



Darlene Corley Goodman

January 11, 1943 - January 10, 2021

1943-2021

Darlene Corley Goodman, age 77, of Belen, NM, passed away on Sunday, January 10, 2021, one day before her 78th birthday. She is survived by her brother, Andy Corley and wife, Trish of Tucson, AZ; her sons, Ricky Goodman, Alan Goodman, Tracy Goodman, and his wife, Cindi; four grandchildren, Shari, Floyd, Lindsey and Eric and four great-grandchildren. Darlene is also survived by countless family and friends, including Mary Sue Benjamin, her best friend for over 70 years. Cremation has taken place and at her request there will be no services. A memorial will be held at a later date.

Darlene earned a Bachelor's Degree in English, Master's Degrees in English and Anthropology, taught English at Los Lunas High School for several years, and was a life-long learner. She was an avid animal lover and rescued numerous animals and was also a dedicated gardener. Darlene asks that friends and family remember her by taking time to plant something, to adopt a pet, to play with the pets they already have, or to volunteer to help someone in need.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to your favorite charity. Please sign Darlene's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com. Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Tribute Wall

RN

“ *I am sorry for your loss.*

I never forgot Ms. Goodman after graduating from Los Lunas High School. I was one of her students and also a student aide for her Freshman class when I was a Senior. I will continue to remember her in all of the my days throughout the remainder of my life.

I consider myself extremely blessed to have been in her presence. She is one of the reasons why I have a beautiful life. I know that she is in a really good place now.

*Sincerely,
Ms. Rachael Nicholas-Mark*

Rachael Nicholas-Mark - April 26, 2021 at 12:54 AM

MA

“ *Darlene was an inspirational woman. She always stood up for what was right even if she had to stand alone. Darlene was an asset to Los Lunas Schools and spent the majority of her time and energy into her teaching career.*

Darlene was determined to provide her students with a good quality education. May God bless you with love, comfort, joy, and happiness. It was an honor and a blessing to have you as a mentor and a friend.

Monica Aragon



Monica Aragon - February 22, 2021 at 01:58 PM

BB

“ My condolences to Darlene's family. While I did not know Darlene personally, I was a childhood friend of her late brother Stanley and I recall the family as one of high intellect and deep feelings.

Bob Becker

Bob Becker - January 27, 2021 at 04:31 PM

RO

“ Robert & Maxine Olguin lit a candle in memory of Darlene Corley Goodman



Robert & Maxine Olguin - January 26, 2021 at 12:38 AM

VG

“ Vivian Garcia lit a candle in memory of Darlene Corley Goodman



Vivian Garcia - January 18, 2021 at 03:53 PM

TW

“ Tom & Edwina Weathersby lit a candle in memory of Darlene Corley Goodman



Tom & Edwina Weathersby - January 17, 2021 at 11:01 AM

KJ

“ My heart is broken with the news of Ms. Goodman’s passing. She was an amazing teacher and she was a great friend. I reconnected with her after high school and she loved retirement! We exchanged conversation over Christmas about a gift she had made for a child and admired her giving heart. Ms. Goodman, you were a beautiful lady- inside and out. Thank you for sharing your knowledge with me. Thank you for always thinking of others. I’m going to miss your words of encouragement but I know you’ll continue to watch over all of us like you did here on Earth. I will miss you.

Kim Johnston - January 17, 2021 at 08:24 AM

RM

“ Darlene was one of my very good friends during all her years teaching at Los Lunas High and for years afterward though our contact was mostly through messages and Facebook. I cannot remember anyone more dedicated to her students. She was not only concerned for their education but for their development into fine human beings. Her standards were high and as a result, many did some of their best work under her guidance. I’ll never forget what a big heart she had and her undying devotion to all her “critters.” Rest In Peace, Darlene, for I know you’re loving all the creatures in Heaven.

RJ Mirabal - January 16, 2021 at 10:30 PM

LA

“ Loretta Aragon lit a candle in memory of Darlene Corley Goodman



Loretta Aragon - January 16, 2021 at 07:23 PM

BS

She will be missed by all. Saw her last year at the dance club, she was having a ball. We chatted about LLHS and laughed a lot! She was a sweetheart!

Bobbie Scarfe - January 17, 2021 at 10:07 AM

RC

Darlene and I had many conversations about life, students, learning and the many adventures of teaching. She was passionate about excellence in all that she did and all that her students did. She focused on helping students develop character, learn the wisdom to distinguish right from wrong and pursue what is right, learn to be responsible and enjoy life to the fullest and to respect those around you with dignity and care regardless of who they were or where they came from. She didn't cower to overbearing administrators when choosing to do what was morally prudent for students as opposed to implementing some arbitrary and vague guideline that only fomented confusion and chaos in the minds of students and the classrooms of school. Petite in size, she was big in ambition to set high standards for student achievement, big in heart to care for people around her and big in a zest to live a fruitful and meaningful life. Thanks, Darlene, for seeking to live a life of Godly character and inspiring others accordingly.

Rick Cole - January 20, 2021 at 08:55 PM