IN PEACE I LOVE YOU,,MAY GOD WATCH OVER YOUR BABIES,MISS PEANUT <3



PEANUT - August 30, 2020 at 01:34 AM



“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Olivia’s departure from this life. She was truly a ray of sunshine and a wonderful person. My deepest sympathy to her Mom, her daughters, grandchildren and siblings. Rest In Peace My friend.



Cecilia Franco Adams - August 29, 2020 at 02:33 AM



“ Dear Family of Olivia, I am so sorry for your loss. Olivia was a great lady. She will be missed. Olivia would post the most elegant pictures on face book. They were absolutely beautiful. She is in a better place. Blessings and prayers to all her family and friends.

Vicky Erickson



Vicky Erickson (Castillo) - August 28, 2020 at 09:11 PM



“ Dear Jordan, Avery, Aunty Barbara, Ben, Dicky, Nick and Julie,

Ramona and I are very sorry to hear of Olivia's passing. Olivia is now with all our great family and friends who have passed before us. I imagine them all welcoming Olivia with open arms into Gods world of eternal peace. Olivia fought the good fight and was always very caring. We love Olivia with all our hearts. We look forward to the day when we are all back together with our family and friends in paradise. Our prayers are with you all. We love you and may God bless you.

Love Charles, Ramona and family.

Charles, Ramona, and Family - August 28, 2020 at 12:30 PM



“ Liz And Jon Sevin lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Liz and Jon Sevin - August 27, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ Elliott & Eva Hogue lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Elliott & Eva Hogue - August 27, 2020 at 01:09 PM



“ I hope you are at peace in the great Hamptons in the sky. You were the most beautiful kind and hysterically funny friend I had. I will miss you dearly.

Diego Sandoval - September 01, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ I am sad to learn of Olivia's passing . To her mother Barbara, to her children, and to her siblings and to her other family members, especially to Victoria, I am so sorry for the loss of your dear Olivia. I have known her since childhood, and we graduated from high school in the same year. May each of you feel God's comfort. He will hold you up through your tears and your pain. Through Him, there is hope.

Sincerely,
Judy Janelle Jaramillo-Haikin



Judy Janelle Jaramillo-Haikin - August 27, 2020 at 11:43 AM



“ Oh Judy Janelle, you are such a sweetheart. Thank you for your heartfelt message. I feel, I speak for all the cousins, our hearts are broken at the loss of Olivia. We know she is resting in God's loving presence now. No More Pain!

She cherished your friendship. I will never forget her telephone calls, almost everyday, after school when we were children. When you both were attending St. Mary's. I attended public school. Olivia would give me the run down of what at gone at St Mary's usually you were included in the fun stories. Olivia was such a great story teller. She could make us all laugh with her sense of humor and WOW could she remember some of the funniest jokes.

Yes, though Jesus Christ there is always hope.

Much love and Blessings,
Victoria

Victoria Romero Dorobiala - August 27, 2020 at 08:22 PM



“ William And Jeanne Britton lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



William and Jeanne Britton - August 27, 2020 at 09:42 AM



“ Heartfelt condolences to all she left behind, may you all be together in the presence of the Lord for a glorious reunion of hearts and minds.



Michelle Ethridge - August 27, 2020 at 12:27 AM



“ Mary Ann Vaisa lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Mary Ann Vaisa - August 26, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ I rememeber our days at KOAT. Olivia was a sweet kind person. I reconnected with her on facebook a couple of years ago.. We had a great chat and talked about good old days. You will be greatly missed. There will be another star in the sky shining on us with her love.



John Robledo - August 26, 2020 at 05:13 PM



“ My deepest condolences

Delora Silva - August 26, 2020 at 05:06 PM



“ Alan And Frieda lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Alan and Frieda - August 26, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ Rebecca Ortiz lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Rebecca Ortiz - August 26, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Richard and Patricia Garcia - August 26, 2020 at 12:48 PM



“ 2016 Good Friday Pilgrimage Tome Hill

Richard and Patricia Garcia - August 28, 2020 at 10:49 AM



“ We are so sad to hear the news about Olivia. I can still remember her running around as a little girl when she came to visit family on Santa Anita Dr. The years moved on and we were fortunate to see her periodically. Recently, we were extremely appreciative of her inspiring, truthful, and enlightening thoughts that she shared. Rest in peace, Olivia. You are loved! We are sending our condolences to Barbara and the entire Romero family. Love to all. Lynn and Michael Sanchez

