



Brenda Ruth Montoya

February 11, 1970 - January 12, 2020

1970-2020

Brenda Gallegos-Montoya, age 49, a resident of Belen, NM passed away on January 12, 2020. She grew up in Belen and was raised by her parents, Lorenzo and Gertrude Gallegos. Brenda attended Belen High School and graduated in 1988. She attended the University of NM and earned a degree in Business Administration. Brenda worked for the Magistrate Court of Belen and retired after 25 years of service. She was currently working at St. Mary's School as a Pre-K teaching assistant. Teaching children was her passion. Brenda had the patience of an angel and a heart of gold. She was known as Ms. Brenda to her students. Brenda was a woman of faith. She belonged to the Catholic Daughters of America and she served the Lord along with her husband, Deacon Michael Montoya. Brenda and Michael met on a date that was set up by her sister, Josephine on November 1, 2002. All it took was one date and Michael and Brenda were inseparable. They have been married for 16 years. Brenda is preceded in death by her mother, Gertrude Gallegos; grandparents, Justo and Josefita Mascarena; Jose and Mercedes Gallegos; uncles, Arturo Mascarena, Trinnie Mascarena, Eddie Baca and John Luna. She is survived by her loving husband of 16 years, Deacon Michael Montoya; her beautiful daughter, Abigail; father, Lorenzo Gallegos; sister Josephine Gallegos, cousin, Bryan Mascarena whom she considered a brother; niece Loren DeAnda; God Son, Anthony DeAnda; aunt, Jennie Mascarena who she

considered as a second mom. Brenda has numerous uncles, aunts and cousins that she loved dearly. Services will take place at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Wednesday, January 15, 2020, beginning with a Public Viewing at 6:00 PM and a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 PM and on Thursday, January 16, 2020, with a Final Visitation at 9:30 AM and a Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Franco Padilla, Andrew Sanchez, Bryan Mascarena, Frank Ortega, Wayne Gallegos and John Chavez. Please sign Brenda's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 15. 6:00 PM (MT)

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

Rosary

JAN 15. 7:00 PM (MT)

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

Final Viewing

JAN 16. 9:30 AM (MT)

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

Funeral Mass

JAN 16. 10:00 AM (MT)

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

Interment

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

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens
101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Tribute Wall

BZ

“ *Bernadette Zamora lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Bernadette Zamora - January 25, 2020 at 03:26 PM

DS

“ *Donnie Stewart lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Donnie Stewart - January 18, 2020 at 03:05 PM

AC

“ *Brenda will be greatly missed she was a beautiful spirit and a beautiful soul she helped and touched so many people and gave so much love.my heartfelt condolences thoughts and prayers are with the entire family and may God keep them all wrapped up in his loving arms and guide them all to comfort and peace 🙏❤️😭*



Aimee Delano Chavez - January 17, 2020 at 03:30 PM

GC

“ Beautiful lady! My deepest condolences to Deacon Michael, there daughter, family & friends. God must of needed another Angel to teach his children in Heaven. RIP!



Gloria Chavez-Sampson - January 16, 2020 at 04:42 PM

CW

“ Brenda, I didn't know you, but I have known your parents since high school. My love and prayers to you and all of your family. RIP, with your mom.

Connie Ball Weaver - January 16, 2020 at 01:15 PM

BM

“ Brenda,
Today as we say goodbye, I think of all the times we spent together. You will be so missed. Say hello to my dad and the rest of the family. Vaya con dios



Bryan, Stephanie and Chris Mascarena - January 16, 2020 at 10:05 AM

EF

“ Edawg And Crystal Zamora And Family lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya



Edawg and Crystal Zamora and family - January 16, 2020 at 09:53 AM

JM

“ *Jennie Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Jennie Mascarena - January 16, 2020 at 09:28 AM

RL

“ *Ruth Lucero lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Ruth Lucero - January 16, 2020 at 12:27 AM

OR

“ *Michael & Abigail:*

Our hearts are with you as you bear the mortal loss of Brenda. The music of the lyre cradled the clouds that wrapped Brenda's soul on its way to Heaven. In keeping with her faith, she is now in the arms of the Lord to rest in that eternal garden. There she will experience the fullness of life and power of the Lord. May she rest in peace.

