



Doris Dolores Martinez

February 28, 1967 - January 26, 2023

Remembering the life and legacy of Doris Dolores Martinez, age 55, a beloved daughter, mother, grandmother, sister, auntie, teacher, and resident of Los Lunas, NM, was called to Heaven on Thursday, January 26, 2023. Services will be held on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, at Our lady of Guadalupe Mission Church beginning with a Visitation at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Rosary at 10:00 a.m., and a Funeral Mass at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery. Born on February 28, 1967, in Belen, NM, she was the oldest of three children. Doris had many passions in life, but her most cherished were being a mother, nana, and godmother. She was a devoted daughter who cared for her father and mother while also raising her son, Noah. Doris was a loving mother, and her most precious accomplishment was watching him grow into a loving husband and father. Her mom was her best friend and confidante, and they shared the most special bond. Doris strived to be like her mother through unending kindness, love, compassion for others, and her faith in the Lord. She also shared a close relationship with her father, having always been a daddy's girl, he taught her strength, loyalty, a good work ethic, and the meaning of family. Both of Doris' parents heavily impacted her life, and they are now reunited together in Heaven. She was the older sister of two amazing siblings. Doris' brother Jimmy, whom she called her "rock", and whom she helped as much as he helped her, could talk for hours and hours on end. Her sister Brenda, whom she shared a bedroom with growing up, continued a sisterly bond for the rest

of their lives. Doris enjoyed teaching, shopping, listening to Elvis, and going out to eat, but most of all, she treasured her faith in the Lord and spending time with her family, which meant everything to her. Doris loved to spoil her granddaughter, Sofia, and her niece, Mary Grace as often as she could. She loved them dearly and the bond she created with her girls will be everlasting. Doris' kindness never went unnoticed. She always put others above herself and did everything she could just to put a smile on someone's face. Doris was a well-loved member of her community who taught third grade for over sixteen years. Many students can recall fond memories of "Ms. Martinez". She attended college at the University of New Mexico, where she received her Master of Arts in Language Literacy and Sociocultural Studies. Doris has been a third-grade teacher for Los Lunas Public Schools since 2006. She inspired many students to become caring, well-mannered, and remarkable individuals inside and outside the classroom. Doris loved being a teacher and sharing her life experiences with her students. She is preceded in death by her parents, Santiago Jimmy and Mary Lou Chavez Martinez. Doris is survived by her loving son, Noah Martinez (Paige); granddaughter, Sofia Lourdes; siblings, Jimmy Martinez and Brenda Papponi (Louis); goddaughter, Mary Grace; nephews, Louis, Myles, and Alexander; aunts, Josie and Dolores; favorite uncle, Nick Martinez; cousins, Bertha and Mary Helen; and many other aunts, uncles, cousins, and an abundance of friends. She will be deeply missed by all who knew her. "Thank you, Mama. God Bless you, we love you." Please sign Doris' online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Cemetery

118A La Ladera Rd
Los Lunas, NM 87031

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 9:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Church
04 Guadalupe Rd.
Belen , NM 87002

Rosary

FEB 21. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Belen , NM 87002

Funeral Mass

FEB 21. 10:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Church
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Belen , NM 87002

Interment

FEB **21**. 12:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

KR

“ I was one of her students in I think about 2015. I met her when I was in first grade because I was a bit of a trouble maker, so my first grade teacher would sent me to her room as a punishment, but I loved being in her classroom. When I was in 3rd grade, I fortunately got her as my teacher, and she changed my life forever. All the other kids treated me like an outcast, so I had a lot of anger issues and didn't know how to control them. I also wasn't very good at paying attention in class if it wasn't a subject I didn't enjoy, so I was behind the other students in math. She had helped me figure out a better way to deal with my frustration and helped me with multiplication. She would hang out with me when the other students wouldn't.



