



Barbara Ortiz

April 16, 1918 - December 10, 2017

1918-2017

After a long, happy and productive life, Barbara Ortiz passed away at age 99. She was born in 1918 to Henry T. and Casianita Jaramillo, one of the area's first settling families. Barbara was a member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, attended St. Mary's Catholic School, graduated from Belen High School and attended Western Business School in Albuquerque. She married her high school sweetheart, Arthur Ortiz and was married to him until his death in 1992. Together they raised three daughters, Gloria Gabaldon, Leonella Arroyo and Annabelle Barela. Barbara and Arthur were not only life partners, but they were business partners as well. In 1955, her late husband Arthur Ortiz, one of the founding fathers of the Belen Railway Employees Credit Union, and our mother, Barbara, very generously operated the credit union out of their home for 35 years. Barbara's dining room table was where all the business of the day and plans for the future were made. For 35 years Barbara and Arthur worked side-by-side carrying out the duties of the credit union. Caring for a loving home, keeping up with her office duties and caring for three daughters was a big job, but because Barbara and Arthur believed so strongly in the credit union philosophy of "people helping people", Barbara gave willingly and tirelessly of her time and energy to help improve the quality of life for so many members of our community. For their significant contributions to the credit union industry, Barbara and Arthur were awarded the "Hall of Fame Lifetime Achievement Award", the highest award given to

individuals in the New Mexico credit union industry. After Arthur's passing in 1992, Barbara continued on with her office duties as an unpaid volunteer until the age of 89. Outside of family life and the credit union, Barbara cherished the memories of her and Arthur's extensive travel throughout the United States and Europe. Barbara valued independence in thoughts and actions and expected others to subscribe to the same thinking. This was evident from the young age of 12, when she helped run the family grocery store for her father, Henry T. Jaramillo, while he served as the Valencia County Sheriff. Barbara was determined and self-disciplined and remained alert and independent until her death. Her independent, caring and loving nature has been an inspiration to many women in our family. God asks us to live our lives in a kind, peaceful and giving nature so that we can help make this world a better place and we are very comforted in knowing that our mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Barbara Ortiz, has helped make this world a better place for herself, for her family and for the rest of the world. Barbara is preceded in death by her late husband, Arthur Ortiz; her grandson, Craig Arroyo; her parents, Henry and Casianita Jaramillo; her sisters, Lucy Sanchez, Rose Aragon and Lena Frazee; her brothers, Eddie Jaramillo and Alfonso Jaramillo; her son-in-law, Vincente "Rocky" Arroyo; and her sister-in-law, Mary Ann Jaramillo. She is survived by her daughters, Gloria Gabaldon (Eugene), Leonella Arroyo and Annabelle Barela (Milton); her grandchildren, Jeff Barela (Beth), Charles Gabaldon (Kim), Jerard Barela (Shurie), Christopher Arroyo (Sarah), Jason Barela (Christie), and Stephany Jones (Jeff); her seventeen great-grandchildren; her three great-great-grandchildren; her brothers, Henry Jaramillo (Elsie), Gillie Jaramillo and Jerry Jaramillo (Nury); and her sister-in-laws, Mena Leon (Hector) and Thresa Jaramillo. All services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. A Public Visitation will begin on Friday, December 15, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. A Final Visitation will take place on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will

be Jeffrey Barela, Charles Gabaldon, Jerard Barela, Christopher Arroyo, Jordan Arroyo, Jason Barela, and Stephany Jones. The family of Barbara Ortiz would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the loving and caring caretakers of Good Life Senior Living and Memory Care as well as the nurses from Ambercare Hospice. The family requests donations for St. Mary's Catholic School in lieu of flowers. Please sign Barbara's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Previous Events

Public Visitation

DEC **15**. 6:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Rosary

DEC **15**. 7:00 PM (MT)

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Final Visitation

DEC **16**. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Funeral Mass

DEC **16**. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Interment

DEC **16** (MT)

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Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Denise Tafoya Braun lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ortiz*



Denise Tafoya Braun - December 16, 2017 at 10:15 AM

FL

“ *Arthur and Barbara,s Family are the only members of our family that did not move to California when the rest of our family did. But they never failed to come to visit often. When we lived in Sabinal when they came over once a week. We got to spend a lot of time with Gloria, Leonella and Annabelle, they were our dolls.*

A

When Hector and I were married we visited their family yearly. We were always treated so great, we loved our time there. We loved Barbara as much as Arthur and they raised some loving girls and we love them too.

