



## Karen A. Brubaker

June 16, 1944 - January 19, 2015

1944-2015

Karen A. Brubaker, age 70, a resident of Albuquerque, NM passed away on Monday, January 19, 2015. She was preceded in death by her father, Dr. Richard Brubaker; mother, Marjory Allen; and sister, Kathy Ray. Karen is survived by her daughters, Chel-Marie Barela and George Montoya; Heidi Carrillo and husband, Norman Carrillo; son, Carlo Barela and wife, Kristina Barela; grandchildren, Joseph Carrillo and fiancé, Tara Zamora, Ryanne Sanchez, Stephen Carrillo and wife, Katherine, Arianna Nuanez, Anissa Nuanez, Theresa Alvarado, Devin Barela and several great-grandchildren. A Viewing will be held at Romero Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, January 23rd at 11:00 a.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Pallbearer will be Joseph Carrillo. Sign Karen's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main Street, Belen, NM

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

# Previous Events

## Viewing

**JAN 23.** 11:00 AM (MT)

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

**JAN 23.** 12:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

DB

“ *Debbie & Louie Baca lit a candle in memory of Karen A. Brubaker*



Debbie & Louie Baca - September 24, 2015 at 07:14 PM

CP

“ *CruzAnne Pena-Dziuk lit a candle in memory of Karen A. Brubaker*



CruzAnne Pena-Dziuk - February 02, 2015 at 04:08 PM

CP

*Pink candle in memory of her pink convertible that we all rode in during our senior graduation week from Belen High school class of 1962.*

CruzAnne Pena-Dziuk - February 02, 2015 at 04:10 PM

SB

“ *I have lost a friend. I met Karen when she lived on Rosedale circle. We laughed & cried together. She refused to give me her K.B. pendant in seventh grade, even though I assured her they were the initials of the man I would married.(I Did) I was her campaign manger in 7th grade,when she ran for BEST ALL Round.(SHE WON) A of course she won because she really was the best.*



Sylvia Burns - January 25, 2015 at 12:24 PM

VC

“ It was a shock to hear the news of Aunt Karen's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with Chel, Heidi, Carlo and their families during this difficult time. I will always carry the memories of the many crafts that we all did together. I still have the door plaque that she made for me with my name on it. I am here for y'all. Please let me know if I can help in any way. ~ Love, Nessa

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**Vanessa Chavez** - January 23, 2015 at 12:52 PM

LS

“ To all of Karen's family. I am so sorry for your loss. I always remember Karen being so full of life and very kind. She was in the class below me, but her beautiful smile and personality was known throughout Belen High School. My prayers for your family. May the Peace of the "Holy Family" keep you all safe and in their hearts. Loretta Gabaldon Sanchez.

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**Loretta Sanchez** - January 23, 2015 at 12:12 PM



Elizabeth Hopkins

“ I was so blessed to know Karen while I was at St. Joseph. She had so much fun as respiratory therapists. One night we giggled the whole shift because when the elevators shut on us before we could get on. So Karen in a flash of genius stuck her clipboard in the elevator doors to get the sensor to open the doors. NOT!! Her clipboard went to the basement to resurface several days later. We doubled up laughing. And the tattoo.....LOL. I haven't seen her in years but will miss her light. Libby Trowbridge Hopkins

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**Elizabeth Hopkins** - January 23, 2015 at 11:43 AM

NW

“ *My sympathy and prayers to Chel, Heidi and Carlo on the loss of your mom. she spoke of all of you with so much love, and was very proud of her grandkids and great grandchildren. I spoke to her briefly in Dec. just before I moved to Denver.*

*I especially enjoyed our in-frequent lunches out when she felt like going.*

*I remember, with Amy Brooks, all the times Chel and Heidi were together with Bryce and Sherry!*

*I pray God's peace and love on all her family at this time.*

*Shalom, Nan Windle,  
Littleton, CO*



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**Nan Windle** - January 23, 2015 at 11:07 AM

MN

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Karen at St. Joseph's Northeast Heights. She always spoke of her garden especially her roses. Karen was a special lady and will be missed.*

*My sympathy to her children and extended family.*

*R.I.P. Karen.*

*Mary Newman*

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**Mary Newman** - January 22, 2015 at 08:57 PM

BM

“ I had the privilege of working with Karen at St. Joseph Hospital in the 1990s. Karen who was a Respiratory Therapist was following her fathers legacy of caring for many New Mexican patients and their families. She seemed to take pleasure in the opportunity to positively impact these patients lives through her care. Now she can enjoy a place where no one is sick or suffering and look back with pride on the loving care she gave to so many. My sympathy and prayers to her family.



