



Joan Lovato Romero

July 26, 1935 - July 10, 2020

1935 -2020

Joan Lovato Romero, 84, passed away on July 10, 2020, surrounded by her loving children. She was born in July of 1935, in Mount Taylor, NM, moved with her parents to Los Lunas, NM as a little girl and graduated from Los Lunas High School. Joan was the daughter of the late Eleanor Diaz and Luciano Lovato. She married Clemente Romero and made Tomé, NM her home for the rest of her life. Joan worked at the Los Lunas Hospital and Training School for 30 years, where so many co-workers became family. She was an active member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Tomé. Joan took pride in hosting Las Posadas in her home and making her delicious food for many who attended. She had an infectious cheerful personality and a love for life like no other. Joan loved climbing El Cerro de Tomé, cooking, spending time with her family, trips to Las Vegas, Nevada, and she enjoyed working in the yard. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eleanor Diaz and Luciano Lovato; the father of her children, Clemente Romero; son, Alfred "Freddy" Romero; sisters, Ellen Place, Mary McCarroll; and brothers, Benny Valenzuela and Robert J. "Bobby" Valenzuela. Joan is survived by her daughters, Barbara A. Baca (Felix C. Baca) and Rosemarie Romero (Sal Sanchez); her sons, Clem Romero, Jr. (Stella Romero) and Paul A. Romero; sisters, Shirley Gowens, Diana Ray (Marty Ray); brother, Lawrence Valenzuela (Maria Valenzuela); grandchildren, Carlo (Jennifer), Andrea, Tiffany (Manny), Janelle Monique (Daniel), Dana, Dawn, Darlene

(Todd), Ryan, Anthony (Ellie), Savannah, SeanPaul, and Chantel; and great grandchildren, Hugh, Clover, Jeromey, Kayden, and Giovanni. She is also survived by loving in-laws, nieces, nephews and countless life-long friends. Because of COVID-19, services will be for family only. A mass celebrating Joan's life will be scheduled at a later date when it is allowable for all to attend safely.

Pallbearers: Clem Romero, Jr., Paul Romero, Anthony Trujillo, Janelle Monique Romero, Anthony Romero, and Chantel Trujillo. Honorary Pallbearer: Felix C. Baca

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

Tribute Wall

CT

“ Chantel Trujillo lit a candle in memory of Joan Lovato Romero



Chantel Trujillo - December 10, 2025 at 02:25 PM

RR

“ Thank you so much for all of your love and thoughtfulness. Please continue to keep us in your prayers. We are lost without my mom but we are so thankful we had her in our lives as long as we did. We were so very blessed to have her as our mom. We love you all! ❤️

Rosemarie Romero - October 28, 2020 at 05:40 PM

BZ

“ Rose , so sorry to hear of your Mama's passing, I was always glad to see and speak to Joni, she always has a big beautiful smile, And a positive outlook on life, I was always amazed how she would walk that the Tome Hill all the time.. she was a very strong woman,(but of course you know that). God bless you and all your family Rose, We'll be keeping you all your family in our prayers 🙏 especially your mom, may she Rest In Peace 🙏
Marty & Bernadette Zamora



Bernadette Zamora - August 07, 2020 at 09:07 AM

RR

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Rosemarie Romero - October 28, 2020 at 05:39 PM

DJ

“ We are very sorry for the loss to the family and community. Condolences from Stephanie Carrasco Gallegos and her family (Diane Gallegos Jouppi and family, Denise Gallegos and family and Debbie Moya and family).

Diane Jouppi - July 23, 2020 at 02:39 PM

DJ

“ Condolences to the family. I worked with Joann for many years. I was very sad to hear of her passing. Irene Gebbon

Diane Jouppi - July 23, 2020 at 02:33 PM

DW

“ My condolences to Joan's family. I worked with your mom @ LLHTS and ADORED her. She was amazing. She inspired me when she'd describe her walks uphill Tome Hill- even DC iring snap lion e season!! She was very dedicated and motivated me to exercise. I can still taste her green chili and tortillas- it was like a masterpiece and in the fall we'd devour fresh roasted chili for snacks. She was so kind hearted and her magnificent beautiful smile will always live in my memory. I'm so sorry to hear of your loss and hope that your family is healthy and safe. Blessings to you all.

Deb Woodward - July 22, 2020 at 03:52 PM

RR

My mom talked about you. I miss her so much. I pray to God to make me like her!!