Filomena Leon - December 15, 2017 at 05:35 PM

ET

“ *Eloy & Deborah Tafoya lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ortiz*



Eloy & Deborah Tafoya - December 15, 2017 at 01:25 PM

ER

“ So sorry for your loss.

Edna Ray and sons.

Edna Ray - December 14, 2017 at 01:45 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Barbara Ortiz.*



December 14, 2017 at 12:44 PM

FS

“ *Filo and Fran Sedillo purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Barbara Ortiz.*



Filo and Fran Sedillo - December 14, 2017 at 11:40 AM

CO

“ *Corrine purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Barbara Ortiz.*



Corrine - December 14, 2017 at 11:03 AM

OR

“ Henry, Gillie & Family,

I am saddened by the passing of Barbara. Though she did not know me well, I did know her as a lovely and kind person. With her passing, I am reminded that whomever God begins with loving dust, he then returns to sleep. He does not require the meaning of a rose for him to love one but only that he be loved as Barbara did unto him. Arthur's final rose, his lovely flower, has now joined him to rest. May she also rest in peace!

I submit heartfelt condolences on behalf of Sue, our family and myself. May time bring solace to your grieving hearts.

Oscar S. Ramirez

Oscar S. Ramirez - December 14, 2017 at 12:16 AM



GB

“ Gloria Gibson Boliver lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ortiz



Gloria Gibson Boliver - December 13, 2017 at 08:34 PM

GB

My deepest condolences.

Gloria Gibson Boliver - December 13, 2017 at 08:36 PM

JG

“ *Gloria, Annabelle, Gillie, Jerry and famiy. Ms. Ortiz was such a kind and caring person. I only knew for a brief time through her work at the Credit Union. But her family members show through their actions what a Great mother and Sister she was. I will keep you all in my thoughts and prayers.
God Bless you all. Jo Ann Garcia*

Jo Ann Garcia - December 13, 2017 at 03:05 PM

LP

“ *Louise Peoples lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ortiz*



Louise Peoples - December 13, 2017 at 10:21 AM

 Bernardine
Baca
Spiers

“ *What a long and beautiful life Barbara lived and she leaves a legacy of 3 beautiful daughters and their families.
Bernardine Baca Spiers*



Bernardine Baca Spiers - December 13, 2017 at 08:22 AM

AT

“ *Annabelle, Gloria*

I am so sorry to hear of your moms passing. Annabelle I remember always telling you how beautiful your mother was and lucky she was not to look her age. You were so very blessed to have her for the time that you did and you both were such amazing daughters. Our deepest condolences to your family, may God grant you the strength to get through this difficult time. Rest in Peace Mrs. Ortiz

Benji and Angie

Angie Torres - December 12, 2017 at 04:36 PM

LS

“ *Loretta Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ortiz*



Loretta Sanchez - December 12, 2017 at 12:08 PM

LS

May the peace of the Holy Family be with Mrs. Ortiz. This beautiful and lovely woman will always be in my heart. I have been so blessed to have had her in my life growing up. She always made me so welcomed in her home. She was beautiful, loving and most of all so kind to me. She will be missed. Gloria, Leonella, and Annabelle, how blessed you have been to have your mom for such a long and beautiful life. Your love and care for her was so beautiful to watch. I love you all. Love, Loretta Gabaldon Sanchez.

Loretta Sanchez - December 12, 2017 at 12:21 PM

LP

“ *Lenore Pena lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ortiz*



Lenore Pena - December 11, 2017 at 11:58 PM

LS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Barbara will be missed.*



Lori Silva - December 11, 2017 at 11:16 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ortiz*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - December 11, 2017 at 10:08 PM

MS

“ *Maxine Schmock lit a candle in memory of Barbara Ortiz*



Maxine Schmock - December 11, 2017 at 10:08 PM

SM

“ *Annabelle,
And Family I'm so Saddened to Hear of the Passing of your
Beautiful Mom. May God comfort you all May the internal light shine
upon her God Bless Stella Phillip Molina 🙏*

Stella Molina - December 11, 2017 at 02:26 PM

SM

“ *Stella Molina lit a candle in memory of
Barbara Ortiz*



Stella Molina - December 11, 2017 at 02:20 PM