



Diane G Padilla

June 16, 1955 - November 2, 2024

1955-2024

Diane G. Padilla, (lovingly known as Dinah) age 69, a resident of Los Lunas, NM. Peacefully went home with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Saturday November 2nd 2024. Services will take place on Friday, November 22, 2024, at San Clemente Catholic Church. Starting with a Visitation at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Rosary at 9:30 a.m., a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., Interment will follow at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery. Dinah was a beautiful person inside, and out, and her love for God shined through as she had a kind, loving, and funny spirit. In her younger years she worked at the Los Lunas Hospital and Training school. She also worked at First Choice Community Healthcare in Los Lunas. Diane was exceptional at caregiving for those in need in her years working professionally, yet she was also an incredible asset to her family as a caregiver for her brother and mother. She also volunteered at St. Vincent de Paul in Los Lunas in her most recent years. Dinah most definitely was an artist although she never claimed to be. She could draw, paint, color, and simply make anything she touched beautiful. She had a knack for decorating. She loved jewelry, and accessories, and was so stylish. She loved to go thrift shopping, to garage sales and she was also known to put on a good yard sale herself! She loved to spend time with her family, and she loved her family fiercely. Her grandchildren were an absolute joy in her life and it was evident in her sparkling eyes every time she saw

them. She truly was a beloved wife, mother, granny, sister, auntie, and friend. Diane is preceded in death by her father, Fred S. Gabaldon, mother, Mayme Romero Gabaldon, brothers, Donald M. and Charles T. Gabaldon; nephew, Freddie Gabaldon Jr.; niece, Erica P. Trujillo; brother in law, Richard Lucero; in laws Felipe and Omecima Padilla; sister in law, Jeanette Wiggins. Diane is survived by her a husband, David Padilla; daughter, Brianna Dupuy; son in law Cory; grandchildren Mason and Savanna Dupuy; brothers, Fred Gabaldon (Shirley), Gene Gabaldon (Adela) all of Albuquerque; sisters, Lucy Chavez (Charles) of Los Lunas, Genola Gabaldon, of Los Lunas and Juanita Lucero of Belen; sister in law Evelyn Sanchez; and many nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22.** 9:00 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church
244 Luna Ave SE
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Rosary

NOV **22.** 9:30 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church
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Los Lunas, NM 87031

Funeral Mass

NOV **22.** 10:00 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church
244 Luna Ave SE
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Interment

NOV **22.** 11:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery
118A La Ladera Rd
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Tribute Wall

BR

“ Mom I miss you so very much. Life here will never be the same without you. I wish so much that I could talk to you. So much has happened since you left, and I miss all our phone calls, texts, jokes and genuine love that we had. What a mother I was blessed with. Wish we had more time together. I love you forever

Brianna - September 19, 2025 at 09:00 AM

JR

“ Dinah. With a very heavy heart. iam writing this. i cant belive your gone my friend. iam going to miss you so. we had good memories together, my conolences to the padilla and to the the gabalon family, i taught you how to drive.



jane & chico & n frank rael - January 01, 2025 at 10:20 AM

DS

“ condolences for the Padilla family . Diane was a very kind person .



Dorothy Salazar - December 02, 2024 at 07:44 PM

CR

“ Diane I'm so saddened and heart broken. My condolences to your family and may GOD WRAP his ARMS around YOUR Family. You will be missed my friend. I Love and until we meet again my dear friend 💕💕

Carmen Rodriguez - November 23, 2024 at 03:57 PM

RL

“ My deepest sympathies to her husband, children, grandchildren and her brothers and sisters.
May she rest in peace in our Lords and Angels Holy Arms.



Ruth Lucero - November 23, 2024 at 10:51 AM

EG

“ My beloved sister Dinah, when I shared a memory late last night I forgot to mention how your David was always there for you. There isn't a better loving human being than David and his love for you and family was powerful and strong. Love you forever, your brother Eugene

Eugene Gabaldon - November 22, 2024 at 08:25 AM

EG

“ My beloved sister Dinah, it is going to be extremely difficult moving on in this life without you in it. You always found a way to brighten up my day even in the darkest of times. I don't know how you always saw the good in everything and everyone but you did. When we grew up as children playing in the dirt fields in Peralta you always had that competitive spirit but than it would all end up being equal, no one would have lose. We laughed, we fought , we cried , but in the end one thing was for certain, we loved one another. You have an amazing daughter in Brianna, a better than ok son in law, and wonderful grandchildren. I am forever grateful for the overflowing love you always showered on Vanessa and Aliyah, my children. I believe in a heaven and hell so I better be good because I know where you will be. I love you Dinah , until I see you again , your brother Eugene

