



## Juanita Dolores Silva

December 21, 1963 - November 12, 2014

1963-2014

Juanita Dolores Silva, age 50, a resident of Los Lunas, NM peacefully passed away on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 after a two year battle with cancer. She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Peralta. She enjoyed volunteering and giving her love to the church community. Juanita is a West Mesa High School graduate class of 1981. She attended the University of New Mexico and graduated from beauty school. She lived in Oregon during a short time from 1993 to 1995. In 1996, Juanita met Ivan Silva and they got married on August 21, 1999. On February 9, 2004, Juanita gave birth to their very first daughter Leah. Juanita was a beautiful and wonderful mother, wife, daughter, sister, auntie, and friend. She was preceded in death by her grandpa, Angel Hernandez; and maternal grandparents, Jose L. and Sinforosa Vigil. Juanita is survived by her loving husband of 15 years, Ivan Silva; daughter, Leah Silva; parents, Francisco and Priscilla Hernandez; grandmother, Senovia Hernandez (102 years old); brother, Anthony Hernandez and wife, Connie; nephew and niece, Aaron and Kristen Hernandez; sisters, Marguerite and Concepta Hernandez and Maria Fontenot; and brother, Joseph Hernandez. She is also survived by many loving cousins, aunts, and uncles. All services will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, on Monday, November 17th beginning with a Viewing at 9:30 a.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 10:30 a.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Valencia Catholic Cemetery. Sign Juanita's

online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609  
N. Main Street, Belen, NM

# Cemetery Details

## Valencia Catholic Cemetery

Peralta, NM 87042

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 17. 9:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church  
3674 Highway 47  
Peralta, NM 87042

## Rosary

NOV 17. 10:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church  
3674 Highway 47  
Peralta, NM 87042

## Funeral Mass

NOV 17. 11:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church  
3674 Highway 47  
Peralta, NM 87042

# Tribute Wall

IV

“ *Ivan lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



Ivan - November 12, 2025 at 08:56 AM

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“ *Ivan lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



Ivan - November 12, 2024 at 07:45 AM

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“ *Ivan lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



Ivan - November 12, 2023 at 09:31 AM

IV

“ *Ivan sent a virtual gift in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



Ivan - December 22, 2022 at 12:07 AM

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“ Ivan sent a virtual gift in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva



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Ivan - August 21, 2022 at 09:05 AM

IV

“ Juanita would be 58 today. Love you.



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Ivan - December 21, 2021 at 06:35 PM

IV

“ 7 years since Juanita passed away. It was a pleasure coming home everyday to Juanita. She always had a smile for me.



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Ivan - November 12, 2021 at 09:26 PM

IV

“ Ivan sent a virtual gift in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva



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Ivan - August 22, 2021 at 09:48 AM

IV

“ Juanita would be 57. Happy birthday. Love you.



Ivan - December 22, 2020 at 09:16 AM

IV

“ Today is 6 years since Juanita's passing. She is greatly missed. She will always be remembered and loved.



Ivan - November 13, 2020 at 12:55 AM

IV

“ Today is our 21st wedding anniversary. Love you Juanita.



Ivan - August 22, 2020 at 01:12 AM

IV

“ Today is Juanita's birthday. She would be 56 today. Love you Juanita.



Ivan - December 21, 2019 at 11:21 PM

IV

“ It has been 5 years since Juanita passed away. She is greatly missed. I am so thankful Juanita was in my life.



Ivan - November 12, 2019 at 10:35 PM

IV

“ Today is our 20 year wedding anniversary. Love you Juanita.



Ivan - August 21, 2019 at 11:27 PM

IV

“ Juanita was truly a great mother. Happy mother's day.



Ivan - May 13, 2019 at 01:53 AM

IV

“ One of Juanita's Christmas traditions was to make a cake and sing happy birthday to Jesus. Miss and love you Juanita.