Rosemarie Romero - March 05, 2021 at 11:12 PM

KF

“ *My Deepest Sympathies on the loss of your mom..*

Kathy Jaramillo Moya n Family - July 20, 2020 at 10:12 AM

MA

“ *HI JOAN MY DEAR SCHOOL FRIEND
GOD WILL KEEP YOU IN HIS ARMS. HAVE NOT SEEN YOU FOR YEARS
I WILL ALL WAYS THINK OF YOU AS A HAPPY PERSON! & ALL THE GOOD
TIMES WE SHARED IN ARE TEEN AGE YEARS.
YOUR DEAR FRIEND MABEL FROM CALIF.
AND ALL OUR FAMILY THE ARTIAGA'S FROM LOS LUNAS!!!*

MABEL - July 18, 2020 at 10:14 PM

RG

Hi Joan, I remember you from the Training School. We both worked in the Education Dept. I remember when we discussed our ancestry being that there were Lovato's on my side of the family. It sure was nice knowing you. Your friend (cousin), Agnes.

Rose Agnes Garcia - July 20, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ Although, I did not know Joan Romero, I knew that she was a special person because of her daughter Rosemarie Romero with whom I worked with at UNM. Rosemarie, my Mana Rosa, possessed all of the good qualities of our culture, particularly a since sense of hospitality. I know that this did not come from nowhere but by following her momma's example. May Joan rest in peace and may the angels lead her into Paradise. Es mi sincero pésame y condolencias.



Felipe Mirabal - July 18, 2020 at 08:52 PM



“ Rest in Peace, Mrs. Joan Romero.



Anna Zamora Torres - July 18, 2020 at 08:41 PM

PC

“ Prescilla Medina Camarena lit a candle in memory of Joan Lovato Romero



Prescilla Medina Camarena - July 18, 2020 at 06:35 PM

AS

“ Rose, Clem, Paul and Barbara .I was devastated and in shock to hear that your mother had passed and left this world. She will be greatly missed and never ever forgotten. I will never forget her special laugh that was hers all alone . There is no one that could duplicate it . And of course if my aunties name ever came up so did the mention of her delicious food. There was no other like it. Unfortunately We will no longer be hearing that special laugh or tasting all that delicious food . My Auntie has now entered into the Kingdom of God .A Journey she has been working toward her whole life., our Lord has called her name and taken her to her final home. The same home that is waiting for all of us one day. So as much as we are going to miss her and hurt that she's gone we must always remember that there will be a time when Our Lord calls our names and we will all eventually be together again in Gods Kingdom May God Bless you and keep you close to his heart . May God give courage and strength to get through the days to come and help heal you. And know that the Love I have for you was yesterday , today , tomorrow And Always. Your Cuz Arleen



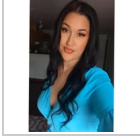
Arleen Sanchez - July 18, 2020 at 02:13 PM

EG

“ EdwardJames Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Joan Lovato Romero



EdwardJames Gonzales - July 17, 2020 at 11:28 PM



“ Dearest Joan, I love and miss you, I will never forget you. We will meet again. Te Amo.

-Margarita

Estrella Flores - July 17, 2020 at 10:20 PM



“ This is a sad time for many reasons we should be celebrating Joan’s joyful spirit. For some of us we won’t be able to that right now . But we have the wonderful memories. Joan made people smile! She grew up and was a very close neighbor and friend of our Montaño family! She was Loved! I didn’t know she actually came from Mt. Taylor where my parents came from. She was a strong women. An inspiration to all! We will miss her mesmerizing smile and energetic charisma! We may not be with you physically but we are connected with our hearts ! God Bless You all! We love you!

Karen Romero - July 17, 2020 at 12:24 PM



“ Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Joan Lovato Romero.



July 17, 2020 at 08:52 AM



“ To the families of Joan and especially my good long-time friend Clem, so sorry to hear about Joan's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you! Blessings
Diana DeBaca (Joel) Mireles & The DeBaca Family

Diana y DeBaca Mireles - July 16, 2020 at 09:08 PM



“ *My deepest condolences a toda la familia; Los siento mucho! Que decanse en paz Joan.*

Jimmy Perea - July 16, 2020 at 08:17 PM



“ *My Name is Anne Gaerlan Remembering back in the days when My Parent Isidro& Agneda Garcia would go visit the Zamora's and we would always go visit she was such a Beautiful Lady Our Deepest Condolences to all the Family ! 🙏❤️*

Anne Garcia Gaerlan - July 16, 2020 at 08:11 PM



“ *ELEANOR CRAWFORD purchased the White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Joan Lovato Romero.*



ELEANOR CRAWFORD - July 16, 2020 at 05:40 PM



“ *Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Joan Lovato Romero.*



July 16, 2020 at 02:00 PM

BC

“ I have many good memories of Joan, she was my sis in law. She was very caring and family meant everything to her! I will always remember her beautiful smile and all the hours we spent talking when our children were little.

Rest in Peace beautiful Joan! all my love, Betty Carpenter

betty J carpenter - July 15, 2020 at 02:59 PM

 Linda Sandoval-Sherman

“ Linda Sandoval-Sherman lit a candle in memory of Joan Lovato Romero



Linda Sandoval-Sherman - July 15, 2020 at 02:59 PM

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I am so sorry for your loss she was such a beautiful woman.

