



Carmen Chavez

December 21, 1972 - January 14, 2026

Carmen, a woman who sought God all her life, is now in His presence. She was known for her warmth, her smile, and for taking care of the people around her.

Carmen devoted almost 20 years to public education, teaching students including those with bilingual and special education needs, helping them reach grade level. Teaching was her joy. She later spent five years at St. Mary's Catholic School in Belen, guiding students in the sacraments and their faith while learning and growing alongside them.

As the oldest sister, Carmen helped raise her younger siblings and remained a steady presence in her family's life. She was a devoted daughter, sharing a close bond with her father, Sam, and cherished her family deeply.

Carmen's greatest blessings were her husband, Ted, and her son, Sammy. She met Ted in her late 30's at a happy hour after praying to meet the man she would marry, and they married in 2011. In October 2014, she adopted her son, Sammy, and the moment she saw his picture, she knew he was hers. That certainty grew when she first saw him smiling through the window, and she told him he was the reason she was fighting her sickness. Ted and Sammy were the center of her life, and her love for them was unwavering.

She was grateful for friends who supported her throughout her life, during her illness, and after her passing.

Carmen is survived by her husband, Ted, and her son, Sammy; her father, Sam; her brother, Antonio; and her niece and nephew, Angie and Tonito, along with their mother, Sam. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Carmen and Sam; her cousin, Lil; her aunt, Ernie; and her students who passed before her. The purpose of life is to love and to be loved, and Carmen emulated that in her life through the care she gave her family and students.

Goodbye, we love you to the moon and back, until we meet again in paradise.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM.

San Clemente Catholic Church

Rosary

FEB 2. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM.

San Clemente Catholic Church

Funeral Mass

FEB 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM.

San Clemente Catholic Church

Graveside Service

FEB 2. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

Tribute Wall

PG

“ Pat And Gina lit a candle in memory of Carmen Chavez



Pat and Gina - February 02 at 02:40 PM

EM

“ Ms.carmen, your smile always lit a room. I will always remember our daily hugs when we were at sundance. Rest easy now :)



Evan Meza - January 28 at 02:00 PM

FC

“ Our deepest condolences to Teddy and Sammy.May God comfort you during this difficult time. Mark and Frederica Chavez



Frederica Chavez - January 28 at 10:57 AM

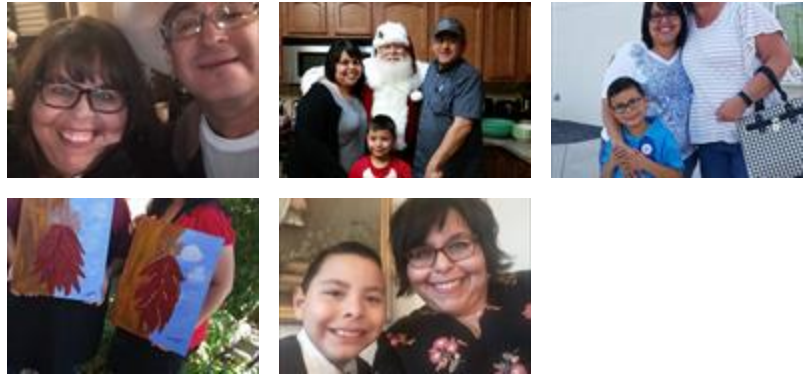
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“ My deepest condolence to Ted and Sammy. Carmen will be greatly missed. Knowing she is in the presence of God makes my heart full. One thing she told me that I will never forget, "You're NOT the boss of God" RIP sis.

Agnes Garcia - January 28 at 10:45 AM

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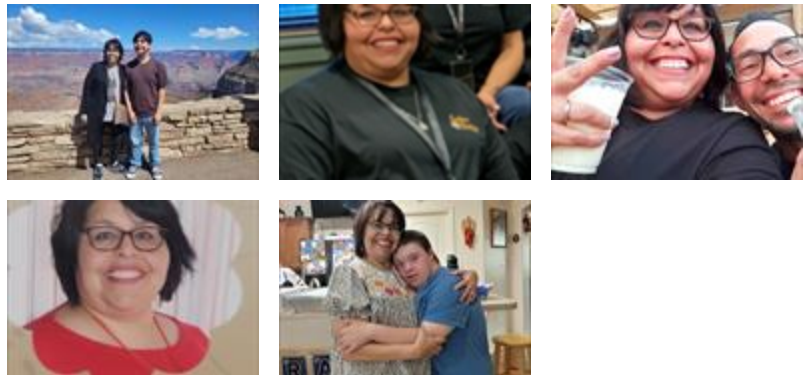
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Doris - January 27 at 11:24 PM

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Doris - January 27 at 11:02 PM

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“ Tony And Oralia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Carmen Chavez



Tony and Oralia Garcia - January 27 at 12:35 PM

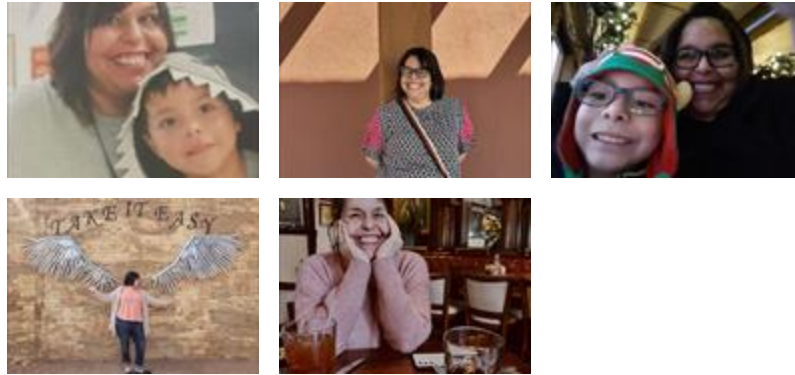
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“ Rest in peace my beautiful sister in Christ. You will be missed so much! My condolences to Ted, Sammy and all the family 🙏🙏🙏

Adela Sanchez - January 27 at 09:40 AM

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Sammy Chávez - January 26 at 06:31 PM

BB

“ Admired, faith-driven woman. Talented educator. She will be missed.
Eternal rest grant unto Carmen, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



Bernardine Baca - January 26 at 05:30 PM

BB

“ *Eternal rest grant unto Carmen, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*
Siempre,
Bernardine



Bernardine Baca - January 26 at 05:16 PM

DS

“ *Carmen, my homie we miss you and love. May you rest in peace. YSIC Doris*



Doris Sandoval-Tellez - January 26 at 04:39 PM