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

Oscar S. Ramirez



Oscar Ramirez - January 15, 2020 at 09:06 PM

JG

“ *My beautiful sister. I am so lost without you. How do I go on from here? I promise I will take care of your precious Abby. Say hello to momma for me and I will see you when my job is done here. Love you Brenda.*



Josephine Gallegos - January 15, 2020 at 06:51 PM

EL

My beautiful Joe, I am so very sorry. My God embrace you in his arms an give you the comfort that only he can.

Edna Lopez - January 15, 2020 at 09:16 PM

DI

“ *David And Jessica Ingram sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



David and Jessica Ingram - January 15, 2020 at 04:57 PM

CL

“ *Dear Deacon Michael and Abby,
Here is a short prayer you can pray mentally.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, I surrender myself to You,
take care of everything. Amen.*



Crissie Leyba - January 15, 2020 at 02:23 PM

LP

“ *Lenore Pena lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Lenore Pena - January 15, 2020 at 02:17 PM

AB

“ *To Michael & Abigail...We send our sincere condolences & we will pray God blesses you & all your family today & always!!*
Milton & Annabelle Barela



Annabelle Barela - January 15, 2020 at 12:29 PM

LG

“ *Dear Michael and Abby. i am so very sorry. We just have to put our faith in Our Divine Mercy Jesus Christ, and know that he will bring comfort to you and Abby. I remember when you brought Abby to church. The love in her face was so beautiful, so kind. I know her journey to heaven was full of your love and prayers. May the peace of the Holy Family be with you in the days to come. Love and prayers. Loretta.*



Loretta Gabaldon - January 15, 2020 at 12:27 PM

AR

“ Michael and Abby just to let you how thankful I am you all came into our lives. You all were so kind and loving to my mom. She loved you visits and coming to give her communion. Our love goes out to you. Aurora and Don Rollin



Aurora Rollin - January 14, 2020 at 10:30 PM

BC

“ BERNIE AND JEAN CHAVEZ sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya



BERNIE AND JEAN CHAVEZ - January 14, 2020 at 10:07 PM

LO

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Michael and Abbey.



Leroy and Dina Ortega - January 14, 2020 at 08:37 PM

GA

“ Gail Adams, widow of Deacon Alton Adams purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Brenda Ruth Montoya .



Gail Adams, widow of Deacon Alton Adams - January 14, 2020 at 08:19 PM

TM

“ *The Fourth Graders and their teacher Mr. Martinez purchased the Shades of Purple for the family of Brenda Ruth Montoya .*



The Fourth Graders and their teacher Mr. Martinez - January 14, 2020 at 06:47 PM

SA

“ *St. Mary's Parents Association purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Brenda Ruth Montoya .*



St. Mary's Parents Association - January 14, 2020 at 05:04 PM

JS

“ *Jackie Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Jackie Sanchez - January 14, 2020 at 04:14 PM

TB

“ *May you Rest In Peace with our Heavenly Father, Our Blessed Mother, and all the Angels and Saints. Praying for your family during this inconsolable time.*



The Bacas - January 14, 2020 at 03:39 PM



“ *Brenda, you were an amazing woman with a beautiful soul! I'm so glad we were able to know each other. Thank you for all that you have done for me, our students, and our school! You will be missed! RIP with your loved ones who have gone and our Lord!*



Principal St. Marys Belen - January 14, 2020 at 02:40 PM

TF

“ *The Castillo Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



The Castillo Family - January 14, 2020 at 01:48 PM

MB

“ *Brenda you will not be forgotten you will be missed I remember when we were young us 4 Me you Bryan and Josie....I'll never forget you.....always love you Melissa*

