



Ellen J. Place

March 13, 1933 - April 18, 2016

1932-2016

Ellen June Place, age 84, peacefully passed away on Monday, April 18, 2016. She was born March 13, 1932, in Mt Taylor, New Mexico.

Ellen graduated from Los Lunas High School and retired after 33 years of dedicated service at the Los Lunas Hospital and Training School. She was a huge sports fan and an accomplished semi-professional bowler, with a 300-pin awarded to her for having bowled a perfect game on more than one occasion. Ellen was a creative arts and craftsman and a accomplished cook. She wrote and published a cookbook entitled New Mexico Chili Cuisine, with the idea of memorializing the delicious native New Mexican recipes with which she grew up and that she has passed down to her family and friends. Ellen is preceded in death by her husband, William L. Place; parents, Louis Lovato, and Eleanor (Diaz) Lovato; sister, Mary McCarroll; and brother, Benny Valenzuela. She is survived by her children, William A. Place and wife, Jennifer, Robert Place, and husband, Joseph Minor, and Carla J. Place; sisters, Joan L. Romero, Shirlene Gowens, Diana Ray and husband, Marty; brothers, Lawrence and wife, Maria, and Robert Valenzuela; grandson, Noah; great-granddaughters, Skyler, Belle, and Sofia; long time and special family friend, David Thyfault. Ellen is also survived by many nieces and nephews. All services will be held at St Augustine in Isleta, NM. A visitation will be held at 5:00 p.m., on Sunday, May 1, with a rosary to be recited at 6:00 p.m. A final visitation will be held at 9:00 a.m., on Monday, May 2nd, with a funeral mass

to be celebrated at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at San Clemente Cemetery. Please sign Ellen's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

Cemetery Details

San Clemente Catholic Cemetery

Los Lunas, NM 87031

Previous Events

Public Visitation

MAY 1. 5:00 PM (MT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
71 Tribal Rd 35
Isleta Pueblo Proper, NM 87022

Rosary

MAY 1. 6:00 PM (MT)

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Final Visitation

MAY 2. 9:00 AM (MT)

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Funeral Mass

MAY 2. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Augustine Catholic Church
71 Tribal Rd 35
Isleta Pueblo Proper, NM 87022

Tribute Wall

JM

“ *The seeds of chile Ellen sent have long since been grown and cooked. Your Mother's book remains a source of favorite dishes for my family .Descanse en paz y vaya con Dios. Un primo le espera*

James W McA;pine - May 08, 2016 at 07:20 PM

VR

“ *Ellen was a wonderful friend/mom too me. Miss her dearly. R.I.P.*

Victoria Romero - April 30, 2016 at 03:46 PM

ST

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Place Family. My Mom, Evelyn Togami, shared many good times with your Mom. The countless memories from their bowling in leagues and tournaments. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*
Steve Togami

Steve Togami - April 28, 2016 at 05:23 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ellen J. Place .*



April 28, 2016 at 02:37 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Ellen J. Place .*



April 28, 2016 at 02:31 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ellen J. Place .*



April 26, 2016 at 04:40 PM



“ *Jessey & Maria Baca lit a candle in memory of Ellen J. Place*



Jessey & Maria Baca - April 25, 2016 at 05:16 PM



“ *Janice Montano-Molina lit a candle in memory of Ellen J. Place*



Janice Montano-Molina - April 25, 2016 at 09:18 AM

JM

Carla, may you find peace. Our family would like to express our deepest condolences to you at this time of great sorrow.

Janice Montano-Molina - April 25, 2016 at 09:20 AM

VH

Carla, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Mother. I enjoyed working with her at the Training School.

Velma Hardesty - April 30, 2016 at 01:10 PM



“*Carla it is with heavy heart that I would like to extend my condolences to your family. I am praying that God will bring you peace and comfort and ease your broken hearts. I didn't know your mother I'm sorry to say but I do know you my friend and I feel your pain and sorrow. Look to the Lord for guidance and know that Ellen is rejoicing with her husband and loved ones in eternal life. Please Carla if you need anything I'm just a phone call away. Love you my friend. ❤️*



Mela Rose Garcia-Griffith - April 24, 2016 at 09:32 AM

RR

“*Rose Romero lit a candle in memory of Ellen J. Place*



Rose Romero - April 22, 2016 at 01:12 AM

RR

“ To CARLA and Family - Thank you so very much for sharing "Mom" with us. After the loss of our own mother, it was such a joy to enjoy "Mama Ellen's" warmth and laughter - not to mention her WONDERFUL cooking! There is nothing in this world like a mother's LOVE, and having a mother to think about and pray for. We will always cherish the precious stories of Ellen and Bill, and our own parents, and so many others, all growing up and making a life in our beloved little Village. How fortunate WE are to have had such fantastic parents. "Life has changed, not ended" beloved FRIEND - They go on, and so must we, until one fine day, when we will all be reunited again - What a fiesta that will be!

Rose Romero - April 22, 2016 at 01:09 AM

VR

“ VICTORIA ROMERO lit a candle in memory of Ellen J. Place



VICTORIA ROMERO - April 19, 2016 at 05:27 PM

VR

Rest in Peace Ellen June , From Victoria, Rose, And Loretta Romero

VICTORIA ROMERO - April 19, 2016 at 05:29 PM

VR

We loved how she printed those wonderful cook books

Victoria Romero - April 21, 2016 at 04:32 PM

VR

GOD BLESS TO PLACE FAMILY! WE LOVE YOU!!!!!!

victoria romero - April 28, 2016 at 10:48 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Ellen J. Place*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - April 18, 2016 at 06:20 PM

LB

“ *We were bowling buddies, traveling companions to El Paso, Juarez, Denver, Miami, Dallas, OK City, Seattle, ABQ we went every where. We were each others confidantes, we laughed, we cried, we were there for each other no matter how much time pasted without seeing each other we picked up right where we left off. Best of all she was my best friend.*

Misplace i love you dearly with all my heart, i will miss you terribly.

You leave a hole in my heart but i will fill it with your memory.

Love you my friend.

Linda Ball

Linda Ball - April 18, 2016 at 03:01 PM