



Ernestina Barela

June 8, 1925 - November 1, 2021

1925 -2021

Our beloved mama, Ernestina Esquibel Barela, age 96, passed away peacefully on November 1, 2021, surrounded by her loving family. Ernestina was a lifelong resident of La Joya, NM, a lifelong member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, and a retired US Postal service employee of 29 years. She was preceded in death by her parents, Francisco and Pabla Carrillo Esquibel; husband, Jose I. Barela; sons, Abran and Earl Barela; granddaughters, Michelle Chavez and Joslyn Vigil; step-daughter, Bernice Barela; great-grandson, Cruz Chavez; son-in-law, Edward Sanchez; and her siblings. This beautiful soul and matriarch of our family is survived by her beloved children and their spouses; daughters, Mary Ann (Andy) Ortega, Jean (Bernie) Chavez, Pauline (Phil) Tafoya, Selma Barela, Mary Lou (Larry) Vigil, Shirley (Dennis) Schmock, Maxine (Gary) Schmock; sons, Joseph (Diane) Barela and Gilbert (Libby) Barela; daughters-in-law, Mary Alice and Lorraine Barela; 29 grandchildren, Belinda (Gerald), Aaron, Andrew (Lynn) Angelo, Bernie, Mario (Elaine), Geno (Valerie), Timmy (Sueann), Erik, Brian (Suzanne), Eloy, Chris, Jennifer (Louis), Paulette, Joylene, Bobbie Jo, Danielle, Deanna (Jasmine), Joseph (Tesa), Cynthia, James (Lisa) Janet, Abran, Justin (Lyndsie), Desiree (David), Michael John, Jared, and Jeralyn (Zeke); 52 great- grandchildren, Breanna, Adrian, Rebekkah, Brittney (Dylan), Brandy, Gavin, Gabriel, Garik, Chris, Caity, Jesse, Troy (Maddie), Joshua, Taylor, Luke, Turcillia, Nativity, Ethan, Annie, Mia, Gianna, Thiago, Shiloh, Carlos, Casey Joe (Matthew), Hilary, Vail, Keiana, Edward, Jericho (Shasta), Sabrina (Isaiah), Elias, Ariana, Johnna, Jason, Savannah (Jordan), Jakob, Abrie, Samantha, Harlee, Danilynn, Michelle, Lilyana, Nicholas, Adriano, Samuel, Acadyn, Titus, Willow, Eli, Ila, and Leo; 11 great-great grandchildren, Caadyn, Xander, Kaelem, Alyssa, Buddy, Brianna, Danny Boy, Isaiah, Zia, Daniel, and Elijah; and her beloved sister, Lillian "Lala" Abeyta. A public viewing will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Friday, November 5, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and a Rosary will be recited at 7:00 p.m. A final viewing will be held at La Joya Catholic Church on Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at La Joya Catholic Cemetery. Please sign Ernestina's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Public Visitation

NOV 5. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

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

Rosary

NOV 5. 7:00 PM (MT)

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

Final Visitation

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

La Joya Catholic Church
19 Calle De La Iglesia
La Joya, NM 87028

Funeral Mass

NOV 6. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

La Joya Catholic Church
19 Calle De La Iglesia
La Joya, NM 87028

Interment

NOV 6. 12:00 PM (MT)

La Joya Catholic Cemetery
La Joya, NM

Tribute Wall



“ *Grandma Tina,
Thank you for sharing your love and kindness all these years. You were our
“bonus” grandma! You will be missed but I’m sure my sister was delighted to see
you in heaven. May you both watch over all of us as we live on without your
presence. My deepest Condolences to the Barela family.
Contessa Hernandez*

Tess Hernandez - November 10, 2021 at 10:28 AM

JC

*Thank you Contessa, I know they found each other, I remember how Carmela always
loved "grandma Tina Biscochitos " ❤️ Jean*

Jean Barela Chavez - November 10, 2021 at 11:46 AM

CL

“ *My deepest sympathies to Doña Ernestina’s family. I am
sorry for your loss. Our Parish Community lost a very
beautiful person who knew how it was to love and live the
Gospel. As Carla Pino put it, she was so beautiful, always
smiling and a kiss on the lips waiting for me as well. I
wasn’t aware of her passing until I arrived home from Mass and read the
heartbreaking news in our bulletin. To my close and dearest friends, Maxine,
Jean, and MaryAnn, Gillie I am extremely sorry for not giving you my condolences
sooner. I love your Mom and I am going to miss her a lot. I have no comforting
words because all I can tell you is it doesn’t get easier. Our deepest sympathies
Crissie and Mark Leyba and family.*



Crissie and Mark Leyba - November 09, 2021 at 10:40 AM

JC

Thank you Crissie and Mark! ❤️🙏❤️

Jean Barela Chavez - November 10, 2021 at 11:48 AM

CB

“ Mrs. Ernestina Barela was a beautiful woman who always smelled so sweet and always looked her very best. She always had a wonderful smile on her face and a kiss on her lips for me when I would see 🥰 her; just as if I was one of her very own! She will be greatly missed and I will pray for her always. May God bless all of her beautiful loving family members with tears of joy on her eternal journey home rather than tears of sorrow. Remembering that we will see her again at the end of our eternal journey when we go home to Heaven. I love you Mrs. Ernestina and I will miss you and your wonderful aroma, your beautiful loving smile 😊 and all of your sweetnes! And ox xo's to her family. All my Love, Carla (Pino) Carr 🥰

Carla (Pino) Carr from Bosque - November 06, 2021 at 01:54 PM

JC

Thank you Carla for your beautiful words about my mom. God Bless you, Jean

Jean Barela Chavez - November 08, 2021 at 02:42 AM



“ Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Ernestina Barela.