Lynn and Michael Sanchez - August 26, 2020 at 09:11 AM



“ I am in shock. I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw Olivia's name in the obituaries. I am so sorry you are experiencing her death! She did send the best fb posts. They were very deep. She had a funny side. When Dicky, Suzanne, and myself when in Jr. High, an Anglo friend threw a petho. Olivia couldn't believe it. She didn't know Anglos farted too. I laugh to this day thinking about I t. Condolences to the Romero's and Garcia's.

Racy Bowersox - August 27, 2020 at 10:31 AM



“ I meant this as a post, not a comment.

Racy Bowersox - August 30, 2020 at 08:58 PM



“ Denise Tafoya Braun lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Denise Tafoya Braun - August 26, 2020 at 12:20 AM



“ Matthew Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Matthew Sanchez - August 25, 2020 at 11:37 PM



“ Cynthia & Ramona sent a virtual gift in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Cynthia & Ramona - August 25, 2020 at 07:32 PM



“ Victoria Romero Dorobiala lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Victoria Romero Dorobiala - August 25, 2020 at 07:15 PM



“ Melody Garcia lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Melody Garcia - August 25, 2020 at 05:23 PM



“ I am crushed finding out the passing of Olivia. We worked together at KOAT-TV many years ago and became good friends. She was the kindest, most loving and gentlest person I knew. I admired her so much. My deepest and sincere condolences to her family. This is really not funny but it's funny and I know she's laughing, when I went to light the candle I found it ironic that she would have a Periwinkle candle sitting there waiting for me. I just bought a house, I am moving in this week and it is on Periwinkle. Just like Olivia thinking of others.
I will miss you my long time friend!! Always on my mind, forever in my heart. Rest In Paradise sweet lady

Melody Garcia - August 25, 2020 at 05:32 PM



“ Dear Romero Family,
I am so saddend on the passing of Dear Olivia, yet I am relieved that she is no longer suffering. She was an amazing woman. She will truly be missed. God Bless You All.

Mary Frances Wells - August 25, 2020 at 05:18 PM



“ I am beside myself, learning of my dear friend Olivia. Barbara and all the family, my love and prayers go out to you. Olivia was my friend, I've always had so much admiration for her. Beautiful, smart and just the kindest person. I will miss her. May you all be comforted knowing that she is in heaven and without pain. Her love and strength will bring you comfort in the days to come. I am here for you in love and prayers. Loretta.



loretta gabaldon - August 25, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ Rest in blessed peace my dear friend. I will miss you so much. I know that I will hear your laugh again. Until then, enjoy the peace.

Carol Romeri - August 25, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ So very sad upon hearing of Olivia's passing. She was a special woman. Prayers for the family. Enter into your eternal rest.

Steve Hanan - August 26, 2020 at 06:42 PM



“ Condolences and prayers to all who loved Olivia. May she rest well in the Great Beyond. Peace and Love
Berlinda and Bill Lawson

Berlinda Lawson - August 25, 2020 at 01:56 PM



“Lit a candle In Memory of Olivia T. Romero.”

My sincere Condolences to all of The Romero Family on your Loss of Olivia.

Sincerely,
Ruby Romero Salas
BHS Class of 1972



Ruby Salas - August 25, 2020 at 12:59 PM



“ Tony F Padilla Family lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Tony F Padilla Family - August 25, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - August 25, 2020 at 12:47 PM



“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - August 25, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ Steve Herrera lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Steve Herrera - August 25, 2020 at 11:51 AM



“ Jean And Bernie Chavez lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Jean and Bernie Chavez - August 25, 2020 at 11:23 AM



“ Our sincere condolences to the Romero Family! Bernie and Jean Chavez

Jean and Bernie Chavez - August 25, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ Praying for the Romero family may God bless and comfort you

Mary - August 25, 2020 at 02:55 PM



“ I was so blessed to ride the road runner with Olivia about a year ago she shared with me about here illness. I remember we spoke about when we young. She was a beautiful person. I AM SENDING love and prayers to you BOBBI,BEN DICKIE NICK AND JULIE. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND GIVE YOU PEACE. Love you all. AGGIE ARAGON

aggie aragon - August 25, 2020 at 10:47 AM



“ To all the Romero family, I am so sorry for the loss of Olivia. May God comfort you all with peace in your hearts. Amen



