



Carmen K Montoya

July 25, 1943 - May 15, 2025

1943 – 2025

Carmen K. Montoya, age 81, passed away on Thursday, May 15, 2025. Carmen was born in 1943 in McNary AZ, to Pasqual and Sofia Armijo Sr. She was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend. Services will take place on Friday, June 6, 2025 at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. Beginning with a Rosary at 9:30 a.m. and Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens.

Carmen is preceded in death by her loving parents, Pasqual K Sr. and Sofia Espinoza Armijo; her loving husband, Floyd Montoya; sons, Joey Garcia and Vance Montoya; granddaughter- Stephanie Garcia; brothers, Jake, Baby Pasqual, and Pasqual Armijo Jr. and close friend Able Garcia.

She is survived by her two brothers, Ernest Armijo (Kathy), Alfredo Armijo (Flora); daughters, Sofia Baca and Amanda Garcia, both of Belen, sons, Richard Montoya (Cathleen) of Belen and Lee Montoya (Marcela) of El Paso TX, sister in Laws, Emelda Armijo and Joannie Artiaga Armijo; dear friend Lydia Abeita (Joe), and close friend Ray Lucero. She also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, godsons and goddaughters who loved her dearly!

Carmen was not only a resident of the community but an affectionately known beautician. She was a business owner of her own shop, Professional Image. Carmen always threw herself into taking care of her “ladies” and made them feel as beautiful as she always saw them to be. Her customers were not only customers but became a part of her extended family. She always took pride in her work and always took care of anyone in need.

Carmen was a person who would always take care of others before herself and would never have it any other way. Her passing will leave a void in many lives she touched throughout her amazing 81 years of life.

Those who knew Carmen would tell you that she was such a caring person and her children were never surprised if she came home with extra children, friends, or anyone in need. She would never say no to those who needed a place to lie their head as they got back on their feet. She found joy in helping those who needed someone to tell them “I got you!” Words cannot express how caring and compassionate of a person she was. She

truly loved putting a smile on peoples' faces!

Carmen loved to crochet and just about everyone she knew probably has something she has made for them. She loved to spoil her brothers, children and family members. Carmen had a gift in her arms which always made anyone she hugged feel like the most important person in that very moment. She will be greatly missed but never forgotten.

Although her physical presence may no longer grace our lives, her spirit will continue to give us all inspiration and hope to live our very best life. May her memory be a blessing and take the example of compassion that she has shown so many people and continue to spread to every life we touch. Please sign Carmen's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhome.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Rosary

JUN 6. 9:30 AM (MT)

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

Funeral Mass

JUN 6. 10:00 AM (MT)

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

Interment

JUN 6. 11:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
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Belen, NM 87002

Tribute Wall

JC

“ Ernie, Alfredo and Family., so sorry to hear about Carmen. My sincere condolences to you all. Sorry I didn't make it to the funeral, I was out of town. ❤️
🙏

JoAnne Chavez - June 06, 2025 at 07:25 PM

VG

“ Viola Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Carmen K Montoya



Viola Gabaldon - June 06, 2025 at 10:11 AM

VG

“ Viola Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Carmen K Montoya



Viola Gabaldon - June 06, 2025 at 10:10 AM

VG

Carmen was a special person in my heart. RIP

Viola Gabaldon - June 06, 2025 at 10:12 AM

AA

“ Rest in Peace Carmen, you were a beautiful woman. I know your mama was there to greet you. She loved her Carmen. Love Bert and Aggie

Aggie Aragon - June 05, 2025 at 09:52 PM

LM

“ My condolences to the Armijo & Montoya families. May Carmen Rest in Paradise in the arms of our Lord 🙏



Lorraine Marquez - June 05, 2025 at 08:40 PM

GL

“ Our sympathies for the passing of Carmen. May she rest in peace. Danny, Gloria and Adam Ratliff

Gloria Lucero-Ratliff - June 04, 2025 at 09:11 AM

PP

“ To all the families sorry for your loss 🙏🙏



Preme and Lorraine Padilla - June 02, 2025 at 10:27 AM

BC

“ Bernie & Jean Chavez lit a candle in memory of Carmen K Montoya



Bernie & Jean Chavez - June 01, 2025 at 10:54 AM

BC

Condolences and prayers to Carmen's family. Rest in peace Carmen! From Your classmate, Bernie Chavez, BHS class of 1962