Ivan - December 25, 2018 at 11:42 PM

IV

“ *Today Juanita would be 55. Happy birthday my love.*



Ivan - December 21, 2018 at 05:15 PM

IV

“ *Today marks four years since Juanita passed away. I love and miss you so much.*



Ivan - November 12, 2018 at 10:34 PM

IV

“ *Today is our 19 year wedding anniversary. That was a beautiful sunny day with family and friends. Juanita looked so beautiful that day.*



Ivan - August 21, 2018 at 10:29 PM

IV

“ *Merry Christmas Juanita. We all love and miss you.*



Ivan - December 25, 2017 at 11:20 PM

IV

“ *Happy birthday Juanita. Love you.*



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**Ivan** - December 21, 2017 at 08:31 AM

IV

“ *This is the three year anniversary of Juanita's passing. She made my life so much better by being in it. She will always be loved.*



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**Ivan** - November 12, 2017 at 11:25 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Ivan** - August 23, 2017 at 08:47 PM

IV

“ *Happy Anniversary Juanita. We were married 18 years ago today. Truly a happy day. Thank you and love you.*



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**Ivan** - August 21, 2017 at 10:42 PM

PS

“ Hello Juanita. There is not a day that goes by that we don't pray for you. You were a great example of good Christian living. We miss you so much. Family gatherings don't have the same feel without you. As 2017 starts I ask that you send us a sign that you are ok, especially to Ivan. He seems sad and a bit lonely lately. I worry about him. He loved you more than you knew. I know that you are Leahs' angel and she is going to be all you ever dreamed of and more. Thanks for all the love and support you gave us over the years. I wish I would have been a better brother in law. May God shine a perpetual light upon you now and forever. We love you Juanita. Patrick, Teresa, Veronica, and Alessandra.

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**Patrick Silva** - January 09, 2017 at 05:14 PM

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*We thank you guys for all the prayers and support.*

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**Ivan** - January 11, 2017 at 11:32 PM

IV

“ This was Leah's first Christmas. Juanita was definitely happy. Wonderful memories with Juanita.



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**Ivan** - December 25, 2016 at 10:06 PM

IV

“ Happy Birthday Juanita.



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Ivan - December 21, 2016 at 11:56 PM

IV

“ This is the 2 year anniversary of Juanita's passing. I miss her and I know every one else does too. Thanks to all who have helped us and continue to do so.



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Ivan - November 12, 2016 at 05:31 PM

IV

“ Happy Anniversary. Love and miss you.



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Ivan - August 21, 2016 at 11:42 PM

IV

“ Well its been 1 year and we miss you so much. Your kindness and beauty live on in our daughter. I wish we had more time to be together but am grateful for the time we did have. Thanks to everyone for the prayers and support. Love you lots Juanita.

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Ivan - November 12, 2015 at 11:19 PM

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“ Happy mother's day. You were the best mother. You put your all into being a mom. We miss and love you so much.



ivan - May 11, 2015 at 12:10 AM

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“ Merry Christmas Juanita. You were always the one who made Christmas enjoyable. The cake you would bake, the gifts you would give that you had been getting throughout the year, to you wonderful sweet nature and beautiful smile. Everyone misses you. I miss and love you.

ivan - December 26, 2014 at 12:43 AM

IV

“ Happy birthday Juanita! We had a few good celebrations together. I wish we had more. Thanks to everyone who keeps you alive in memory. When we had our baby you made your birthday something special for her too. We would go out to eat but it would be at a place Leah liked too. You are the best momma and wife ever. Love you



ivan - December 21, 2014 at 11:45 PM

IV

“ One week ago you left this world. I will finish the work you started like raising our daughter, writing the thank you cards, reading the books we like and watching the movies you enjoyed together. You brought out the best in me. Ivan

ivan - November 19, 2014 at 10:03 PM

CO

*Thank you Ivan! You are awesome!*

**Concepta** - November 20, 2014 at 06:06 PM

NM

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Silva Family. Our thoughts and prayers remain with the family during this difficult time. May the Lord be your strength and give you peace.*