November 05, 2021 at 04:08 PM



“ Sending our deepest and sincere condolences to the entire family. Auntie Tina was so special and full of love! She will be missed!



Erica McCartney - November 05, 2021 at 03:17 PM

IJ

“ My love and prayers goes to all of Ernestina's family. May God bless you with peace, comfort and love. Ida Paez Jimenez

Ida Paez Jimenez - November 05, 2021 at 03:14 PM

BA

“ You lived life to the fullest, and always gave everything and everyone the fullest of your love. Your impression on this earth will never leave those you touched.



Barela - November 05, 2021 at 02:51 PM

BA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Barela - November 05, 2021 at 02:34 PM

SU

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Susie - November 05, 2021 at 02:05 PM



“ Pink & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Ernestina Barela.



November 05, 2021 at 01:02 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ernestina Barela.



November 05, 2021 at 09:15 AM

PT

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Paulette Tafoya - November 04, 2021 at 11:46 PM



“ Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Ernestina Barela.



November 04, 2021 at 11:40 PM



“ Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement was purchased for the family of Ernestina Barela.



November 04, 2021 at 10:46 PM

AC

“ My heartfelt condolences thoughts and prayers are with her family 🙏❤️

Aimee Delano Chavez - November 04, 2021 at 09:21 PM

RV

“ Richard And Dolores Vigil lit a candle in memory of Ernestina Barela



Richard and Dolores Vigil - November 04, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ *White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Ernestina Barela.*



November 04, 2021 at 06:13 PM



“ *Preme And Lorraine lit a candle in memory of Ernestina Barela*



Preme and Lorraine - November 04, 2021 at 05:37 PM



RIP very nice to have know you so sweet to me I always got a smile from you Dance with the angels till we met again

Annette Montoya - November 04, 2021 at 06:32 PM



AMEN 🙏

Annette Montoya - November 04, 2021 at 06:33 PM



The beautiful memory of your mother will linger for the rest of your lives in your hearts and in the depths of your soul and on your mind. She will be remembered because she was truly loved. MRL

Michael La Jeunesse - November 04, 2021 at 10:35 PM

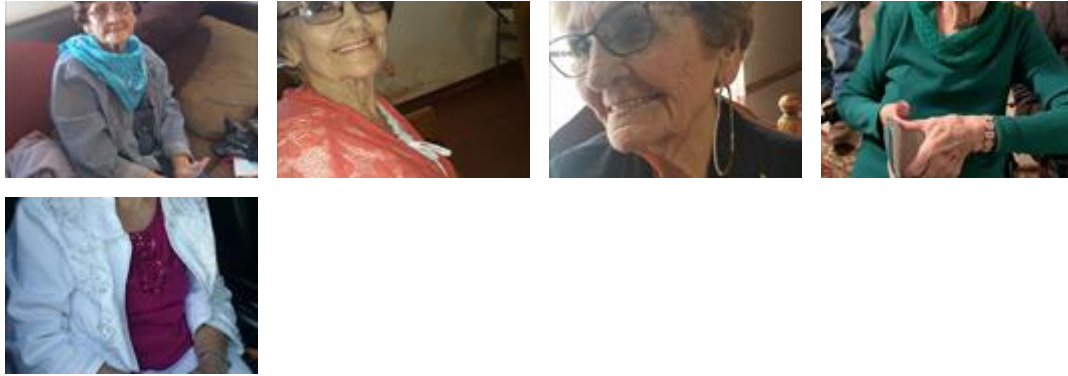


Thank you Michael. We were blessed with our precious mama ❤️

Selma Barela - November 05, 2021 at 12:19 AM

JS

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Joylene Sanchez - November 04, 2021 at 02:48 PM

KG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the entire Barela family.

Kenneth Griego - November 04, 2021 at 01:56 PM

JC

Kenneth Griego, the Barela family thanks you for your prayers!

Jean Barela Chavez - November 10, 2021 at 10:30 PM

LR

“ Sympathy and prayers for the Barela family.



Lauren L. Ruff - November 04, 2021 at 01:45 PM

PE

“ Mrs Ernestine Barela God Bless you

Pete.peralta - November 04, 2021 at 01:00 PM

SA

“ Selma and Family,

We are so sorry for the loss of your mom. What a beautiful woman! We pray God gives you the love and comfort you need at this time!