Bernie & Jean Chavez - June 01, 2025 at 11:02 AM

JM

“ On behalf of the family of Santiago Marquez, we wish to express our condolences to Carmen's family and her siblings. For years Carmen was our mother's hairdresser and our mother would go nowhere else. Her parents were related to us and we shared many good times with them as well as with Carmen. She was a kind person. May she rest in peace. Jim Marquez



Jim Marquez - May 29, 2025 at 05:34 PM

KA

“ I was very sad to hear about Carmen. She was a special lady she was all ways there for her family. I didn't know about Stephanie I was sorry to see she had passed also. You know our little brother Richard Dickie Baldonado passed also and we miss him daily so we are very for your loss.



Kathy - May 23, 2025 at 09:15 PM

BM

“ Bryan Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Carmen K Montoya



Bryan Mascarena - May 23, 2025 at 12:25 PM

EH

“ Eva Hogue lit a candle in memory of Carmen K Montoya





Eva Hogue - May 22, 2025 at 07:18 PM

EH

Carmen was like a Sister to me, Loved her very much. Rest in Peace Carmen

Eva Hogue - May 22, 2025 at 07:20 PM

LA

“ I thank you so much for getting My Nana and Grandpa together.  I love the story when my nana told me. When you worked with her at the white way diner in Belen. You ladies where wonderful friends!! You are always a beautiful woman inside and out! Your going to be truly missed! Glad I got to meet you! Carmen Condolences&Prayers for all the family! 



Larrissa Alderete - May 22, 2025 at 01:46 PM

CG

“ God bless you my cousin Carmon memories of years ago I love you may you rest in peace



Cathy gollaher - May 22, 2025 at 10:00 AM

JT

“ John & Donnita Thompson lit a candle in memory of Carmen K Montoya



John & Donnita Thompson - May 22, 2025 at 12:27 AM

GG

“ Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Carmen K Montoya



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - May 21, 2025 at 11:45 AM

BA

“ So saddened to hear of Carmen’s passing. She was such a beautiful person not only on the outside, but also on the inside. She will be missed by all who knew her. Condolences to the family and may Carmen Rest in Peace.

Benji and Angie - May 21, 2025 at 12:22 AM

SC

“ There are no words to say how much Auntie Carmen Montoya will be missed. Her laughter, kind words of wisdom, how she cared for all of us. My most heartfelt condolences to my cousins for the loss of an outstanding lady. God bless you all and give you the peace in your hearts. RIP Tia Carmen. Love you and never forgotten. Susie Cordova



Susie Cordova - May 20, 2025 at 10:37 PM

JM

Our deepest condolences to the Montoya Armijo family. Our prayers are with you that the Lord Jesus gives you peace that is beyond understanding.

Joe and Flora Maestas - May 21, 2025 at 01:22 PM

MC

“ *Prayers and condolences to entire family of Carmen. May she rest in peace.*



Max y Rosemarie Cordova - May 20, 2025 at 10:24 PM

PA

“ *Patricia Andazola lit a candle in memory of Carmen K Montoya*



Patricia Andazola - May 20, 2025 at 09:09 PM

PA

My family & I are sending prayers for our Prima Carmen. She was a very kind & loving person who loved her family more than anything. May she be at peace with her loved ones who preceded her. 🙏🏻💕

Patricia Andazola - May 20, 2025 at 09:15 PM

AC

“ *Alice & Albert Chavez lit a candle in memory of Carmen K Montoya*



Alice & Albert Chavez - May 20, 2025 at 07:13 PM

DU

“ *Diana Phillips Ulibarri lit a candle in memory of Carmen K Montoya*



Diana Phillips Ulibarri - May 20, 2025 at 06:51 PM

SG

“ Shari Gallegos lit a candle in memory of Carmen K Montoya



Shari Gallegos - May 20, 2025 at 06:49 PM

HW

Rest in peace to this kind soul you will be missed it hurts so much that ur gone im going to miss everything about you.. I love you best memories even when we argued LLC 🕊️

Helena Woody - May 20, 2025 at 11:08 PM

RV

“ Richard And Dolores Vigil lit a candle in memory of Carmen K Montoya



Richard and Dolores Vigil - May 20, 2025 at 02:54 PM

MP

Carmen I remember all the fun we had with my sister Liz Prado! Your friend Maria (Fammy) Pillado!

Maria (Fammy) Pillado - June 05, 2025 at 09:55 PM