



Alice "Lauteria" Valenzuela

May 7, 1943 - May 8, 2025

Celebrating the Life of Alice "Lauteria" Valenzuela

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With profound sadness and deep love, we announce the passing of our beloved Alice Valenzuela, who left this world peacefully on May 8th, 2025, surrounded by the family she cherished so deeply. Services will take place at San Clemente Catholic Church in Los Lunas on Friday, May 16, 2025, beginning with a Visitation at 9:00 a.m., a Rosary at 10:00 a.m., and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Los Lentos Catholic Cemetery in Los Lunas.

A lifelong resident of New Mexico, Alice brought warmth, laughter, and grace to everyone fortunate enough to know her.

Born on May 7, 1943, in the small community of San Mateo, New Mexico, Alice was the daughter of Evaristo and Sofia Gonzales. From her earliest days, she embodied generosity, strength, and compassion—qualities that would define her life. Her faith and family were her foundation, and her kitchen was the heart of her home, filled with the aroma of homemade meals and the sounds of love and conversation.

Alice dedicated 26 years to Los Lunas Schools, where she served as cafeteria cook manager. Her meals nourished not only the bodies but the spirits of countless students. Beyond her kitchen, she took her passion for child nutrition nationwide, serving as President of the School Food Service Association and advocating for improved standards in the Los Lunas Schools

cafeterias.

In addition to her professional achievements, Alice was a steadfast servant of her faith. For 45 years, she sang in the choir at San Clemente Catholic Church, rising early each Sunday to help open its doors. Her joyful spirit also found expression in the simple pleasures of life—whether it was gathering with loved ones or enjoying a lucky streak at the casino.

Alice's greatest devotion was to her family. She was married for 59 wonderful years to her loving husband, David F. Valenzuela, with whom she was preparing to celebrate their 60th anniversary this June. Together, they proudly raised two wonderful children, Rudy and Delilah, and built a life rooted in faith, service, and enduring love. She is survived by her husband David F.

Valenzuela, her daughter Delilah Sanchez and her husband David Sanchez; her brother Gilbert Gonzales and his wife Pauline; her sister-in-laws, and her adored grandchildren: Jordan Moody and his wife Krystal, Gabby Moody and her sweet Leño, Mykayla Moody and her boyfriend Sean, Aaron Valenzuela and his wife Danielle, Marisa Sanchez, and David Sanchez. Her love lives on in her great-grandchildren Amaya, Zayden, and Lilliana Moody, each of whom brought her immense joy and pride.

She now joins in eternal rest those she loved and missed dearly: her parents, Evaristo and Sofia Gonzales; her in-laws, Senobio and Susie Valenzuela; her brothers Lauriano Gonzales and Zacarias Romero; her son Rudy Valenzuela; and two infant sons, both named Joseph. Their memories were treasured always, and we find comfort in knowing they are reunited.

Pallbearers will be Jordan Moody, Gabby Moody, Mykayla Moody, Aaron Valenzuela, Marisa Sanchez, and David F. Sanchez.

Honorary Pallbearers include her nieces and nephews from both sides of the family, the Sanchez foster children, and Isaac Romero.

Alice's legacy is one of compassion, joy, and unshakable love. She gave of herself freely—to her family, her community, and the generations of children she nourished and inspired. Though we grieve her loss deeply, we will

continue to celebrate her life in the stories we share, the meals we prepare, and the love we pass on. May she rest in eternal peace, and may her memory forever be a blessing.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 9:00 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church
244 Luna Ave SE
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Rosary

MAY 16. 10:00 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church
244 Luna Ave SE
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Funeral Mass

MAY 16. 10:30 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church
244 Luna Ave SE
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Interment

MAY 16. 11:30 AM (MT)

Los Lentes Catholic Cemetery
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Tribute Wall



“ Big David & Delilah, I'm very sorry to hear of Alice's passing. I tell myself that those we love and lost can never be more than a thought away, for as long as there's a memory, they live in our hearts forever. Please accept my heartfelt condolences, and may you find comfort during this most difficult time. God Bless you! Joseph Anthony Barta & Family



