



Espidiona Susana Pino

August 2, 1936 - January 26, 2022

1936 – 2022

Espidiona Susana Pino, age 85, a resident of Belen, NM, a wonderful wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, cousin, teacher, neighbor, and friend to many, passed away peacefully in her sleep to join all the beloved who have gone before her. Her life of adventure began in San Marcial, NM and was paved with the love of parents and extended familia who demonstrated how it is possible to work hard and love with all your heart. The family grew with two younger brothers and throughout her life Susan shared stories of their days on the farm and the “trouble” they caused or avoided, as she was a great story teller! From Susan’s tales of high school years in Belen, we imagined that it was the glory days of this community, from Isla’s Drive-In to her first job at Whiteway Café and Susan was grateful for those friendships formed in the 1950’s and the women who laughed and cried on each other’s shoulders over the decades. In her first semester at Highlands University in Las Vegas, NM she met a gentlemen named Mario Pino, who opened the door for her as she walked into a local department store. A few years later, after working as a single woman at Sandia Laboratories, Susan and Mario became husband and wife at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church and chose Belen as the place to raise their family. As a beautiful woman with a sense of humor, solid sense of style, wisdom, and intelligence, she brought her best self to working in retail at Becker Dalies Department Store, as a specialist to young children at Central Elementary School and Susan taught herself to use

a computer program at Belen Junior High to help special needs children know that they were capable and deserving of attention. After retirement, she enjoyed watching her novellas and put her heart and soul into being a wonderful grandmother and traveled the country with Mario to connect with their loved ones in Illinois, Kansas, and Colorado and cooked the meals and baked the desserts that will always bring her to mind but will never taste the same without her touch. When she got her first iPad her adventures continued online with emails containing jokes, prayers, selfies, updates on family and alter, Zoom meetings during COVID in which she asked us to all to mute our microphones and raise our hand when we had something to say- she was back in the classroom and the adventures continues to the moment of her death. Susan is preceded in death by her parents, Nazario and Josie Gonzales; daughter, Sofia Marie; and friends and relatives who are now waiting as she takes a place at the table of a great banquet that has been prepared for her since the beginning of time by God our Savior. She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Mariano (Mario); daughters, Stephanie Pino-Dressman (Terry), Rozanna Pino Kurpius (Charles), Leslie Pino Durant (Rick), Linda MacEachen (Michael); brothers, Joe (Georgia) and Casimiro Gonzales (Connie); 12 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews and cousins who loved her, all feeling better about themselves after spending time with her. May the prayer that was on a card by her bedside offer you the peace that Susan found in this life and brings back full circle round to a loving God.,

“My past, oh Lord to your mercy,

My present to your love,

My future, to your providence.” ~St. Padre Pio

A visitation will be held on Monday, February 14, 2022 at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church at 9:00 a.m., with a rosary at 10:00 a.m. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. The family suggests in lieu of flowers contributions in her name be directed to St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. Donate online to:

stjude.org . Donate by mail to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Please sign Susan's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 14. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

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

Rosary

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

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

Funeral Mass

FEB 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

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

Interment

FEB 14. 1:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens
101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Tribute Wall

JA

“ So sorry for your loss., Your wife and mom was a very nice person who always had a kind word to share., May she rest in peace.,
John Abeyta



John Abeyta - February 15, 2022 at 12:08 PM

TR

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Tina Reano - February 15, 2022 at 10:57 AM

AB

“ To Mario & family...We are very sorry to hear of Susan's passing. May God's blessings be with today & always . You will all be in our thoughts and prayers. 🙏



Annabelle Barela - February 14, 2022 at 10:33 PM

TI

“ *TinaJaramillo lit a candle in memory of
Espidiona Susana Pino*



TinaJaramillo - February 13, 2022 at 09:19 PM

JM

“ *Please accept our sincere condolences! Mr.
Pino may your beautiful wife Rest In Peace!
May your Mother's memories reside in your
heart forever!
Peace and Comfort to all.
Sincerely,
Allen and Juanita Mitchell*



Juanita Lopez Mitchell - February 13, 2022 at 11:03 AM

RB

“ *Mrs. Pino, you were one classy lady and just so darn sweet! You
always took the time to speak with me at the infamous Walmart.
It says something about your character to be married to the same
man for 60 years. You two deserve a certificate for that!.
Mr. Pino and you did a fantastic job of raising 4 AWESOME
daughters.
Now rest. God would say, "Job well done!"*

Racy Bowersox - February 12, 2022 at 11:10 PM

DA

“ Rozanna and family, my deepest and heartfelt condolences. May God wrap His arms around you guys and carry you through the days and months ahead 🙏🙏🙏



Dolores Abeyta-Garcia - February 12, 2022 at 01:41 PM

YG

“ Mario, Stephanie, Leslie, Rozanna, and Linda, your mother was a beautiful, funny, and wonderful person. Her sense of humor; always puts a smile or a hearty laugh on all those around her. May you all be comforted knowing that her strong belief in God will bring her home to be with Him. Much love, John and Yvette

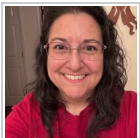
Yvette T Garrett - February 11, 2022 at 01:56 PM

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“ My heart hurts to know that this beautiful wonderful woman has transitioned. She has a special place in my heart and always will. She was like a second mom to me when I was little . I will never forget her kindness to me and my mother. My prayer and thoughts are with all the family .
-All my love Tina



Tina Reano (Padilla) - February 11, 2022 at 01:01 PM



“ Ah, my heart will always smile with thoughts of Susan. Such a lovely person, inside and out. My heart goes out to Mario, for the loss of his partner of a lifetime. For Linda and all the family, know you're all in my prayers.