*Robert, Norma Lucas and Marissa Martinez*

**Norma Martinez** - November 18, 2014 at 10:33 PM



YM

“ *Yvonne Marquez lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*

**Yvonne Marquez** - November 18, 2014 at 09:50 PM



TE

“ *We will miss you! You were a wonderful Godmother to Allie who always remembered her on her name day which happened to be your birthday! You were also a wonderful auntie to Veronica! Carving pumpkins with everyone at Halloween at your house is something we will always remember!*

*We Love You!*

*Patrick, Teresa, Veronica, & Alessandra*

**Teresa** - November 18, 2014 at 08:30 PM

TE

“ Teresa lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva



Teresa - November 18, 2014 at 08:22 PM

PA

“ Patrick, Teresa, Veronica, & Allie lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva



Patrick, Teresa, Veronica, & Allie - November 18, 2014 at 08:21 PM

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“ Patrick, Teresa, Veronica, & Allie lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva



Patrick, Teresa, Veronica, & Allie - November 18, 2014 at 08:19 PM

LC

“ I'm so sorry I was not able to attend the services. My prayers are with all of you. Lupe Cummings



Lupe Cummings - November 18, 2014 at 08:02 PM

LC

“ *Lupe Cummings lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



Lupe Cummings - November 18, 2014 at 08:00 PM

JF

“ *Juanita, you will be truly missed. We may not have talked often enough, but you are in my heart! I can still hear your laugh and see your beautiful smile. I know you will watch over us, especially Leah and Ivan. May you rest Peacefully without anymore pain. Ivan and Leah you two will be in my prayers!*



Jennifer Hagan & Family - November 18, 2014 at 04:55 PM

BA

“ *God Bless You Juanita, You were such a wonderful person, you have such a great family. you will be greatly missed. Leah, close your eyes, Your mama is always with you forever, right next to you. Remember Heaven is for Real. Write down all the wonderful stories and things your mama told you. She is your Saint in heaven. God Bless you and we love you . Bea Acosta, Sunshine Snider & family.*



Beatrice Acosta - November 18, 2014 at 09:38 AM

LS

“ *Leah Silva lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



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**Leah Silva** - November 17, 2014 at 10:02 PM

LS

“ *Leah Silva lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



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**Leah Silva** - November 17, 2014 at 10:00 PM

CH

“ *Concepta Hernandez sent a virtual gift in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



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**Concepta Hernandez** - November 17, 2014 at 09:59 PM

LS

“ *Leah Silva sent a virtual gift in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



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**Leah Silva** - November 17, 2014 at 09:57 PM

LS

“ *Leah Silva sent a virtual gift in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



Leah Silva - November 17, 2014 at 09:56 PM

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“ *Leah Silva sent a virtual gift in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



Leah Silva - November 17, 2014 at 09:55 PM

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“ *Leah Silva sent a virtual gift in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



Leah Silva - November 17, 2014 at 09:54 PM

LS

“ *Leah Silva sent a virtual gift in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



Leah Silva - November 17, 2014 at 09:52 PM

CH

“ *Concepta Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



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**Concepta Hernandez** - November 17, 2014 at 09:44 PM

CH

“ *My sister Juanita was the most considerate woman I know and her daughter Leah was always on her mind. She was a protective mother and a mama bear when it came to Leah. After her second surgery (in October), she was in a lot of pain from the surgery, the cancer, and in her legs. One night, a day or two after the surgery, she woke up saying "it hurts, it hurts!" I got up to her bedside and asked: "Juana, tell me where it hurts." She paused and said "it hurts that I can't take care of Leah." Wow. How does one assuage that kind of pain? So I told her "Juanie, you are doing the best thing you could be doing for Leah by trying to get better." She calmed down and fell back to sleep. The next day I told Ivan about what she said so I got a 24" helium balloon shaped like a bear holding a heart and the words "Big Hug" at the bottom, then I wrote a note that I thought Juanita would write for Leah: "From Mama Bear to Baby Bear Heart, I love you and miss you." When she woke up that morning, I told Juanita about it and she said "that's right" and liked the idea. Leah loved the bear balloon.*

