



Gemma Roselli

December 16, 1942 - June 1, 2017

1942-2017

Gemma O. Roselli, age 74, born and raised in Belen, NM, also a lifelong resident of Valencia County started her walk in grace and beauty with our Lord and family on June 1, 2017. She was a member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. Gemma was a dedicated Democrat and Public official. Her prize career was an Assessor for Valencia County from 1978-1986. She also volunteered for the domestic violence shelter, helped with the Children's Trust Fund, and was also on the board of directors for VIA. Gemma was well known to the Democratic Party. She worked closely with Governor Richardson in bettering the community. Gemma embraced the community her entire life. In doing so she made many life-long friends. Gemma is preceded in death by her parents, Ramon and Dora Ortega; brothers, Michael Storey and David Ortega; son, Quin Sanchez. She is survived by her children, Damon Sanchez, Felicia Nieto and husband, Charles, Thera Sanchez; grandchildren, Caitlyn Padilla and husband, Michael Ray, Ryan Lucero and Isabella Nieto; one great-grandson on the way; brother, B. Paul Ortega and wife, Diana; sister-in-law, Barbara; along with many nieces, nephews, cousins and dear friends. A very special thank you to life-long friends, Margo, Sally and Viola. We want to express gratitude to Heartland Hospice, namely, Jenny and Laura; also Dr. Bello, Megan Gorst and Paula with Presbyterian Complete Care. In Lieu of flowers the family requests a donation be made to the Alzheimer's Association In Gemma's name. All services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Wednesday, June 7, 2017. A visitation will begin at 10:30 a.m., with a Rosary to be recited at 11:30 a.m., and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow at of Belen Memorial Gardens.

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

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

101 N. 10th Street
Belen, NM 87002

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 10:30 AM (MT)

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

Rosary

JUN 7. 11:30 AM (MT)

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Funeral Mass

JUN 7. 12:00 PM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall

CR

“ Cynthia Romero lit a candle in memory of Gemma Roselli



cynthia romero - June 30, 2017 at 09:56 AM

SS

“ Gemma was always the epitome of a lady. She had a kind word for and about people, looked exquisite, and charmed everyone. — Sandy Schauer

Sandy Schauer - June 11, 2017 at 05:57 PM

TH

Thank you Sandy.

Thera - June 14, 2017 at 01:37 PM

ML

“ Felicia and Tera I am so sorry for your loss. Prayers to you both and your family.
My true Condolences.
Love,
Michelle Lozano



Michelle Lozano - June 08, 2017 at 01:23 AM

TH

Thank you Michelle!

Thera - June 08, 2017 at 01:43 PM

PC

“ Peggy Carabajal lit a candle in memory of Gemma Roselli



Peggy Carabajal - June 07, 2017 at 09:53 AM

FN

Thank you Peggy!

Felicia Nieto - June 07, 2017 at 08:53 PM



“ *I remember my aunt as a young vivacious woman. She took care of my brother and me for a time when we were young. I remember her at the Ortega family gatherings talking and laughing. She was always a beautiful lively woman that will be missed.*

Richard Ortega - June 06, 2017 at 12:43 PM



Thank you for sharing your memories!

Felicia Nieto - June 06, 2017 at 08:20 PM



Thanks Richard for sharing a wonderful memory!

Thera - June 06, 2017 at 09:34 PM



“ *Preme and Lorraine Padilla*



Preme and Lorraine Padilla - June 05, 2017 at 06:45 PM



Thank you so very much!

Felicia Nieto - June 05, 2017 at 10:28 PM



“ *My prayers go out to the family! My heart aches after hearing of the passing of this beautiful and heartfelt Lady! GEMMA was a special giving, and loving lady in my life! God bless the family with peace! We will see her again!*



Alfredo Romero - June 05, 2017 at 04:37 PM



Thank you for sharing. She will be missed by so many

Felicia Nieto - June 05, 2017 at 08:21 PM

WS

“ Damon, Felicia and Thera, I'm so sorry to hear about the loss of your Mom. She was a great lady and I know she will be missed dearly. Mine and Brian's thoughts are with you and all of the family during this. Love to all.
Bill and Brian Scott

William E Scott - June 05, 2017 at 04:22 PM

FN

Thank you Bill!

Felicia Nieto - June 05, 2017 at 08:20 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Gemma Roselli



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - June 05, 2017 at 11:31 AM

FN

Thank you for the thoughtful gesture

Felicia Nieto - June 05, 2017 at 08:20 PM

MC

“ Sad to hear of Gemma's passing. She was a classmate and a beautiful person, inside and out. My condolences to all of her loving family.

Maxine Conant - June 05, 2017 at 11:07 AM

FN

Thank you Maxine 😊

Felicia Nieto - June 05, 2017 at 08:19 PM

KK

“ Kevin & Denise Kurtz lit a candle in memory of Gemma Roselli



Kevin & Denise Kurtz - June 05, 2017 at 06:39 AM

FN

Thank you!

Felicia Nieto - June 05, 2017 at 08:35 AM

RJ

“ *Damon, Felicia, Thera, and family. So sorry for the loss of your mother. God bless you all through this difficult time. Gemma was beautiful inside and out. Prayers to you and your families.*

Richard Jaramillo - June 04, 2017 at 05:27 PM

FN

Thank you Richard!

Felicia Nieto - June 04, 2017 at 10:53 PM

DT

“ *Thera, Felicia, Damon and family. So sorry for the loss of your mother. God bless you all through this difficult time. She was a beautiful and kind women.*



Donetta Torrez - June 04, 2017 at 03:44 PM

FN

Thanks Donetta!