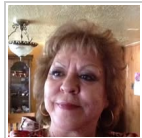


Melissa Baca - January 14, 2020 at 12:25 PM

NG

“ *Brenda was such a sweet, faithful woman. As a substitute teacher, I worked with her occasionally at St. Mary's and loved talking with her. She loved her students. As a mother of a St. Mary's alum, I visited with her often when picking up my student. Her faith was strong, as was her love for her family. When my husband became seriously ill, she and her husband were so supportive of my family. My heart aches for her husband and daughter, and I pray they have long-term support from family, friends, and the community.*

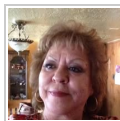
Nancy Griego - January 14, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ *Evelyn Gallegos lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Evelyn Gallegos - January 14, 2020 at 10:46 AM



Deacon Michael, Abby. And. Family. Our Condolences go to you all. May Brenda RIP. God Bless you all . Love Gene and Evelyn Gallegos

Evelyn Gallegos - January 14, 2020 at 10:50 AM

DF

“ *Davrie Flores lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Davrie Flores - January 14, 2020 at 06:15 AM

CL

“ Dear Deacon Michael and Abby, I know you have a lot of faith in the Holy Trinity as well as the intercessions of our Blessed Mother Mary. Hold on tightly. I send you my sympathies along with prayers. Remember, sorrow and joy go and come together. Blessed are they who mourn for they shall be comforted. I already miss Brenda's beauty and smile. But I must tell you, you are blessed to have been the loves of her life. I was blessed too as an acquaintance. Our community lost a very special lady. May she rest in Christ's Peace and pray for us now that she has been raised to a higher place, Heaven.



Crissie Leyba - January 14, 2020 at 01:35 AM



“ My auntie was such an amazing person she was my second mom i love her so much she ment everything to me im so hurt that she is gone i love u auntie have fun with grandma n auntie Gertrude i love u more than words can explain

Theresa Robles - January 13, 2020 at 11:27 PM

FM

“ Frank And Dolores Marquez lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya



Frank and Dolores Marquez - January 13, 2020 at 10:37 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Brenda Ruth Montoya .



January 13, 2020 at 10:37 PM



“ *Connie Baca lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Connie Baca - January 13, 2020 at 10:25 PM



“ *Lorraine Romero lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Lorraine Romero - January 13, 2020 at 09:47 PM



“ *Robert Marilyn Kaneshiro lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Robert Marilyn Kaneshiro - January 13, 2020 at 09:10 PM

AP

“ We are sorry to hear about Brenda. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.



Albert, Linda, Darlene, and Dylan Peña - January 13, 2020 at 08:57 PM

MG

“ Mark, Amy, Aidan And Alex Garcia lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya



Mark, Amy, Aidan and Alex Garcia - January 13, 2020 at 06:53 PM

MG

*Prayers for you Deacon and Abby-
Mark, Amy, Aidan and Alex Garcia*

Mark, Amy, Aidan and Alex Garcia - January 13, 2020 at 06:55 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - January 13, 2020 at 06:47 PM

MI

“ *Minpresley lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



minpresley - January 13, 2020 at 06:32 PM

FC

“ *Frederica Chavez lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



frederica chavez - January 13, 2020 at 06:31 PM

DB

“ *Michael & Abigail,*

We are truly sorry for your loss & are extremely grateful to have known Brenda while she was with us. I know there is nothing we can say to ease the pain but please know you are in our prayers always. Abigail- Bella loves you ♡



Darlene & Bella

Darlene Baca - January 13, 2020 at 02:43 PM

MB

“ We were sorry to hear about Ms. Brenda. Our Thoughts and prayers are with her and her whole family.
Martin & Antoinette Baca (Lucia's grandparents)



Martin & Antoinette Baca - January 13, 2020 at 02:26 PM

JM

“ Jennifer Moseley lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya



Jennifer Moseley - January 13, 2020 at 01:52 PM

DB

“ Deacon Micheal and Abby & family
May Our Lord give you much strength
At this time of your loss .
This is such a shock 🙏
We are truly sorry
Brenda such a sweet person she will be truly missed
Daniel and Deborah Benavidez

