



## LaRee Diane Baca

June 25, 1971 - June 7, 2023

LaRee Diane Baca, age 51, a resident of Belen, NM, passed away on Wednesday, June 7, 2023. Services will take place on Monday, June 26, 2023, at Romero Funeral Home Chapel, beginning with a Visitation at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Funeral Service at 11:00 a.m. A Reception will follow at the Moose Lodge off of NM-314. Her final resting place will be with her father at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, SD, on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. LaRee was co-owner of the Donut King, along with her mother, Diana Cole, and other family businesses. She was active with her family doing rodeo, karate, soccer, archery tournaments, and hunting. LaRee was the assistant coordinator for the Valencia County Rodeo Queen Competition and on the committee for the New Mexico Rodeo Queen Competition. She is survived by her loving husband of 26 years, Ricky Baca; son, Taysen Baca, and daughter-in-law, Gretchen Baca; daughter, Shylyn Baca; grandchildren, Wade and Roxanne Newell; mother, Diana Cole; dog, Roper; and many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, and cousins. LaRee is preceded in death by her father, Richard Cole; paternal grandparents, Vern and Evelyn Cole; and maternal grandparents, Bernard and Helen Eveleth. Please sign LaRee's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN **26**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel  
609 N. Main St.  
Belen, NM 87002  
(505) 864-8501  
romerofuneralhome@comcast.net  
<https://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com>

## Funeral Service

JUN **26**. 11:00 AM (MT)

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## Reception

JUN **26**. 12:00 PM (MT)

Belen Moose Lodge #1680  
19482 Highway 314  
Belen, NM 87002

## Interment

JUL **10**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Black Hills National Cemetery  
20901 Pleasant Valley Dr.  
Sturgis, SD 57785

# Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Jennifer Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of  
LaRee Diane Baca



Jennifer Jaramillo - August 01, 2023 at 11:06 AM

JI

“ Rest In Peace



Jessica Ingram - June 28, 2023 at 04:18 PM

RC

“ Richard And Emily Castillo lit a candle in  
memory of LaRee Diane Baca



Richard and Emily Castillo - June 28, 2023 at 01:17 AM

SP

“ May memories of LaRee and the love of family surround you and give you strength in the days ahead. Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on friends and family and remember we are sending our love and prayers. I had the opportunity to work with LaRee at UNM Valencia Campus teaching computer courses for children and adults. She was such an amazing person and friend. I am blessed to have met such a beautiful person both inside and out.

Sonia A. Pena - June 26, 2023 at 02:25 PM

DR

“ DOLORES M ROMERO lit a candle in memory of LaRee Diane Baca



DOLORES M ROMERO - June 26, 2023 at 10:03 AM

DR

My prayers are with you Diana and your family.

DOLORES M ROMERO - June 26, 2023 at 10:10 AM

MS

“ Maxine Barela Schmock lit a candle in memory of LaRee Diane Baca



Maxine Barela Schmock - June 26, 2023 at 10:02 AM

ZO

“ *Continued Love and Prayers to the Family for Comfort during this difficult time!!*

*LaRee celebrated & Helped with MANY Special Occasions with Our Family & became part of Our Family. She will be MISSED by so MANY Especially, My Girls & Family!! Rest in Peace Sweet, Loving Lady!! You will NEVER be FORGOTTEN!!*

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**Zoraida** - June 26, 2023 at 07:33 AM

LH

“ *LaRee was an Amazing woman. For as long as I knew her, she would go above and beyond for her family. She will be missed and may she rest in peace. I will always miss her smile, kindness, and her beautiful laugh. God bless the family.*



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**Loretta Hanson** - June 25, 2023 at 01:21 PM

RL

“ *LaRee was a good friend, student, and supporter for many years of our karate school. She was a good person and always very nice and helpful to us. We are very sad she was taken too soon. Our prayers are for peace and healing for her family. LaRee is still with them, just in another room for now.*

*Richard and Cindy Long*



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**Richard and Cindy Long** - June 23, 2023 at 08:10 PM

AJ

“ Diana, Ricky and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. May God grant you peace and comfort through your loving memories of LaRee.

