



Dolores Garcia

March 20, 1925 - December 2, 2016

1925-2016

Our precious Dolores (Lola) Garcia, age 91, of Los Lunas, NM, peacefully passed away at home on Friday, December 2, 2016.

Dolores was born in Belen, NM, on March 20, 1925, to Filipita and Carlos B. Garcia. She was the eldest of five children. Her mother passed away when she was 16 years old. With the help of her aunt, Maria Chavez, Dolores raised her four siblings. She attended elementary school at St. Mary's and graduated from Belen High School. She attended business school in Santa Fe, NM.

Upon returning to Belen, she did secretarial work at a legal firm and soon was employed with the Human Services Department for state of New Mexico, as a secretary and was soon promoted to secretary supervisor for 35 years.

Dolores was well respected and admired by her colleagues. She was never married, but was considered a second mom by her 17 nieces and nephews.

Upon retirement, Dolores became active in the Belen chapter of St. Vincent de Paul. She was an officer for 14 years and attended many local, state, and national conferences, many times speaking at the events. Dolores worked at the St. Vincent de Paul thrift store once a week, made home visits, evaluating the client's situation to assist them. Until recently she would go once a month to assist the thrift store in Belen. One of Dolores's greatest honors was being named one of the Valencia County's "Unsung Hero's" in 2006 because of her work with St. Vincent de Paul. She was a devout Catholic, delivering Communion to the homebound until she no longer could drive due to

cataracts. Dolores loved to travel across the US as well as Mexico and Europe. She felt very blessed to visit Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Portugal. Dolores especially loved Hawaii and going on cruises. Alaska was one of her favorites. Most weekends you would find her at a family gathering, whether it be a birthday party, wedding, or just get togethers. Dolores never missed a party! She was very happy when her family and friends visited her at the hospital and at home where she was placed in Hospice. Dolores was a very sweet, caring, sister, friend, and aunt loved by all. Lola will be greatly missed.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Felipita and Carlos B. Garcia; grandparents, Maria Dolores and Pedro Chavez y Castillo, and Priscialiana Baca and Antonio Garcia y Gabaldon; brothers, Lawrence and Orlando Garcia; brother-in-law, Bennie Sanchez; great-niece, Dominica Urriaga; and great-nephew, Dakota Dalton. Dolores is survived by her sisters, Ursula Sanchez, Eva (Bernard) Sanchez; sister-in-law, Erlinda Garcia; nieces and nephews, Marti (Jeff) Have-Perry, Jeanette Garcia, Michael Sanchez, Dori (Pete) Nichols, Elley Lifke, Cyndi (Paul) Bleicher, Barbara Sanchez, Charles Sanchez, Debbie Long, Marilyn Sanchez, Beverly Sanchez, Richard Garcia, Kathy (Andrew) Urriaga, Lydia (Brett) Dalton, Dennis (Donna) Garcia, Dora Garcia, and Lawrence (Janine) Garcia. She is also survived by many great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the caring Doctors, Nurses, and Nurse Techs of the APC 2 unit on the 7th floor at Presbyterian Hospital. Thank you to the hospice Nurse, Pam and home health aide, Sharon. A world of gratitude to her wonderful, loving, caregivers, Concha, Dora, Emily, Evangeline, Frances, Lala, Maria, Sarah, and Valerie. All Services will be held at San Clemente Catholic Church in Los Lunas. A Viewing will be held at 6:30 p.m., with a Rosary to be recited at 7:30 p.m., on Sunday, December 4, 2016. A Final Viewing will begin at 9:30 a.m., with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m., on Monday, December 5, 2016. Interment will begin at 2:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Memorial Gardens. Please sign Dolores's online tribute at romerofuneralhomenm.com

Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 4. 6:30 PM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church
244 Luna Road NE
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Rosary

DEC 4. 7:30 PM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church
244 Luna Road NE
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Final Viewing

DEC 5. 9:30 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church
244 Luna Road NE
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Funeral Mass

DEC 5. 10:00 AM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church
244 Luna Road NE
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Tribute Wall

MP

“ *Marlene Pino lit a candle in memory of Dolores Garcia*



Marlene Pino - December 06, 2016 at 09:53 PM

PJ

“ *Phil & Jennie lit a candle in memory of Dolores Garcia*



Phil & Jennie - December 06, 2016 at 07:41 PM

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“ *We are surely going to miss her. She was a very special person. May God rest in her peace. We loved her very much. Love and prayers, Rebecca and family. God bless the family also.*



Rebecca Perez (Becky) - December 04, 2016 at 01:48 PM

MT

“ *I remember you, lovely lady, just a chance meeting at St. Vincent de Paul and it was like we had known and loved each other all our lives. My heartfelt condolences to her family and friends.*



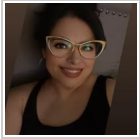
Michelle Tafoya - December 04, 2016 at 10:56 AM

PC

“ Pam & John Chavez lit a candle in memory of Dolores Garcia



Pam & John Chavez - December 04, 2016 at 10:26 AM



“ Bernadette Baca-Torres lit a candle in memory of Dolores Garcia



Bernadette Baca-Torres - December 04, 2016 at 01:29 AM

NP

“ My deepest condolences to Dora and family. You're in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time God Bless.

Nora Pena - December 04, 2016 at 12:17 AM

SR

“ Sarah Romero lit a candle in memory of Dolores Garcia



Sarah romero - December 03, 2016 at 08:31 PM

RI

“ Ric lit a candle in memory of Dolores Garcia



ric - December 03, 2016 at 06:53 PM

DC

“ David, Kandy and Nevaeh Carnes purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Dolores Garcia.



David, Kandy and Nevaeh Carnes - December 03, 2016 at 06:36 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Dolores Garcia.



December 03, 2016 at 02:47 PM

JG

“ Jeanette Garcia lit a candle in memory of Dolores Garcia



Jeanette Garcia - December 03, 2016 at 01:11 PM

RI

great gesture for great lady "lola, cholla, from Espanola" as she laughingly would say

ric - December 03, 2016 at 06:43 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Dolores Garcia*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - December 03, 2016 at 12:09 PM