Joseph Barta - May 27, 2025 at 11:16 PM

RA

“ Rudy & Evelyn Archuleta lit a candle in memory of Alice "Lauteria" Valenzuela



Rudy & Evelyn Archuleta - May 16, 2025 at 12:27 PM

AG

“ Adam Garley lit a candle in memory of Alice "Lauteria" Valenzuela



Adam Garley - May 16, 2025 at 06:26 AM

AG

“ Auntie Alice has been in my life 64 years and I have hundreds and hundreds of fond memories, especially at a matanza at grandpa señobio's 1969, aunt Lela, Auntie Dollie, Auntie Lillie, my mom everyone was so young and having a blast. I love you Auntie, may you rest in peace. We'll see you on the other side!

Adam Garley - May 16, 2025 at 06:25 AM

SS

“ Delilah and family,
I have so many fond memories of working with Alice in the Los Lunas Schools. She was always so pleasant and always had a kind word for everyone. She was a blessing! Since I was Delilah's teacher, I got to know Alice that much better. My prayers are with her and all of her family.
Steven Sanchez

steven Sanchez - May 15, 2025 at 04:53 PM

AC

“ My condolences to the Valenzuela family and Gods Blessings.



Atilano Chavez - May 15, 2025 at 04:14 PM

PL

“ *David, Delilah, David and Grandchildren:*

I am so sorry to hear of Alice's passing, she was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother, share in the memories you have of her, this will ease your heartache. I know she loved each of you and cherished the time she spent with you!

Alice was a joy to work with in the LL Schools, she was dedicated to taking care of all the children entrusted to her, and I know everyone around her enjoyed their time with her, as I did!

May each of you find peace, and honor Alice through your love, as you navigate this difficult time.

Many Blessings to each of you,

Paul T. Luna

Paul T. Luna - May 15, 2025 at 09:11 AM

LF

“ *My deepest condolences to the Valenzuela family. I Remember fondly the years I worked with Alice while in the Los lunas Schools.*



Leslie Fluke - May 15, 2025 at 08:31 AM

CE

“ Charles Eaton lit a candle in memory of Alice
"Lauteria" Valenzuela



Charles Eaton - May 14, 2025 at 07:20 PM



“ Lorraine Marquez lit a candle in memory of
Alice "Lauteria" Valenzuela



Lorraine Marquez - May 13, 2025 at 11:45 PM

PO

“ Patricia Olguin lit a candle in memory of Alice
"Lauteria" Valenzuela



Patricia Olguin - May 12, 2025 at 02:29 PM

TG

“ Tony And Oralia Garcia lit a candle in memory
of Alice "Lauteria" Valenzuela



Tony and Oralia Garcia - May 12, 2025 at 11:01 AM

TR

“ Teles And Esther Rael lit a candle in memory of Alice "Lauteria" Valenzuela



Teles and Esther Rael - May 12, 2025 at 10:56 AM

RZ

“ May she rest in eternal peace and her family find comfort in the great example of kindness she shared with everyone she met. She will be greatly missed.

Rosemary Zamora - May 11, 2025 at 03:39 PM

AM

“ Our sincerest condolences and prayers to the Valenzuela/Moody/Sanchez family during this most difficult time. May perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. AMEN



Andres & Vanessa Montoya - May 11, 2025 at 01:10 AM

RB

“ Robert C Baca lit a candle in memory of Alice "Lauteria" Valenzuela



Robert C Baca - May 10, 2025 at 08:53 PM

NA

“ Alice and Grandpa David opened their hearts and home to my children and allowed them to call them grandma and grandpa when my children didn't have close grandparents and taught them what grandparents were. Thank you and love you always. Nadine Romero. Never forget it always in my heart

nadine - May 10, 2025 at 07:48 PM

AG

My sincere condolences for your beloved, Alice. She will always have a special place in my heart. Our son Philip worked as a cook helper with her. She was kind, compassionate and patient with him, understanding of his special needs. Alice was an excellent cook manager. She was also, fun to be with at the National School Food Service Conferences. Rest in peace my friend ❤️🙏🙏🙏

Ann Garcia - May 10, 2025 at 09:44 PM

JC

“ Rest in peace, Alice



Jerome and Viola Chavez - May 10, 2025 at 02:15 PM