*Juanie, I love you and miss you.*

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**Concepta Hernandez** - November 17, 2014 at 09:43 PM

LS

“ *Leah Silva lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



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**Leah Silva** - November 17, 2014 at 09:02 PM

LS

“ *Here is a poem I thought of "mom, my mom. I love you. Love you today tomorrow and always."Miss you and love you!!!!!!!!!!*

*From Leah ;- ) B-) :-)*

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**Leah Silva** - November 17, 2014 at 09:01 PM

IV

“ *You were and always will be my best friend. Love and miss you.*  
*Ivan*

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**Ivan** - November 16, 2014 at 09:53 PM

IV

“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Juanita Dolores Silva.*



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November 16, 2014 at 08:06 PM

JM

“ *Juanita was always a kind and caring friend. Always had a beautiful smile on her face. She was loving with Leah and Ivan and you could always see that wonderful family tie they had. Juanita has always treated my son Joseph with love. She always took the time to bring him a little treat or gift for his birthday and holidays. And if we sent something with Leah, she was always quick to send a little Thank you note filled with gracious words. And not to mention how she treated my mom. She loved her whole heartedly. Juanita, you will be missed my friend. 9:30 mass will never be the same without talking to you afterwards. May God grant eternal peace unto your soul. With all our love, Jennifer, Joseph, Joseph and Ida.*



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**Jennifer Montano** - November 16, 2014 at 05:54 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album Juanita*



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**Ivan** - November 16, 2014 at 05:46 PM

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*That was a great day. Juanita was so happy to be at Sarah and Roberts wedding.*

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**ivan** - November 18, 2014 at 11:34 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Juanita Dolores Silva.*



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November 16, 2014 at 11:17 AM



“ *Our deepest condolences. Many blessings and much love, the Honne-Gonzalez family.*



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**Sonia Honne** - November 16, 2014 at 11:06 AM



“ *Juanita you are my beautiful gentle Niece. Your kindness and gentleness is astounding. Your love for Ivan and Leah is overwhelming. You are a beautiful role model for your Daughter Leah. You have given her love gentleness, kindness, strength and loyalty. I will always think of you and wish I were half the woman you are. I'll think of you always as I watch Leah grow and flourish. Rest in Peace. Love Auntie MaryAnn and Jim.*

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**MaryAnn Wallin** - November 16, 2014 at 08:22 AM



“ *MaryAnn Wallin lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



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**MaryAnn Wallin** - November 16, 2014 at 08:16 AM

CO

“ *Connie lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



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**Connie** - November 15, 2014 at 09:54 PM

CH

“ *Catherine Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Juanita Dolores Silva*



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**Catherine Hernandez** - November 15, 2014 at 08:22 AM

YV

“ *So sorry for your loss, I look forward to the time mentioned at Rev 21:3,4. Wishing you peace at this difficult time.*

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**Yvette** - November 15, 2014 at 07:41 AM

DC

“ *Juanita – such a sweet and lovely soul. I loved your quiet and unassuming demeanor. And although we didn't see you often, it was a treat when we did. You are at peace now. Our hearts ache for you Ivan and sweet little Leah. Know that we are here for you always. Love Diana and Joe*



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**Diana Cordova** - November 14, 2014 at 09:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Juanita Dolores Silva.*



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November 14, 2014 at 04:45 PM



“ *I was one of the lucky ones to have known such a wonderful person. So kind in every way. You will be greatly missed. Rhonda, Alex, Isabel and Natalie*



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**Rhonda Baca** - November 14, 2014 at 01:51 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. I am so honored that I got to know Juanita, what a great person. I loved talking about books with her, especially Dean Koontz. :0)*



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**Angie Murphy** - November 14, 2014 at 10:34 AM



“ *We will miss you Juanita. I am so glad that we got to hang out summers, swimming, movies, birthdays, holidays, and Grandma's summer fun days. You were a wonderful sister-in-law and auntie. Now you can read till forever! Love Louie, Josie, Lizzie, and David.*



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**Josephine Silva** - November 14, 2014 at 09:41 AM