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**Bill Monthan** - January 22, 2015 at 05:16 PM

SN

“ Samuel Puentes Nuanez purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Karen A. Brubaker .



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**Samuel Puentes Nuanez** - January 22, 2015 at 05:11 PM

DB

“ Danae Brubaker purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Karen A. Brubaker .



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**Danae Brubaker** - January 22, 2015 at 04:44 PM

CW

“ I will never forget Karen. We were Belen High School friends. We shared a ride home from school to get hot dogs and cokes at the Dairy Queen. I will light a candle at the Cathedral in Santa Fe in her memory.

*Corinne Peralta Willison*

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**Corinne P. Willison** - January 22, 2015 at 02:53 PM

ND

“ Karen loved her children and her grandchildren so much. She was so talented. It has been many years since we have seen each other so she will be forever young, fun-loving, caring and generous in my mind. I'm glad she was once my friend. Prayers and love to her family.

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**Norva Davenport** - January 22, 2015 at 02:45 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Karen A. Brubaker .



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January 22, 2015 at 11:18 AM

DJ

“ Darrell Jacobs lit a candle in memory of Karen A. Brubaker



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**Darrell Jacobs** - January 22, 2015 at 10:31 AM

WD

“ I knew Karen for many years, although I hadn't seen her in a long time as I no longer live in New Mexico. But she was always so sweet and such fun to be with. When my dad was in the hospital with pneumonia, she was his respiratory therapist. It was such a comfort having him taken care of by someone I knew and liked. She was very good to him, and I always appreciated her wonderful care. My sincere sympathy to her family.

Wendy Dunford - January 22, 2015 at 07:34 AM



“ Dearest One Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Karen A. Brubaker .



January 22, 2015 at 12:33 AM

RC

“ Rosie Carbajal lit a candle in memory of Karen A. Brubaker



Rosie Carbajal - January 21, 2015 at 06:56 PM

RC

Chel I am so sorry for your loss, you and your family are in my prayers

Rosie Carbajal - January 21, 2015 at 06:57 PM

GS

*Karen was one of the sweetest ladies I know. She took care of my sister & I when we were young so that my mother could work. We are all so poor back in the day & Karen made all of our school clothes. She was like a second mother to my sister & I. So very sad to hear of her passing. Prayers & much love to Chel, Heidi, Carlos & all of her beautiful grand-children & great-grand children. Love you all - Geri Lynn (Davis) Sanchez*

Gerri Lynn Sanchez - January 23, 2015 at 11:01 AM

AB

“ *Super fond memories of playing in Karen's backyard with Chel and Heidi (Carlo trying his best to pester us). My mom and Karen would spend time in the kitchen having girl talk and make us lunch. She was always so kind.*

*Sympathy and condolences,  
Amy Brooks*

Amy Brooks - January 21, 2015 at 06:41 PM

GJ

“ *Gary & Ruth Johnston lit a candle in memory of Karen A. Brubaker*



Gary & Ruth Johnston - January 21, 2015 at 04:22 PM

LI

“ *Liz lit a candle in memory of Karen A. Brubaker*



Liz - January 21, 2015 at 01:53 PM

LI

*I have such fond memories of my Auntie Karen, too many to list! She gave me my first vinyl record album, college sweatshirt, told me that all my freckles were angle kisses, reminded me that it was OK for girls to play sports, and encouraged me to continue my higher education studies. Thank you for your love and support. May the angels guide you! My deepest condolences to Chel Marie, Heidi Anna, and Carlo. You are her spirit. All my love, Liz*

Liz - January 21, 2015 at 02:03 PM

JC

“ John & Pam (Tafoya) Chavez lit a candle in memory of Karen A. Brubaker



John & Pam (Tafoya) Chavez - January 20, 2015 at 08:24 PM

DR

“ Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Karen A. Brubaker



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - January 20, 2015 at 07:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Karen A. Brubaker .



January 20, 2015 at 07:38 PM

ET

“ *Eloy & Deborah Tafoya lit a candle in memory of Karen A. Brubaker*



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**Eloy & Deborah Tafoya** - January 20, 2015 at 07:06 PM

GF

“ *Dear Brubaker Family and Friends,  
I wasn't privileged with the remarkable acquaintance of Mrs. Brubaker as you were, but it saddens me to read of your loss. Please accept my family's sincere condolences. Many are comforted in knowing that our Creator assures us in the Bible that soon death and mourning will be no more. May you have peace.*

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**Greene Family** - January 20, 2015 at 03:08 PM