*Alma Jaramillo*



Alma Jaramillo - June 23, 2023 at 05:20 PM

JN

“ Joe And Tina Nunez lit a candle in memory of LaRee Diane Baca



Joe and Tina Nunez - June 22, 2023 at 12:08 PM

TP

“ Toby Pearson lit a candle in memory of LaRee Diane Baca



Toby Pearson - June 21, 2023 at 01:37 PM

KG

“ Kay Gallegos lit a candle in memory of LaRee Diane Baca



Kay Gallegos - June 20, 2023 at 09:42 PM

DR

“ *Dicky Romero lit a candle in memory of  
LaRee Diane Baca*



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**Dicky Romero** - June 20, 2023 at 01:10 PM

LO

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss God bless your  
family! U sure will be missed!  
Your friend,  
Louisa Salas Gabaldon  
Class of 89*



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**Louisa** - June 19, 2023 at 09:42 PM

BC

“ *Beverly Castillo lit a candle in memory of  
LaRee Diane Baca*



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**Beverly Castillo** - June 19, 2023 at 10:53 AM

LH

“ Diana, I am so very sorry to hear about your daughter. She was one of the nicest girls I have ever met and very giving I very much appreciate her reaching out to me when I was not well. I will never ever forget her and I laughing together so hard when she brought me a long John to my boss at the high school and I've been into it, and all the feeling came out and went on my neck and down my shirt, we both laughed so hard every time we would see each other we brought up that story. I will miss her laugh, her smile, her personality and most of all her kindness. God bless you and your family at this time. I hope to see you soon. Take care, Loretta.



Loretta Hanson - June 17, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“ Laree you were the rock of your family, the strongest lady I've ever known. You faced every obstacle in life head on, your a queen! So many memories we will cherish. The Schutte's



Brandy Schutte - June 17, 2023 at 01:29 AM

EO

“ Evelyn Orona lit a candle in memory of LaRee Diane Baca



Evelyn Orona - June 16, 2023 at 03:54 PM

MJ

“ *Diana & Family,  
Our condolences on your loss, may God  
Bless & comfort you all during this difficult  
time.*  
*Marty & Beatrice Jojola*



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**Marty & Beatrice Jojola** - June 16, 2023 at 02:27 PM

RO

“ *So sorry to hear of your daughter's passing  
Ms. Cole, prayers sent out.*



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**Rebecca Ortiz** - June 16, 2023 at 01:00 PM

AC

“ *Diana---So sorry to hear about LaRee's passing. Please know your  
family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Annette E. Chavez*

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**Annette E. Chavez** - June 16, 2023 at 11:23 AM

AS

“ *Adela Sanchez lit a candle in memory of  
LaRee Diane Baca*



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**Adela Sanchez** - June 16, 2023 at 10:06 AM

JC

“ *Dancing and singing together after 20 plus years not seeing each other. Felt like high school again. We love you LaRee* ”

Jill Cox - June 16, 2023 at 09:57 AM

TJ

“ *Tanya L Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of LaRee Diane Baca* ”



Tanya L Jaramillo - June 16, 2023 at 09:28 AM

AA

“ *Our deepest condolences to the family. Laree will be missed by everyone! Prayers always!* ”



Arnold and Margie Apodaca - June 16, 2023 at 06:21 AM

RM

“ *Renee M. Martinez lit a candle in memory of LaRee Diane Baca* ”



Renee M. Martinez - June 16, 2023 at 05:05 AM

BG

“ *LaRee always brought light to a room. She always had a smile on her face.* ”



Becky Griswold - June 15, 2023 at 08:47 PM

BC

“ *Diane Norman and I are so sorry to hear of your precious daughter's passing. Our prayers are with you and the family. I know how hard it is to lose your child. You just learn to cope* ❤️❤️❤️ ”

Betty and Norman Carpenter - June 15, 2023 at 08:47 PM

RL

“ *Ruth Lucero lit a candle in memory of LaRee Diane Baca* ”



Ruth Lucero - June 15, 2023 at 07:56 PM

BS

“ *Bernardine Baca Spiers lit a candle in memory of LaRee Diane Baca* ”



Bernardine Baca Spiers - June 15, 2023 at 07:39 PM

CE

“ Charles Eaton lit a candle in memory of LaRee Diane Baca



Charles Eaton - June 15, 2023 at 07:06 PM

RD

“ Laree you where my best friend in New Mexico . You help me so much . I love you my sister ❤️ until we meet again in heaven watch over your beautiful family . ❤️❤️

Rosaline Diotte - June 15, 2023 at 06:12 PM

LS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss! Prayers for the family 🙏🙏🙏



liz saiz - June 15, 2023 at 03:35 PM

RL

Se was such a good Mom--supportive in all her kids were involved in. Loved my visits at the Donut King when she was there. Love & Comfort to the family.

Rebecca Long - June 26, 2023 at 12:41 PM

AS

LaRee was a beautiful person, a kind and gentle soul, loved by all who knew her. We were all made better by her presence. Our hearts go out to her family.

Alex and Laura Sanchez - June 27, 2023 at 09:52 AM