Adela Sanchez - August 25, 2020 at 09:19 AM



“ John & Mary Kay Abeyta lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



John & Mary Kay Abeyta - August 25, 2020 at 02:30 AM



“ Reneé Tabet lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Reneé Tabet - August 25, 2020 at 01:38 AM



“ I was shocked to hear the news today. I would like to send my condolences to her entire family. May she forever rest in the hands of the Lord. You were a shining star Olivia and will be greatly missed.

Reneé Tabet - August 25, 2020 at 01:37 AM



“ Val Romero lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Val Romero - August 25, 2020 at 01:15 AM



“ Liv was the best sis-in-law one could have---never judgemental, just there with her kind supportive self with good advice. You will be missed beautiful Olivia----sending strength, love & peace to Barbara, Nick, Ben, Dicky & Julie

Val Romero - August 25, 2020 at 01:18 AM



“ Julie Romero Benavídez lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Julie Romero Benavídez - August 24, 2020 at 09:45 PM



“ Fly high with the angels prima! I love you!

Julie Romero Benavídez - August 24, 2020 at 09:44 PM



“ Diane Sedillo lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



diane sedillo - August 24, 2020 at 09:29 PM



“ Olivia will live in my heart, and the hearts of all those who knew her, forever and forever. May her family and friends rejoice in celebrating her life.

Richard Flicker - August 24, 2020 at 09:27 PM



“ as much as Tony Jones and I called each other twin brother, I know Olivia was his twin sister....they were so Blessed to have each other in their lives...caring, loving, loyal, dear sweet caring...and NEVER to be forgotten, RIP sweet Olivia, say hello to Tony for me...love you both.

Gary Doll

Gary Doll - August 24, 2020 at 09:23 PM



“ Rest In Peace in God's Love for eternity my dear cousin! I will forever treasure growing up with you as such an important part of my life! Although our lives took us in different directions, we always cherished our sister like connection! My heart thoughts and prayers are with Jordan, Avery, Aaron, Derek, Abby, Auntie Barbara, Ben, Dickie, Nick and Julie and all the nieces and nephews. May God's Grace, Mercy and Love be with you all! Praise Be Jesus Christ now and Forever! All my love, Your cousin, Victoria (aka Boonie).

Victoria Romero Dorobiala - August 25, 2020 at 11:00 AM



“ Ermelinda Baca lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Ermelinda Baca - August 24, 2020 at 09:22 PM



“ Olivia was my first friend when we moved to Belen in the second grade. We are friends through St. Mary's, Jr High and High School. She had a beautiful spirit and loved life! Condolences to the family! My prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Ermelinda Jaramillo Baca

Ermelinda Baca - August 24, 2020 at 09:21 PM



“ Alma Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Alma Jaramillo - August 24, 2020 at 07:47 PM



“ Rita C Aragon lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Rita C Aragon - August 24, 2020 at 07:27 PM



“ Sky Romero lit a candle in memory of Olivia T. Romero



Sky Romero - August 24, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ Grew up with the Romero clan. Olivia was part of the crew. RIP Olivia. My sincerest condolences to Barbara..Ben..Dicky..Nick and Julie.

Richard B. Tafoya - August 24, 2020 at 06:15 PM



“ OMG. I am so sorry to hear this. My condolences to all the the Family. RIP Pretty lady.

Marie Sedillo - August 24, 2020 at 05:53 PM



“ Anthony and I were so sad to hear of Olivia's passing. She is with God now. Our condolences to the Romero family. May God comfort you at this time.

Anthony & Lucille Sanchez - August 25, 2020 at 05:03 PM



“ Sending heartfelt condolences and the blessings of peace to all of Olivia's family. We had only recently connected on Facebook, but realized we shared so many views on life. We even found that Jordan and my Clay worked together at some point. Olivia was working at the funeral home when both my parents passed away and I'll never forget her gracious kindness and tender caring that she showed me and my family. Heaven has gained a new and precious angel!

Roberta Strickland - August 26, 2020 at 06:20 PM