Melissa Mocadlo - February 10, 2022 at 11:34 PM

YG

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Yvette Garrett - February 10, 2022 at 06:39 PM

ET

“ What can I say about my best friend, Susan? With so much sadness in my heart, I do have some cherished memories of our long friendship. Our days at Sandia Labs, our trips to California, Washington DC and New York City in our single days. Later in our married life, we shared the births of our children, their high school days, college days and marriages. We shared stories about our grandchildren and many more. I will miss our laughs together on our lengthy phone calls! Rest in Peace, my dearest friend, Eloisa

Eloisa Tabet - February 10, 2022 at 06:33 PM

RV

“ Richard And Dolores Vigil lit a candle in memory of Espidiona Susana Pino



Richard and Dolores Vigil - February 10, 2022 at 11:50 AM

AA

“ Mario, Stephanie, Anna, Leslie, and LINDA, We are so sorry for your loss. I had the joy of visiting with your mom and wife at Walmart in Dec., She shared who was coming home for christmas. We always found much to talk about every time we saw each other. Her family was the joy of her life. Of all things i will always remember about Susan was her smile she could light up a room. Her faith in our Lord was always inportant to her. I THANK GOD FOR HER. Rest in peace my friend we will miss you. lots of love and prayers, AGGIE & BERT

AGGIE ARAGON - February 09, 2022 at 02:21 PM

KS

“ Linda I am so sorry to hear about your mom, she was a special lady. May she rest in peace. Condolences and prayers to you all.
Kathy Giron Silva



Kathryn Silva - February 09, 2022 at 12:30 PM

RB

“ So sory to hear of Susan's death. We worked together at Belen Shools. She was such a beautiful and gracious lady! She will be missed. Condolances to her famly!



Ruth Baca - February 09, 2022 at 12:22 PM

LB

“ *To the Pino Family.
My condolences to the family. Susan was a nice lady. She is an
Angel in Heaven watching over her family down here on Earth.*

Laura Baca

Laura Baca - February 09, 2022 at 08:23 AM

RB

“ *What a sweet sweet lady,(and I mean LADY) she was. I remember
her when we all moved to West Chavez St!! She was the most
Beautiful, sophisticated women I'd ever seen!! Always dressed nice,
heels and hair always perfect!! We lived next door to the perfect
family!!! How I love her and always will!! May she Rest In Peace. Till
we meet again. Jesus come soon!*

Rosa Maria Blakely - February 08, 2022 at 08:51 PM

RG

“ *Mario and family. I am so sorry to hear of
Susan's passing. She was truly a friend
May the souls of the faithful departed rest in
peace. Let perpetual logjt shine upon them*



Agnes Garcia

Rose Agnes Garcia - February 08, 2022 at 02:11 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Espidiona Susana Pino.*



February 07, 2022 at 03:44 PM



“ *Tony And Oralia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Espidiona Susana Pino*



Tony and Oralia Garcia - February 07, 2022 at 03:04 PM



“ *Mrs Pino was always so welcoming and warm to me and later my whole family!! With a beautiful smile she brightened the room! She will be in my heart always!!
Love and prayers to Mr Pino and all the family!
Vicky and Dave Artzer*

Vicky Artzer - February 06, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family of Susana Pino. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Kenneth Griego - February 06, 2022 at 08:12 AM

JM

“ *Jennie Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Espidiona Susana Pino*



Jennie Mascarena - February 06, 2022 at 01:40 AM

LS

“ *I m so sorry for your loss! Prayers for the family! RIP my friend* 👍🙏



liz saiz - February 05, 2022 at 11:52 PM

BR

“ *My life has been filled with memories of Susan and they all are so special. She was a beautiful woman with a beautiful soul. She was phenomenal in her strength and grace. These things live on in her beautiful daughters and grandchildren. I have been fortunate to be part of her extended family and feel the love of a most special person. I send my love, prayers, and condolences to Mario and the girls. Love you, Barbara and Family*

Barbara Rodriguez - February 05, 2022 at 11:22 PM

MK

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. May she RIP*



Marilyn Kaneshiro - February 05, 2022 at 07:47 PM

BS

“ *Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine.
Et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Fidelium animae, per misericordiam Dei,
requiescant in pace. Amen.*



Bernardine Baca Spiers - February 05, 2022 at 03:14 PM