One time, she was saddened by the death of the music artist Prince, and she told me about her favorite song from them, Purple Rain. So, I drew her some artwork of purple rain, and she cried happy tears when she saw it. I decided to finally listen to it, and I can see why she loved this song. Everytime I hear this, I'll always think of her.

She would also reward our class a lot by giving us candy when we did good. She would almost always give us dum dum lollipops.

I'm now a Junior, and will be graduating in 2025, and knowing she's gone hurts. I'm going to visit her grave soon and leave some dum dums at her grave and play Purple Rain for her as a final goodbye.

Thank you so much Ms. Martinez for making me feel loved and wanted when I thought no one could ever show me that. You have forever affected my life, and I'm now accomplishing so many things I wouldn't have been able to do before. I'm in band, and I always play with the passion you have given me. Where ever you may be now, I hope you're truly happy, and I can see you some day in the future.

Your past student, Kairi :)

Kairi/Leon Rodriguez - August 17, 2023 at 12:28 AM

PL

“ *Dear Noah and family, Jimmy and Brenda and family:*

I am shocked and saddened to hear of Dolores' passing, so many wonderful memories of your Mom and Sister, flood my mind. Not only memories of her in high school, but of her working with the Los Lunas Schools, both at Central Office and as a teacher, make me smile. She went back to school to get her teaching degree to make you proud of her Noah, I know she succeeded in that. I was so proud of her going back to school, she was a natural and loved her students. The picture you chose to use here is what Dolores was all about, shows her love of life and her love of all of you, takes me back so many years! Her eyes and her smile exude her love of life in this picture, so cool!!!

Jimmy and Brenda, I am so sorry for your loss, I know your big sister was everything to you, also remembering your Mom and Dad, so much love in your family. Know that I am thinking of each of you, hoping your loving memories of Delores help get you through this difficult time!!

My love to each of you, my love to Delores, she was one of my favorite students, I will always remember her. I will remember her smile, her laughter, her love for all of you, especially you, Noah, she adored you!!! Rest in peace Dear Dolores, watch over your family with Love!

Mr. Luna

Paul T. Luna - February 25, 2023 at 01:18 PM

JJ

Thank you for the beautiful memories you shared of my beautiful sister. She was so full of life to the very end. She always talked highly of you.

Jimmy - April 05, 2023 at 03:09 PM

RO

“ *Robert & Maxine Olguin lit a candle in memory of Doris Dolores Martinez*



Robert & Maxine Olguin - February 22, 2023 at 05:40 PM

CB

“ *I wish to offer my sincere condolences to Noah and Paige Jimmy and Brenda and all of Doris's family! I'm sorry to say I didn't know her very well, but she sounds like she was a beautiful, amazing person, just like her mom. May she rest in peace in God's arms with her mom (Mary Lou) and Dad around her. My prayers are with you all! God Bless you!*



Connie Baca - February 20, 2023 at 06:30 PM

SS

“ *Dolores was an amazing women. Dolores was a great friend and confidant. She demonstrated consistently how much she cared for everyone, no matter what. Dolores and I met in college, and we were friends from then, on no matter what happened, or where we lived. Noah, you were everything to your mom, and she was always proud to be your mom. Dolores was a women we should all strive to be, in her kindness, her empathy, and her love. You will be missed by everyone.*

Stephanie Smythe - February 17, 2023 at 01:58 PM

RB

“ Rachel Bate lit a candle in memory of Doris Dolores Martinez



Rachel Bate - February 16, 2023 at 04:36 PM

RB

Dolores was a wonderful inspiration to me as a coworker with her beautiful smile, laughter and a special gift for teaching. Many blessings to all of her family...she will be greatly missed...Rachel Bate

