



Estella Marie Ortega

October 4, 1931 - March 29, 2020

1931-2020

Estella Marie Ortega, age 88, our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, went with our heavenly father peacefully on Sunday, March 29, 2020. She was a longtime resident of Jarales and worked as a cook for the Belen Consolidated Schools. Estella also worked at the Best Western, cleaning hotel rooms and was an employee at Belen Meadows for 10 years. She was married to Estanislado Ortega for 71 years and they had 10 children together and shared a bond like no other. Estella was known for her fancy, unique style, always with her bright lipstick, her cross on her neck and her purse in her hand. She dressed to impress, ready to go where ever the road took her. Estella most likely would end up casino hopping with the ladies or shopping at the malls. She had quit her passion for sewing, crocheting and making fancy munecas. Estella always attended to her family and had fresh food cooking, no matter what time or day it was. Her specialty was beans and chile and fresh papitas. She enjoyed crossword puzzles and the outdoors. Estella was always humming to the beat of her own tune. Her motherly love for all her 10 children was unconditional. She was always surrounded by her grandkids and great-grandkids, which she adored. Estella had a gentle, kind spirit, with a heart of gold. She will be missed tremendously. May her laughter and smiles continue to echo throughout the sky. Rest in peace. We love you.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Estanislado Ortega; parents, Petrita and Anselmo Rael; sisters, Maryanne Contreras and Nasarie Vallejos; brothers, Juan Jose, Lupe, Lencho, Elloy, Novard, Sylvester and Anselmo Rael, Jr.; daughter, Lucille Apodaca and Connie Ortega; her son, Michael Ortega and David Jaramillo. Estella is survived by Ignacio and Nellie Ortega; Vidal and Marylou Ortega; Christina Jaramillo; Linda and Robert Benavides; Ernie Ortega; Edward Ortega; Elaine and Victor Williams and Danny and Alexandria Ortega; many, many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren and her beloved chihuahua, Chico, x 10!

A visitation will take place on Thursday, April 2, 2020, from 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM at Romero Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Matthew Ortega, Danny Ortega, Jr., Diego Ortega, Cody Ortega, Danielle Ortega and Tony Jaramillo. The family would like to thank everyone for all the prayers and condolences at this time from the Belen community, family and friends. Sorry to her family in California that cannot make it to NM at this time. Prayers to our world and safety to all.

Please sign Estella's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com
Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 2. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel
609 N. Main St.
Belen, NM 87002
(505) 864-8501
romerofuneralhome@comcast.net
<https://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com>

Interment

APR 2. 11:00 AM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall

EP

“ Prayers sent ❤️ Our deepest condolences sent to all the family.. May God bless you all ..
Pena Family ❤️



Emma Pena - April 02, 2020 at 10:34 AM

MS

“ Elaine, Victor and family, my sincere condolences to you and the family. Prayers going up for all of you. God bless

Mary Lee Serna - April 01, 2020 at 09:58 PM

BS

“ Grandma I will miss you dearly and you will never be forgotten love you to the moon already missing you.

*Love you always
Brenda*

Brenda Schmidt - April 01, 2020 at 09:58 PM

LC

“ Our condolences to all of Tia Stella's children. May the Lord give you comfort and peace. Take care and God Bless you always.

Lawrence and Dolores Contreras - April 01, 2020 at 08:24 PM

LC

“ *Lawrence And Dolores Contreras sent a virtual gift in memory of Estella Marie Ortega*



Lawrence and Dolores Contreras - April 01, 2020 at 08:19 PM

Janet Rael

“ *Sending our condolences from Alvin Rael and family*



Janet Rael - April 01, 2020 at 08:12 PM

EM

“ *I will miss you in my heart my baby sister until we see each other again and may the lord be with you always love your sister Bessie Baca & Emilio Baca*



Evelyn Molina - April 01, 2020 at 12:03 PM

EM

“ *Evelyn Molina sent a virtual gift in memory of Estella Marie Ortega*



Evelyn Molina - April 01, 2020 at 11:58 AM

EM

“ *Nena you will be missed by all may the lord be with you always*



Evelyn Molina - April 01, 2020 at 11:55 AM

DJ

“ *May grandma rest in peace, and prayers for my whole family love you all.*



David Jaramillo - April 01, 2020 at 10:28 AM

AS

“ *Adela Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Estella Marie Ortega*



Adela Sanchez - April 01, 2020 at 10:21 AM

RA

“ *Rita C Aragon lit a candle in memory of Estella Marie Ortega*



Rita C Aragon - March 31, 2020 at 09:55 PM

JF

“ *To all of the Ortega Family,*

We are sorry for your loss of your mom, grandma, & great grandma. May God Bless you and comfort you during this difficult time and the days ahead. Our prayers are with you all.

*Marty & Beatrice Jojola
& Family*

Jojola Family - March 31, 2020 at 09:21 PM

JF

“ *Jojola Family lit a candle in memory of Estella Marie Ortega*



Jojola Family - March 31, 2020 at 09:11 PM

EF

“ *Elaine, Victor Williams and Family purchased the Pink & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Estella Marie Ortega.*



Elaine, Victor Williams and Family - March 31, 2020 at 07:29 PM

LM

“ *Lit a candle in memory of Estella Marie Ortega*

Lupita & Lorraine Montaña



Lorraine Montaña - March 31, 2020 at 07:28 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Estella Marie Ortega*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - March 31, 2020 at 05:36 PM