Felicia Nieto - June 04, 2017 at 10:54 PM

AT

“ *Damon, Felicia, Thera and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Gemma was such a wonderful lady, so classy and always so kind. I pray that God gives you all the strength you will need to get through this very sad time, and peace knowing she is resting and with Quin now. My thoughts and prayers will be with you.
Love,
Angela Trujillo*

Angela Trujillo - June 04, 2017 at 12:06 AM

FN

She is with Quin. Thank you

Felicia Nieto - June 04, 2017 at 10:55 PM

LP

“ Lenore G Pena lit a candle in memory of Gemma Roselli



Lenore G Pena - June 03, 2017 at 11:46 PM

FN

Thank you

Felicia Nieto - June 04, 2017 at 10:56 PM



Thank you

Damon Sanchez - June 05, 2017 at 05:17 PM

TJ

“ Tanya Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Gemma Roselli



Tanya Jaramillo - June 03, 2017 at 11:22 PM

FN

Thank you Tanya

Felicia Nieto - June 04, 2017 at 10:56 PM



Thank you

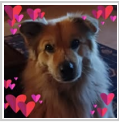
Damon Sanchez - June 05, 2017 at 05:20 PM

FN

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Felicia Nieto - June 03, 2017 at 09:42 PM



This is the way I remember your Mom, just gorgeous!! I am so sorry for your loss.

Darleen Aragon - June 07, 2017 at 10:56 AM

OR

“ Paul & Family,

Gemma was that rare acorn that fell from the oak. A daughter of Ramon Ortega could not have been other than a democrat and public servant! She was born to serve those she loved and for that she will always merit our gratitude. No eye could have observed Valencia County any better and have had the drive and patience to serve it. Kudos to her!



The people of Valencia County have lost a great public servant. It was no small charge for her to have enjoyed the sun; dreamed of what needed to be done and have had that presence to do it for those she loved and needed it.

The "harp-player" has played her last mortal note. Where is she? In keeping with her Catholic faith, she is now in Heaven and at rest.

I submit condolences on behalf Sue, myself and family. May time bring solace to your hearts.

Oscar S. Ramirez

Oscar Ramirez - June 03, 2017 at 06:25 PM

FN

So beautifully written! Thank you for the kind words :)

Felicia Nieto - June 04, 2017 at 10:55 PM



Thank you for your kind and special words

Damon Sanchez - June 05, 2017 at 05:18 PM

LG

“ To the Family of Gemma O. Roselli,

My deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved Gemma. I met Gemma over 30 years ago through my job. Working closely with Gemma, she was so eager and professional in making sure that my job went smoothly. Her warm and genuine personality made it easy for me to work with her office. Any time that I would run into Gemma, we would always talk about our time of working together and politics, of course. It had been a long time since seeing her, but when I met up with Caitlyn, and found out that she was Gemma's granddaughter, I felt like Gemma was back into my life again. Thank you, Caitlyn for chatting and sharing with me as to how Gemma was doing. God Bless you and your family!

Lucy Tapia Gonzales

Lucy Tapia Gonzales - June 03, 2017 at 01:40 PM

FN

Thank you for sharing your memories!

Felicia Nieto - June 04, 2017 at 10:57 PM



Thank you Lucy

Damon Sanchez - June 05, 2017 at 05:18 PM

WD

“ I was shocked to learn of Gemma's passing. I no longer live in NM, but I'd known Gemma for over 30 years. She was a wonderful person, so full of life, always smiling and friendly. My sincere condolences to her family and friends.

*Wendy (formerly Tabet) Dunford
Pennsylvania*

Wendy (Tabet) Dunford - June 03, 2017 at 08:13 AM

FN

Thank you!

Felicia Nieto - June 04, 2017 at 10:57 PM



Thank you

Damon Sanchez - June 05, 2017 at 05:19 PM

MG

“ *Mildred Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Gemma Roselli*



Mildred Gonzalez - June 02, 2017 at 10:49 PM

FN

Thank you

Felicia Nieto - June 04, 2017 at 10:57 PM



Thank you

Damon Sanchez - June 05, 2017 at 05:19 PM

MS

“ *We are so sorry to hear of the passing of Gemma. She was always a friend that had the that special way of making you feel happy. To the family, please know that we thought the world of your mom. The stars are shining a little brighter with her up there. God Bless you all. Michael and Lynn Sanchez and family*

Michael & Lynn Sanchez - June 02, 2017 at 09:44 PM

FN

Thank you for your kind words

Felicia Nieto - June 04, 2017 at 10:58 PM

PS

“ *Damon , My Deepest Sympathies. May Gemma Rest in Peace. Prayers for you and your family during this difficult time .God Bless you my friend🙏*



Paul Silva - June 02, 2017 at 08:36 PM

CE

“ *Charles & Diane Eaton lit a candle in memory of Gemma Roselli*



Charles & Diane Eaton - June 02, 2017 at 07:56 PM



Thank you

Felicia Nieto - June 04, 2017 at 10:58 PM



Thank you

Damon Sanchez - June 05, 2017 at 05:20 PM



“ *Dear Damon, Felicia and Thera, it's hard to believe the passing of your Mother .
Please know you will be in my thoughts and prayers and I love you all very much..
Andrew*

Andrew Sanchez - June 02, 2017 at 11:34 AM



Thanks Uncle!

Felicia Nieto - June 04, 2017 at 10:58 PM



Thank you Uncle

Damon Sanchez - June 05, 2017 at 05:19 PM