Daniel and Deborah Benavidez - January 13, 2020 at 12:52 PM

SF

“ Schmock Family sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya



Schmock Family - January 13, 2020 at 11:40 AM

FB

“ *Felicia Baca lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Felicia Baca - January 13, 2020 at 11:14 AM



“ *Helen Baca lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Helen Baca - January 13, 2020 at 10:34 AM

VG

“ *VIOLA GABALDON lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



VIOLA GABALDON - January 13, 2020 at 10:26 AM

VG

“ *Viola Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Viola Gabaldon - January 13, 2020 at 09:51 AM

VG

“ *Viola Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Viola Gabaldon - January 13, 2020 at 09:50 AM

CS

“ *Clara & Gilbert Serafin lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Clara & Gilbert Serafin - January 13, 2020 at 09:30 AM

DT

“ *Dan & Donna Trujillo lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Dan & Donna Trujillo - January 13, 2020 at 09:17 AM

DT

Our deepest condolences to all the family. God bless you all with the faith and strength needed to get through this

Dan & Donna Trujillo - January 13, 2020 at 09:19 AM

AC

“ *Michael, Abby, Lawrence, Josephine and Mascarena family---I am so sad on hearing of Brenda's passing. She was such a nice person and always had a smile for everyone. Please know you and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

Annette E. Chavez

Annette E. Chavez - January 13, 2020 at 08:03 AM

AC

“ *Annette E. Chavez lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Annette E. Chavez - January 13, 2020 at 07:56 AM

AS

“ *Adela Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Adela Sanchez - January 13, 2020 at 07:43 AM

CM

“ *Michael, so sorry to hear about Brenda. She was such a beautiful woman with such a kind and loving heart. I know the pain is beyond words but know we are here beside you, May you and your daughter find the peace that Brenda would want for you from God. Blessings and prayers to you.*
Cathy McCartney and Greg Sachs



Cathy McCartney - January 13, 2020 at 05:34 AM

AP

“ *Angie Peralta lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Angie Peralta - January 13, 2020 at 01:54 AM

RC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss.*



RChavez - January 12, 2020 at 11:45 PM

LM

“ *Leroy Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Leroy Mascarena - January 12, 2020 at 10:35 PM

EH

“ Elliott & Eva Hogue lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya



Elliott & Eva Hogue - January 12, 2020 at 09:55 PM

EL

So Very Sorry for your Loss

Elliott - January 12, 2020 at 09:56 PM

BS

“ Bernardine Bacs Spiers lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya



Bernardine Bacs Spiers - January 12, 2020 at 09:24 PM

LB

“ Louisa Bibiano sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya



Louisa Bibiano - January 12, 2020 at 09:10 PM

JG

“ *Josephine Gutierrez lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Josephine Gutierrez - January 12, 2020 at 09:08 PM

JG

“ *Johnny Josephine Gutierrez sent a virtual gift in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Johnny Josephine Gutierrez - January 12, 2020 at 09:07 PM

AS

“ *Arleen Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Brenda Ruth Montoya*



Arleen Sanchez - January 12, 2020 at 08:37 PM

AS

My deepest condolences to Brenda's family . I am so sorry for your loss Deacon Michael and precious Abby. Always, always , her family was part of her conversations; she was so kind. Brenda will be missed by so many. I am a better person for knowing her. Thank you Brenda!

Arleen Sanchez - January 12, 2020 at 08:45 PM

MS

Deacon Michael, Abby and family our deepest condolences for your loss. God will give you the strength you need at this time. You are in our prayers.

*Yours In Christ,
Mary Lee Serna*

Mary Lee Serna - January 13, 2020 at 12:53 PM

RG

Deacon Michael, Abby , Lawrence and family. I am so sorry to hear about Brenda's loss. Our prayers are with you always. Brenda was a good person who truly loved her family. Yours in Christ. Agnes Garcia.

Rose Agnes Garcia - January 14, 2020 at 12:24 PM