Rachel Bate - February 16, 2023 at 04:39 PM

JA

“ Noah, my deepest condolences to you and family but also congratulations on your new family! I know you made your mom proud and I'm so glad that I knew her for so many fun years- she definitely could like up a room and make people happy! You chose the perfect picture to post! Take care, Jayne Foote

jayne - February 16, 2023 at 02:23 PM

BH

My deepest condolences to you and your family. She was a true friend and she will be missed by everyone. Dolores was a loving person and always knew how to brighten anyone's day. Noah your mama loved you and your family. Dolores gained her angel wings on January 26, 2023. I'm praying for you and all your family. Bernadine Hernandez

Bernadine Hernandez - February 20, 2023 at 06:43 PM



“ The world will always be a little less bright. R.I.P my beautiful friend. I'll miss you forever...🌸

Verna Barta - February 15, 2023 at 11:39 AM



“ *Verna Barta lit a candle in memory of Doris Dolores Martinez*



Verna Barta - February 15, 2023 at 11:37 AM



“ *Joseph Barta lit a candle in memory of Doris Dolores Martinez*



Joseph Barta - February 15, 2023 at 11:34 AM

SB

“ *Noah & Paige, so sorry for your loss. Treasure your memories and know she loved you and your baby!*



Stephanie Bulloch - February 13, 2023 at 11:10 PM

JS

“ *Jared Saiz lit a candle in memory of Doris Dolores Martinez*



Jared Saiz - February 13, 2023 at 12:40 PM

AG

“ Our prayers and ❤️ to Dolores' family. Rest in peace 🙏🙏

Ann Garcia - February 11, 2023 at 09:44 PM

TM

“ Teresa Martinez lit a candle in memory of Doris Dolores Martinez



Teresa Martinez - February 10, 2023 at 08:05 PM

RZ

“ Rest in heavenly peace. 💙

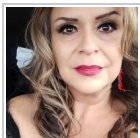


Rosemary Zamora - February 09, 2023 at 09:00 PM

LM

“ Another angel with wings, beautiful soul, beautiful heart. Gone to soon.

Laura Miller - February 07, 2023 at 05:01 PM



“ I love you and will miss you!



Antonette Gonzalez - February 07, 2023 at 12:52 PM

AC

“ I cherish the time I got to work with you. You taught me so much as a new teacher. You will be missed, friend ❤️

Amy Chavez - February 06, 2023 at 01:31 PM

AA

“ Ada Aragon lit a candle in memory of Doris Dolores Martinez



Ada Aragon - February 06, 2023 at 01:11 PM

LA

“ Ms. Martinez I will miss you dearly



Lupe Acosta - February 06, 2023 at 09:49 AM

RG

“ My beautiful friend ❤️ May you rest in peace .. Condolences to your family 🙏



Ramona Granados - February 05, 2023 at 07:27 PM

NM

“ *Nacita Mendoza lit a candle in memory of Doris Dolores Martinez*



Nacita Mendoza - February 05, 2023 at 04:45 PM

RZ

“ *Rosemary Zamora lit a candle in memory of Doris Dolores Martinez*



Rosemary Zamora - February 04, 2023 at 02:47 PM

RZ

“ *Condolences to Dolores' family. It was a joy to be around Delores she was always happy and had that beautiful smile. May she rest in heavenly peace.*

Rosemary Zamora - February 04, 2023 at 02:45 PM

BS

“ *Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen*



Bernardine Baca Spiers - February 03, 2023 at 10:50 PM

TM

“ Noah, Paige, Sofia, and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember Dolores fondly. I will remember her love for you, Noah. You made her so very proud!❤️ I LOVE you, D. I will hold our memories close. I will treasure our stories. I was in awe watching you with your students. Oh, how fun it was watching you laugh and giggle at the funny things they would say to you. I will remember most your beautiful smile and giggle. You lit up a room with your presence. 🕯️ I was so Blessed and honored to enjoy fun and enjoyable conversations with you. I left you feeling cared for and you always made me feel welcome. I can only imagine your smile now as you wrap your loving arms around your mommy and daddy. I love you always and forever, D.❤️🙏🥹❤️ God Bless you and your family!

Teresa Martinez - February 03, 2023 at 08:40 PM