Eugene Gabaldon - November 22, 2024 at 01:09 AM

RS

“ *Roberta Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Diane G Padilla*



Roberta Sanchez - November 21, 2024 at 09:13 PM

ET

“ *With much love and many hugs ...Esequiel/Naeomi Trujillo & family*

Esequiel/Naeomi Trujillo - November 20, 2024 at 01:03 PM

DE

“ *I can't express how shocked I was to learn of the death of this beautiful soul. She was a special person, and I am sure she was welcomed into the heavenly kingdom with open arms. My sincere condolences to the family.*

Darlene Elliott

Darlene Elliott - November 19, 2024 at 01:25 PM

VG

“ It's very difficult to put into words what a unique and wonderful person my Aunty Dinah was. She had unparalleled taste and style, the greatest sense of humor, and an artistic talent she modestly played down. She was generous and giving, finding things specific and special just for you. She often dropped off random gifts because they reminded her of you. She was thoughtful like that. She always had a hug a smile and a compliment for you when you saw her. She was that rare, one of a kind person that was always warm and welcoming. She was beautiful inside and out and she will be greatly missed. I'm heartbroken for our family, my dad, my uncle David, my beautiful cousin Brianna, and aunty Dinah's grandchildren, Mason and Savannah. The loss of such a positive influence and presence is felt by all that knew her. I pray for strength and guidance, comfort and understanding for our family.



Vanessa Gabaldon - November 18, 2024 at 08:56 PM

MJ

“ Juanita,
Our condolences on your loss, our thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time & the years ahead.
Marty & Beatrice Jojola



Marty & Beatrice Jojola - November 18, 2024 at 04:13 PM

CB

“ I still can't believe she is gone. Diane was one of the best neighbors I've ever had. Towards the end of her life we had become pretty close she was always with a smile on her face, she was always very good to me Diane would bring me sweets when she would bake and always had doggie treats for my cockers. Life is not fair at times and so short. We will miss her very much and thank God we still have David these two were and still are the nicest people. Our prayers and thoughts go out to all of her family and grand children which she loved with all her heart. RIP Diane.

Connie Baca - November 17, 2024 at 09:54 PM

CG

“ Juanita, sending my condolences on the loss of your sister, I didn't know her but I remember you telling me she named her son after Mason. May the Holy Spirit be with you. Consie

Consie Gabaldon - November 17, 2024 at 03:20 PM

JL

“ He will shield you from suffering and give you unfailing strength to bear. Dinah God gave you that strength.



Dinah you were destined to care for others.

"Love begins by taking care of the closest ones, the ones at home" - Mother Theresa

You set a beautiful example for your family, - Brianna, Cory, Mason and Savanna. They in turn did a beautiful job caring for you.

You shone much peace when the Lord came to carry you home. Hope (esperanza) is eternal. Darkness cannot put out the light of one small candle.

I love you Dinah! Forever in heart, sister Juanita

Juanita Lucero - November 17, 2024 at 02:57 PM

TG

I met Diane (a beautiful soul) at St. Vincent de Paul. We both volunteered there. We became very close friends from the day we met. We had alot in common. We used to talk and laugh throughout our day. She was a hard worker. she always knew how to fix things that came in broken. She was very artistic and talented, We love sharing stories about our family. Diane loved her family and grandchildren very much! She was beautiful in and out. I'm so glad we always kept in touch. I am crushed to loose such a beautiful friend. I am so blessed to have met a beautiful angel. My sincere condolences to all the family. Love and Gods blessings to all of you know and forever.

Theresa Garcia. 🥺🥹🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Theresa Garcia - November 21, 2024 at 11:14 PM

FG

“ With great sadness in our hearts we had to say goodbye to you, our beloved, beautiful, courageous, strong-willed, loving little sister Dinah. You never let your illness consume you even at your worst. You were always a light, happy, very funny, and a jokester. You had a very strong will to live but our loving, heavenly father called you home to be with him and all your angels were waiting for you with arms wide open.



You will greatly missed by your husband David, daughter Brianna, son-in-law Cory and your grandchildren Mason and Savanna, your brothers, sisters, niece's, nephew's and all who knew your strong, beautiful, and generous soul. You will always be in our hearts Dinah.

Brianna, I know you loved your mother so much and your mother loved you with all of her heart. The Bible says, "blessed those children who take care of their aging and elderly parents." And that Brianna you did!

We love you Dinah, and will miss you always,

Fred and Shirley Gabaldon - November 15, 2024 at 11:17 PM

MW

“ Auntie Dinah, you will be greatly missed. I'll miss our silly texts messages that we shared. May your light continue to shine down on us.



Michelle Wright - November 15, 2024 at 10:47 PM

ER

“ *Our deepest condolences on the loss of your sister....* ❤️ 🙏



Esther Rael - November 15, 2024 at 07:39 PM

LC

“ My dearest beloved sister Dinah. What can I say? I'm heartbroken! I miss you so much, our visits back and forth, deciding which coffee flavor to try, hanging out with each other, thrift shopping, talking on the phone, sitting in front of you and David at church, your faith in God, your bubbly joy, simple things, everything. Charles and I can't imagine you not stopping by again. One place you will always visit is our hearts and we will treasure every moment.



