



## Debra De La Peña

November 7, 1962 - July 2, 2018

1962-2018

Debra Diane De La Peña passed away peacefully on July 2, 2018. Debra was best known as Debbie to the ones she loved. Debbie was born in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1962 to Milton and Henrietta Sanchez. She attended Western New Mexico University, then Southern Illinois University where she received an associate of liberal arts degree. Debbie worked many years in California, Arizona and Colorado. She returned home to New Mexico, where she worked as a Dispatcher for APS Security. Debbie was a giving and kind person; she was always helping others that were less fortunate. Debbie even spent several years helping her father when he became disabled. When she was not giving back, she loved to travel and explore new places. Debbie always had an amazing spirit and will be deeply missed. She survived by her husband Julio De La Peña; Parents Milton and Henrietta Sanchez; and Brother Mark. Debbie also survived by many loving aunties, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and very good friends. All services are planned for Friday, July 6, 2018 at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church in Belen, New Mexico. A public viewing will began at 10:00 a.m., Rosary at 11:00 a.m., with the Funeral Mass to follow at 11:30 a.m., cremation to follow services. Pallbearers are Mark Sanchez, Rick Custer, Alton Cisneros, Joe Montoya, Marquis Griego and Joey Lopez. Please sign Debbie's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhome.com](http://www.romerofuneralhome.com), Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main Street, Belen, NM.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 6. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

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

## Rosary

JUL 6. 11:00 AM (MT)

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## Funeral Mass

JUL 6. 11:30 AM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

AO

“ I still cant believe Deb is gone i wish i would have known sooner about her falling ill ..she was just so special to me . She was my first and only true Love . I will always miss and Love you Debbie, keep your smile and laughter in my heart forever Love Adrian Olmeda

Adrian Olmeda - April 04, 2024 at 04:12 PM

GA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



George Cortez Los Angeles - July 07, 2018 at 03:43 PM

 Lonnie Lane

“ Mrs. Debbie Thank you for the love you bought into the world. You are now at the side of the SON of GOD JESUS CHRIST CHRIST JESUS of the HOLY GHOST FATHER OF ABRAHAM ISSAC and JACOB. I am honored to have known you and pray the HEALING POWER of our LORD and SAVIOR fall upon us all with special BLESSING, LOVE, JOY, PEACE, LONG SUFFERING KNOWLEDGE and WISDOM fall upon those he need them most. Love you Mrs. Debbie and when I see you you bring joy and good time to my thoughts of you. AMEN



Lonnie Lane - July 06, 2018 at 10:03 PM

KS

“ Condolences to Henerietta and Milton in the loss of your beloved daughter. My heart is deeply sadden for your loss. You are in my prayers. Con carino, Kathleen Sanchez

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**Kathleen Baca Sanchez** - July 06, 2018 at 08:40 PM

DC

“ Condolences and prayers to the family from Dennis & Gina Cordova during this sad time. God bless you all.

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**Dennis & Gina Cordova** - July 06, 2018 at 06:16 PM

GA

“ Oh dear friend, my life and everything I hold to be true & present was forever changed on 06.12.2018. That date marked the final time I would ever hear your beautiful voice. And since, I have been heartbroken & imagine I will always be because my Duchess will no longer be. I promise to go on & continue living & laughing & exploring & eating till my hearts content because that's what you would of wanted & the legacy you've left behind, I'm sure in some form, would have dictated.

*My beautiful friend, I'll now close. My life is riddled with sorrow and tears difficult to contain knowing you are no longer in the world among us. Duchess, but I'll do my best to go on, but it won't be easy. Especially when life gets cold & lonely, I'll find comfort in the memories we made & the laughter & the nearly 30yrs of friendship we shared.*

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**George Cortez, Los Angeles** - July 06, 2018 at 03:22 AM

GE

“ George lit a candle in memory of Debra De La Peña



George - July 06, 2018 at 02:53 AM

LL

“ Lynda Lewis-Rex sent a virtual gift in memory of Debra De La Peña



Lynda Lewis-Rex - July 06, 2018 at 02:24 AM

GE

*Hello, Linda Lew.....this is Geirge from LA, remember me?? Lovely to see you Again. Even if it is on this saddest of circumstances.*

George - July 06, 2018 at 02:42 AM

LL

*George, I remember you and am very sadden, shocked & heartbroken. I wish I could have been in New Mexico for this but am in Texas and have had recent back surgery. I just hope Julio, Mark, Henrietta & Milton are doing fine.*

Lynda Lewis-Rex - July 07, 2018 at 12:48 AM

GA

*You & I both, Linda. It all seems surreal as I've been in constant contact with her up until 06.12.2018. I've been the caregiver for a friend here in LA battling liver Cancer & it just seemed impossible for me to also get away as he requires much of my attention. It does my heart good to hear back from you, that you remembered me & that you are healing comfortably. I plan sometime before the year ends to road trip it out to Albuquerque. I'd like to see her parents & Mark & just visit again all the fun places Duchess & I, my pet name for her was Duchess, we visited while I was there years ago. Be well dear friend*

George Cortez Los Angeles - July 07, 2018 at 03:14 PM

LL

“ Lynda Lewis-Rex lit a candle in memory of Debra De La Peña



Lynda Lewis-Rex - July 06, 2018 at 02:23 AM

RO

“ 1 file added to the album Goodbye Debra Diane



Roger - July 06, 2018 at 12:42 AM

MM

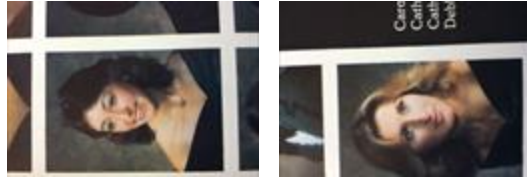
“ I'm so saddened to hear of Debbie's passing . Debbie and I went to Mexico City as sophomores in Spanish class at West Mesa. We had so many good times, She was a great friend. ❤️ Sending strength, love and prayers to her family . May she rest peacefully in heaven.