Ralph and Sophie Gutierrez Family



Shirley Aragon - November 04, 2021 at 12:10 PM

SB

Thank you Auntie Sophie's family❤️

Selma Barela - November 05, 2021 at 12:17 AM

RC

“ *Condolences and prayers for the entire family of Ernestina Barela. May she rest in peace.*

Max & Rosemarie Cordova

Rosemarie Cordova - November 03, 2021 at 10:17 PM



“ *Rest in Peace Mrs. Ernestina Barela*



Anna Zamora Torres - November 03, 2021 at 09:58 PM

RB

“ *Sending my condolences to the family. May she now Rest In Peace in her Heavenly home.*



Romy Baca - November 03, 2021 at 09:18 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ernestina Barela.*



November 03, 2021 at 06:58 PM

RS

“ *"Lit a candle In Memory of Ernestina Barela."*

*Sincerely,
Ruby Salas*



Ruby Salas - November 03, 2021 at 06:02 PM

BM

“ Beverly Mitchell lit a candle in memory of Ernestina Barela



Beverly Mitchell - November 03, 2021 at 03:50 PM

VG

“ Vangie Gabaldón lit a candle in memory of Ernestina Barela



Vangie Gabaldón - November 03, 2021 at 03:31 PM

VG

Maryann, Jean, Gillie, Pauline, Selma, Joseph, Louya, Shirley, Maxine and all the extended Barela family members, my deepest condolences at the passing of your wonderful mother. Ernestina was always so kind to me. She was such a beautiful lady whom I admired and dearly cared for. I will miss her hugs and that beautiful smile of hers. May the good Lord give you all strength and peace during this very difficult time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. May she Rest In Peace in the arms of our Lord and Savior.

Vangie Gabaldón - November 03, 2021 at 03:49 PM



“ Sincerest Sorrow - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Ernestina Barela.



November 03, 2021 at 03:17 PM

BL

“ Condolences and prayers for the entire family. May you find peace in knowing you created loving memories that can dwell in your heart forever.
Berlinda and Bill Lawson

Berlinda Lawson - November 03, 2021 at 03:11 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Ernestina Barela.*



November 03, 2021 at 01:47 PM

BE

“ *Becky.Tina&Magdalen lit a candle in memory of Ernestina Barela*



Becky.Tina&Magdalen - November 03, 2021 at 01:34 PM

ER

“ *MaryAnn, Jean, Gillie, ...A thought of comfort & condolences to you & the rest of the family. Wishing you peace and strength during this difficult time. Love and prayers. Esther and Teles Rael*



Esther and Teles Rael - November 03, 2021 at 11:43 AM

SK

“ *May our Mother Mary's mantle surround you all with peace and love. Grandma Tina was such an inspirational woman. So strong, so beautiful and graceful. Praying for all of you. Love, Sharon, Rob, Yliana, Talia and Isaac*

Sharon Trujillo Kolosseus - November 03, 2021 at 09:09 AM

EG

“ *Condolences to her children, grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. She was a wonderful, kind, and beautiful lady whom I admired and respected very much. May she Rest In Peace.*

Elizabeth (Betty) Gallegos - November 02, 2021 at 10:43 PM



“ *Viola Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Ernestina Barela*



Viola Gabaldon - November 02, 2021 at 09:54 PM

TE

“ *God Bless the family fo Grandma Tina, may Perpetual Light shine upon her. May the Lord give you all strength through this difficult time. She was a beautiful woman, inside and out, and so proud to be a small part of her family. ❤️*

Teresa - November 02, 2021 at 09:51 PM

MJ

“ *Barela Family,
Our condolences on the loss of your mother and grandmother. Prayers for all of you, cherish all the memories you made over the years, God Bless all of your family.*



Marty & Beatrice Jojola - November 02, 2021 at 08:58 PM

VI

“ *Vivian lit a candle for the family of Ernestina Barela.*



VivianGarcia - November 02, 2021 at 08:51 PM

BR

“ *Barbara Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Ernestina Barela*



Barbara Rodriguez - November 02, 2021 at 07:35 PM

BR

Our condolences for the loss of a treasured mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great-great grandmother. Prayers for the family and all her loved ones. From the Rodriguez and Weathersby Family

Barbara Rodriguez - November 02, 2021 at 07:38 PM

PM

“ *Jean Maxine, Shirley, and Family So Sorry To Hear of Your Beautiful Momma's Passing. May God's Blessing Be With all of you During this Difficult Time. may the perpetual light shine upon her Her. Stella Phillip Molina 🙏*



Phillip Stella Molina - November 02, 2021 at 07:24 PM

JA

“ *Condolences to the family. May she rest in peace. John and Mary Kay Abeyta*

John Abeyta - November 02, 2021 at 06:57 PM

DO

“ *May Auntie Tina rest in peace. She was such a kind great & strong woman, who was full of joy and Loved with all her heart . Heaven gained another Angel .*



Dominic - November 02, 2021 at 06:28 PM

MK

“ *Maxine and family, my deepest condolences to you all, your mom was such a beautiful classy lady. She was a wonderful person, always so kind to me when I saw her. May she rest in eternal peace.*



Robert, Marilyn and Vicky

Marilyn Kaneshiro - November 02, 2021 at 06:17 PM