Linda Sandoval-Sherman - July 15, 2020 at 03:00 PM

LS

“ Barbara and Rosemary and Romero family, My prayers and thoughts are with you at you time of grief. Your mom was and will always be in my mind so special. She always made my day a little happier for having been with her. God bless you. Lucille Sais

Lucille Sais - July 15, 2020 at 10:08 AM

KG

“ Ken Garcia lit a candle in memory of Joan Lovato Romero



Ken Garcia - July 15, 2020 at 01:54 AM

MA

“ MaryAlice sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Lovato Romero



MaryAlice - July 15, 2020 at 12:53 AM

JS

“ Rosemarie, Chantel, Paul, Clemente and the rest of the family, our condolences to you all, may the God of comfort you all at this time of sorrow and give you strength in the days ahead. Your mom was a great lady and a good neighbor when we lived there in Tome, may she rest in peace. Love and prayers to you all. The Salas Family: Jeanette, Rebecca, and Ramon.



Jeanette Salas - July 14, 2020 at 10:33 PM

MA

“ *MagdalenSanchez lit a candle in memory of Joan Lovato Romero*



MagdalenSanchez - July 14, 2020 at 08:56 PM

PC

“ *My condolences to the Romero family.*



Patsy Carrasco - July 14, 2020 at 08:40 PM

JL

“ *Signing this not only by me but for my mother Rosemary. 🕊️ My deepest condolences. My mom always shared stories about how her and Joann hung out together since elementary school. she said Joann was always so happy and a lot of fun. God bless you Rosemary, Clem and Paul And the rest of the family you are in are prayers 🙏 Rosemary Lopez & Jan Lopez Micaletti*

Jan Lopez Micaletti & Rosemary Lopez - July 14, 2020 at 08:30 PM

AD

“ *Rosemary, I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. She was such a beautiful lady with quite the sense of humor (just like you) Prayers for you and your family.*

Anna Duran - July 14, 2020 at 06:25 PM

AJ

“ Alma And Fred Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Joan Lovato Romero



Alma and Fred Jaramillo - July 14, 2020 at 04:59 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Joan Lovato Romero



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - July 14, 2020 at 03:49 PM

LN

“ Liz Najar sent a virtual gift in memory of Joan Lovato Romero



Liz Najar - July 14, 2020 at 02:49 PM

RG

“*Rose, Chantel, Paul and the rest of the Romero family, We are soo sorry for your loss, I remember your mom as the most positive person I knew. She instilled in into her kids, you guys all reflect it and should be proud of that.*



I loved her posole, it was the best ever.

Remember, you may have lost her physically, but we will never forget our memories of her. Always smiling. No more pain, her smile is probably even bigger now.

*Much love and prayers,
Richard and Patricia Garcia*

Richard and Patricia Garcia - July 14, 2020 at 02:11 PM

DC

“*Memories of Joan and my mother brings a smile to my face. Their friendship was solid, deep and meaningful. Thank you Joan for loving my mom and her children. Your joy for life was an inspiration and will never be forgotten. My deepest sympathy to the entire Family.*

Delbert James Chavez - July 14, 2020 at 01:16 PM

DZ

“*Daniel Zamora lit a candle in memory of Joan Lovato Romero*



daniel zamora - July 14, 2020 at 01:14 PM

JA

“ *What an honor it was to have such a beautiful soul in my life! Thank you for excepting me and loving me from the time I was a kid, through out my life and expanding it out to my little family. Your love was grand and we are all truly blessed that we got to experience that love throughout your beautiful life that you selflessly shared. Thank you Romero family for sharing your beautiful mom, grandma, auntie, cousin and friend with us.*

Journey well! Love you forever and always!

~ The Lasley's : Von, Jackie, Dayvien & Draven

Jackie - July 14, 2020 at 12:19 PM

VG

“ *Viola Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Joan Lovato Romero*



Viola Gabaldon - July 13, 2020 at 08:53 PM

VG

I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. May she Rest In Peace.

Viola Gabaldon - July 13, 2020 at 08:55 PM

AG

My prayers and sympathies to your family. I remember Joann as a friendly and positive person.

Ann Garcia - July 14, 2020 at 12:43 AM

LH

To the Family of Joan Romero. I am so sorry for your loss. As your Mom, she was a real treasure. I'll never forget her delicious red chile. God comfort you.

Lydia Z. Havens (Julian's sister)

Lydia Z. Havens - July 14, 2020 at 06:13 PM

BC

My love goes to all the family during this difficult time. Losing your mother is so hard, May God give you comfort and peace! Love Auntie Betty Carpenter

betty J carpenter - July 15, 2020 at 03:03 PM

LO

May your mom RIP! She was a beautiful person inside and out. She will be missed!

Lupe Olguin - July 16, 2020 at 05:46 PM