Melinda Montoya - July 05, 2018 at 06:37 PM

DL

“ My condolences to Debbie’s family. I have spoken of Debbie often over the years when conversations arise regarding “same names.”  
*Debra Diane Sanchez Larribas*



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**Debra Diane Sanchez Larribas** - July 05, 2018 at 05:47 PM

BS

“ My heart goes out to the Sanchez De La Pena families .  
Your Mother always spoke so kindly and was very proud of her daughter  
With my thoughts and prayers,

*Barbara Casaus -Sias*



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**Barbara Sias** - July 05, 2018 at 02:58 PM

JL

“ My deepest condolences to the Sanchez family God Bless

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**Jimmy lopez** - July 05, 2018 at 02:41 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Debra De La Peña



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - July 04, 2018 at 06:09 PM

RF

“ Rick Custer, Rose Custer and the Custer Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Debra De La Peña.



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**Rick Custer, Rose Custer and the Custer Family** - July 04, 2018 at 03:52 PM

RO

“ My heart is broken, how could you leave us so soon? You brought love and so much joy into everyone's life, I only hope that wherever you are you know that you will be in my heart forever...I will never forget that Christmas in Cripple Creek. Thank you for all you were to me. I will love you forever Deb....and I will see you on the other side :(

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**Roger** - July 04, 2018 at 02:47 AM

GA

*Hello, Roger. I'm sure you're the same gentleman Debbie spoke of in the highest regard. So very sorry for your loss! You were significant in her life.....she had only lovely things to say about you.*

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**George Cortez Los Angeles** - July 07, 2018 at 03:17 PM

RO

*and likewise to you George..though we never met I feel like I know you. Debra loved you dearly and she spoke of you often. Very sorry for your loss as well. It's difficult to imagine the world without Debbie :( it's certainly a lesser place without her. Thank you for your kind words, and thank you for bringing joy to her life...we must vow to keep her memory dear to our hearts.*

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**Roger** - July 08, 2018 at 02:52 PM

GA

*Absolutely, Roger. Thank you. I Was an emotional mess this morning as I expect I'll intermittently be; but better now.  
As a gesture to our dear friend, how do you feel about making an effort to check in on one another from tlke to time? I can be reached at greusg01@yahoo.com if you're down with it.  
Are you still in AZ? I'm planning a road trip to NM once all this miserable heat subsides to see Debbie's Family. I thought perhaps for her birthday, but then decided I didn't wanna wait that long. Thank again, Roger*

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**George C. Los Angeles** - July 09, 2018 at 04:08 PM

AO

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**Adrian olmeda** - December 09, 2018 at 04:28 AM

AO

*I've been thinking about Debbie throughout the years I've been trying to get in contact with her over the years then I came across this researching her this evening and wasn't shocked and deeply saddened to see this obituaries. she was a wonderful kind and beautiful woman who was instrumental in showing me what true love and friendship is. I wish I could have reached out sooner and to have seen her smile once more . To the Sanchez family and her husband I'm am truly sorry for your loss ... I thank God I got to spend time with her while she was here and she will truly be missed..... goodbye Debra Diane*

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**Adrian olmeda** - December 09, 2018 at 04:38 AM

AO

*Was shocked*

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**Adrian olmeda** - December 09, 2018 at 04:38 AM

LL

“ *Friend Forever*

*What made us friend in the long ago when we first met?*

*Well. I think I know.*

*The best in me and the best in you found each other because they knew that always and always since life began our being friends was part of God plan.*

*This was on a magnet given to me by Debbie Doo*

*Lynda Lew & Debbie Doo*

*There is another angel in heaven!*

*Lynda Lewis-Rex*

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**Lynda Lewis-Rex** - July 04, 2018 at 02:07 AM

LA

“ *You are by best friend! I Love you! Why didn't you tell me?*

*😭😭💔!*

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**Lori Ann** - July 02, 2018 at 09:28 PM

GE

*Hi Lori Ann....I'm George, from Los Angeles & I have been fortunate enough to be in Debbie's life for nearly 30 years. She & I were in constant touch over the years & just wanted to mention how very highly she spoke of you & your family. I've heard your name so much I felt like I knew you 😊❤️*

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**George** - July 06, 2018 at 02:51 AM

AM

*H Lori Ann. I pray you are doing well. It sure would be great to see you and catch up.*

*Love,  
Arlene*

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**Arlene Maestas** - July 06, 2018 at 04:42 PM



*Lori Ann, George, & Roger were all talked about & very good friends of our Debbie Doo, If anyone wants to talk please e-mail me.  
lytrex2@Comcast.net*

*Lynda Lew*

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**Lynda Lewis-Rex** - July 07, 2018 at 12:54 AM