We're so glad you, David, Brianna, Cory and the kids came over for the 4th of July. We had such a good time. Everyone was so happy to see you looking so well and beautiful. You were so joyful as you always brought joy to all gatherings. You were so good and loving to all our families' kids and grandchildren and they loved you back and thought of you as the fun Auntie.

Brianna, Cory and your grandchildren, Mason and Savanna are your precious jewels and they adored you. You were the best mom and granny ever!

Dinah you were so strong and your faith in God knew no bounds as you always said, "God is with me always." Whenever anyone of us was going through something you were the first to say, "Remember God is always with you." I thank God that He made you my sister and I will love you forever and I'll miss until I see you again my beautiful, loving sister.

Lucy & Charles Chavez - November 15, 2024 at 06:29 PM

LN

“ Liz Najar sent a virtual gift in memory of Diane G Padilla



Liz Najar - November 15, 2024 at 11:09 AM

VM

“ Vance Major lit a candle in memory of Diane G Padilla



Vance major - November 15, 2024 at 01:30 AM

VM

So sorry to hear this! I worked with her for many years at L.L.H&T.S. So sorry for David's loss & family. Truly a loving soul.

Vance major - November 15, 2024 at 01:33 AM



“ *Brianna & family, David and all her siblings and your families.
I am so deeply sorry to hear about your loss.
My most deepest sympathy.
May God put you in the palm of his hands and comfort you all. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*



*My Dearest Bestie Diane 🌹. My heart is broken. I can't believe your gone. God took the best when he took you.
Our younger years are full of wonderful cherishable memories. All the laughs, joking and clowning around we did are priceless. You always litten up with your keen and clever ideas, were never ending. Who would ever thought you would come up with idea that we were a quarter of a century old. We felt old back. Then we hit the 50 mark. We even felt older but, we were still young at heart as if we were in our early 20's..
We always had lots of fun or we made our fun when we were together. Everytime we met in our busy later years, we always picked up where we left off. Our memories were so vivid and full of laughter.
Thank you Lord for bringing Diane into my life and all our memorable memories. Rest in peace my dearest friend till we meet again. 🙏🙏🙏
Always love and a miss you forever Linda Chavez and family.*

Linda Chavez - November 15, 2024 at 12:46 AM

RZ

“ *My condolences to all of Dinah's family may she rest in heavenly peace. She will always be remembered as a kind, funny, loving person. ❤️🙏❤️*



Rosemary Zamora - November 14, 2024 at 03:02 AM

AD

“Truly, whatever strength I may have is a gift from God. I am thankful always for everyone's prayers and my Brianna is such a blessing to me in all the ways too. Thank you all for keeping me in your prayers” - - This was the last message I received from Diane and what I will never forget about her - her warm smile, her beautiful laugh and her never-ending love for Brianna.

I remember when I would see her amazing art she would always downplay her talent. It was always, “these colored pencils do all the work” or “I was able to paint this because I had an outline” - she was so humble and beyond talented as an artist.

If you talked to Diane for just a minute you immediately knew that the ultimate masterpiece of her life is our wonderful Brianna! Her eyes would light up as she talked about the joy of raising Brianna and of her love of being a Grandma to Mason and Savanna.

I will also never forget her sweet tooth. She loved desserts and sweets and it always made me laugh because after every gathering you knew you could unload a pie or some extra cake by telling Diane she should take it home - it would be great to have with some coffee in the morning. Diane would try to refuse and eventually would be leaving the party with all the sweets.

Diane is a bright light in this world and has left us with memories we will never forget.

We will always remember her as the artist who saw the world in more vibrant colors
and left all of us with the gift of seeing it too. We love you Diane!

Andrea & Casey Dupuy - November 13, 2024 at 12:42 PM

EO

“ I’m so sorry to hear about Diana. 😞 she was always the sweetest! I hope your family is doing okay during this difficult time!

Eden Ortiz - November 13, 2024 at 12:13 AM

RD

“ First of all Diane we want to thank you for sharing your beautiful daughter, Brianna with us!
You did an amazing job raising her and your love and spirit will live on in her.

*Diane and David were so kind to my elderly father
They always welcomed him to family functions and spent quality time listening and showering him with special attention
Diane made the best red Chile and it was one of our treasured Christmas gifts
She was a loving mother and grandmother
She loved her pets
Was an absolutely amazing artist
We feel honored and blessed that Diane was a part of our family
We will miss her dearly but know that she is now with her Heavenly Father!*

randy and paula dupuy - November 12, 2024 at 09:43 PM

GT

What a beautiful lady with a beautiful soul! Always cheerful! She was a very good friend to me since 1981. Miss you miss Diane! Your forever friend.

Gary Toler - January 01, 2025 at 11:32 PM