



# Kathy Diane Garcia

August 11, 1954 - August 24, 2025

1954 - 2025

Kathy Diane Garcia was born on August 11, 1954, in Bridgeport, Alabama, and passed away on August 24, 2025, in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Services will take place Thursday, November 20, 2025, at Romero Funeral Home, beginning with a Visitation at 11:00 a.m. and a Celebration of Life at 12:00 p.m. She spent the first few years of her life in Marion County, Tennessee, before her family moved to Belen, New Mexico, where she eventually met the love of her life, Estanislado "Tiny" C. Garcia.

She is survived by her son, Carlos Garcia; her sister, Mildred Ann Dalton, and brother-in-law, Daryl; her niece, Melissa Dalton; and her nephews, Clay and Jim Harris. She is also survived by her many brothers- and sisters-in-law: Consuelo and Victor, Maria Elena and Frank, Salo and Anna, Anthony and Lorraine, Richard and Patricia, Charles and Mona, and Anita and Damion, along with their many loving children.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Kathleen Martin; her sister, Pamela; her niece, Kathy; her beloved husband, Estanislado C. Garcia; and her father- and mother-in-law, Salomon C. Garcia and Annie Romero Garcia.

Kathy loved each and every one of her family members dearly. She also had many, many dear friends. If you were lucky enough to count yourself among them, she brightened up your life. She considered her friends to be family, loving each one very much. Whether you knew Kathy for many years or just a few days, you would have learned quickly that she was a sweet and kind person who almost always put the needs of others above her own.

Kathy accomplished so much in her life. She graduated at the top of her high school class and even completed her studies several months early. She went on to work for Mountain Bell Telephone Company for over ten years, later spending time working in sporting goods where she sold rifles. Eventually, she found her true calling in nursing, a career that reflected her deep love of helping others.

Among the many things Kathy loved in life was the special bond she shared with her two sisters, Pamela and Mildred. Even as children, they were inseparable; playing, laughing, and growing together. As they grew older, that love never faded. Like all sisters, they didn't always see eye to eye, but when they did, it was beautiful to see. Their bond never wavered, and they loved each other deeply throughout their lives.

The last patient Kathy cared for was her beloved mother, who was suffering from dementia. For ten years, Kathy and her sister Pam lovingly cared for her. Though the journey was sometimes hard and Kathy and her mother occasionally butted heads, they always remained the best of friends and shared a deep, unbreakable love until the end.

On January 2, 1987, Kathy experienced one of her proudest achievements when she gave birth to her only son, Carlos Garcia. She cherished her role as a mother above all else and was immensely proud of him.

The world is a sadder place now that she has left it, but until we see her again, we will keep her and all our cherished memories of her close to our hearts. Kathy, we love you very much.

Please sign Kathy's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 20. 11:00 AM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel  
609 N. Main St.  
Belen, NM 87002  
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## Celebration of Life

NOV 20. 12:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

JA

“ *My dear Kathy. I miss you. I know you were very proud of Carlos at your memorial. He's grown up into a strong and kind hearted man. I'm sure he will do very well in life. You did good. I have so many smiles thinking of our time together. Love you.*

Jackie - November 22, 2025 at 07:03 PM

MY

“ *Fond memories of Kathy always. Prayers and condolences to her son and family.*

*Mike Young*

Mike Young - November 21, 2025 at 05:25 PM

BT

“ *Fly high with the Angels, friend* 🕊️



Billie Alice Sanchez Torres - November 19, 2025 at 05:22 PM



“ *My most deepest condolences, prayers of comfort to Kathy family.*

*Linda Chavez*



Linda Chavez - November 19, 2025 at 04:26 PM

EB

“ *In Loving Memory of Kathy Martin Garcia*

*From the Belen High School Class of 1972*

*We remember Kathy Martin Garcia with deep affection and gratitude. As a member of the Belen High School Class of 1972, Kathy brought kindness, laughter, and a quiet strength to our shared journey. Her warmth touched many, and her presence made our class feel more like family. Though time has passed since those school days, the memory of Kathy's spirit remains vivid in our hearts. We honor her life, her legacy, and the joy she brought to those around her. She will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered.*

*Our Sincere Condolences to her family!*

*Ermelinda Baca,  
Class Reunion Committee Secretary*

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**Ermelinda Baca** - November 19, 2025 at 03:56 PM

EB

“ *Ermelinda Baca lit a candle in memory of Kathy Diane Garcia*



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**Ermelinda Baca** - November 19, 2025 at 03:55 PM

EB

*I was deeply saddened to hear of Kathy's passing. As classmates in the Belen High School Class of 1972, I remember her gentle spirit, her easy smile, and the laughter we shared in our conversations. Kathy had a way of making others feel seen and heard—her kindness left a lasting impression on my heart. Though time and distance may have separated us, the memories remain vivid and cherished. She will be missed, but never forgotten. May her family find comfort in knowing how loved and remembered she is by those who walked alongside her in life's early chapters. With heartfelt sympathy,  
Ermelinda Baca*

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**Ermelinda Baca** - November 19, 2025 at 03:58 PM

BE

“ I miss talking to you already. Have so many great memories of us. Went by the house on 3rd Street the other day.sat outside by the apartment I once lived in. Carlos I love you...Berna



**Bernadette** - November 17, 2025 at 12:44 AM

CC

“ Cecilia Cordova lit a candle in memory of Kathy Diane Garcia



**Cecilia Cordova** - November 15, 2025 at 08:21 AM

PG

“ Carlos,

*Kathy will surely be missed. Hope your memories of her give you comfort.*

*Love always,  
Richard and Patricia*



**Patricia Garcia** - November 05, 2025 at 09:41 PM

FS

“ Yes indeed Cathy was a kind soul. As a classmate she never walked by a person without a smile and a greeting. Her beautiful eyes always shining🌹To her Son and family prayers and condolences may she rest in eternal peace💖

**Frieda Sinclair** - November 01, 2025 at 05:36 PM

CV

*I simply loved Kathy. She was so clever, very witty, and always laughing. She was a joy to be around. God bless her. She will be missed.*

**Consuelo Velarde** - November 03, 2025 at 11:28 PM