



## Joyce Shirley Phillips

November 18, 1931 - October 6, 2013

1931-2013

Joyce “Jo” Phillips, age 81, accomplished artist and equestrian, loving mother, grandmother, and friend went to be with our Lord on Sunday, October 6, 2013 at 6:33 a.m. Jo was a member of the Belen Art League, Tome Gallery, Fiber to Finish, and has shown her artwork at the Harvey House, as well as many other shows in and around Belen. She was born in Muskegon, Michigan, but always loved New Mexico and its people where she lived for over four decades. She has a Bachelor’s Degree in Fine Art, and continued her quest for knowledge until the end. Jo was also a true advocate for all animals, believing they were gifts from God. Jo lived her life on her own terms, and she was genuinely her own person. She was preceded in death by her parents; and granddaughter, Hannah. Jo leaves behind two daughters, Kimmie Smith and Robin Phillips; son, Aaron Phillips; eight grandchildren; and eleven great-grandchildren. A Visitation will be held at Romero Funeral Home Chapel on Wednesday, October 9, at 11:00 a.m. with a Funeral Service to be held at 12:00 p.m. with Pastor Larry Chambers officiating. Interment will be held at a later date. Sign Jo’s online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

OCT 9. 11:00 AM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel  
609 N. Main St.  
Belen, NM 87002  
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## Funeral Service

OCT 9. 12:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

DD

“ We want to extend our deepest sympathy to the Phillips family. Jo was a wonderful person with an amazing sense of humor. I loved her stories and her down-to-earth manner. She was a talented artist and her purses were true works of art. I'll miss seeing her sitting at her spinning wheel and telling me about her love of animals and of New Mexico. We'll miss her so much.

*Diana and Bobby Dow*

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**Diana and Bobby Dow** - October 10, 2013 at 07:36 PM

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“ Lit a candle in memory of Jo Phillips. She was such a wonderful person. We'll miss you. God bless all of the family at this most difficult time.

*Love, Adam & Ruby Salas*



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**Adam & Ruby Salas** - October 08, 2013 at 05:56 PM

BC

“ Dear Phillips Family,

*Please accept my sincere sympathy on the loss of your very dear loved one. Joyce (Jo) was quite the artist, flower designer, interior decorator, etc. She was extremely talented and such a wonderful person!*

*She once designed a beautiful corsage/sash for me when she worked at a flower shop called "Forever Flowers". It was one of the most beautiful things I've ever seen - such a talent in so many ways. She will surely be missed. My prayers go out to the whole family...*

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**Beverly Castillo** - October 08, 2013 at 02:54 PM

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“ *Robin and Family...  
My sincerest sympathy to all of you! Hope the  
Lord comforts you in this sad time.  
God Bless,  
Tarla Hill  
NEA-Belen Co-President*



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**Tarla Hill** - October 08, 2013 at 02:30 PM

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“ *Robin & family,  
  
We are so sorry for your loss. If there is  
anything we can do to help you please let us  
know.  
  
God bless you,  
Bernice Montoya, NEA-Belen Co-Presidents*



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**Bernice Montoya** - October 08, 2013 at 02:07 PM

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“ *Jo was, in my mind, was Valencia County's greatest artist and one  
of the great artists in New Mexico. She did this wonderful organic  
work that resonated with the souls of her observers. I am sure like  
many artists she spent time in lonely solitude and had her own  
demons that she battled. May she be free of them now as she  
crosses over to the other side. She has left some beautiful footprints  
on this earth.*

*Barbara Garrett*

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**Barbara Garrett** - October 08, 2013 at 06:41 AM