



## Linda Gabaldon

March 23, 1978 - December 30, 2025

Linda J. Gonzalez Gabaldon, age 47, of Los Lunas, New Mexico, passed away on December 30, 2025, surrounded by the love of her family. It is with heavy hearts and deep gratitude for her life that we celebrate a beloved mother, wife, daughter, and sister.

Linda was born on March 23, 1978, in Anaheim, California, to John T. Gonzalez and Betty J. Aguilar (Royce) Patton, who survive her.

She was a devoted single mother who worked tirelessly to support her children, sacrificing endlessly and always putting their needs before her own. Her life was filled with love, kindness, laughter, and grace.

A proud graduate of the University of New Mexico, Linda fulfilled her dream of becoming a nurse. She served her community at the VA Hospital and Lovelace Hospitals, caring for patients with compassion, dignity, and grace. Nursing was not just her profession-it reflected the heart of who she was: selfless, strong, and endlessly giving.

In God's perfect timing, she was graciously welcomed as a wife and embraced by her husband's family with warmth, love, and care, reminding us of God's word "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you" (Numbers 6:24-26).

Linda is survived by her children, Armando J. Montoya and Aliana L. (Montoya) Vocu; her husband, John J. Gabaldon; her son-in-law, Colton Vocu; her stepson, John Nicholas Gabaldon; her brother, Gary M. Gonzalez (Megan); her father-in-law, John Philip Gabaldon Sr.; and many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Litticia S. Montoya; her grandparents, Tomas Gonzalez and Esther Ortega; Marcos Aguilar; Annie Aguilar, her uncle, Bill Gonzalez; and Becky M. Lucero.

Linda was our everything-our strength, our home, and our greatest blessing. Though we grieve deeply, we take comfort knowing she rests in God's loving arms. Her love lives in us forever, and her memory will carry us until we meet again.

Services will be held at Romero's Funeral Home Chapel on January 17, 2026, beginning with a Visitation at 10:30 a.m., and a Celebration of Life at 11:30 a.m. A gathering to follow will be announced at the services.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

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

## Celebration of Life

JAN 17. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

BP

“ I too love you forever my angel, you are deep into my heart 🧡 but remember , Mothers hold their children’s hand for a short while, but their hearts forever. You are my beautiful star in the night sky that twinkles so bright to me. I love and miss you so much angel only God knows what you mean to me and that is all that matters to me. When I went to pray for you at your house and saw you I went into shock angel I got sick and paralyzed I can’t remember a lot I am sorry! I love u with all my heart my baby 😭 Mom

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**Betty Patton** - February 19 at 07:51 PM

RO

“ Roberta lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon



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**Roberta** - January 29 at 01:19 PM

DM

“ Deanna Montoya lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon



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**Deanna Montoya** - January 26 at 02:31 PM

AV

“ I'll love you forever, Mom. You were my mom and my best friend all in one my whole life. I don't know how I'll go on without you, but I promise I'll do it for you. (with a smile always) Thank you for shaping me into the woman I am today, for making me just like you, and for sacrificing so much to raise me on your own. □



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**Aliana Vocu** - January 24 at 10:36 PM

HG

“ Hope Gabbert lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon



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**Hope Gabbert** - January 23 at 09:20 PM

PR

“ The day I met Linda she was so kind beautiful caring she was so humble .her smile was unique i will definitely miss you thank you for you sweet kind friendship ❤️💕💕 I wii always treasure it 💕❤️

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**Precilla** - January 20 at 05:06 PM

AR

*I was devastated when she passed she was a great lady and her husband was a great man*

Armon - January 22 at 10:28 AM

KR

*“ I didn't personally know Linda personally, but I do know she was a wonderful Christian women, who made a very special, positive impact in the life of my daughter in law, Savannah. God works through people and He definitely worked through Linda.*



Karen Riley - January 18 at 01:37 PM

CF

*“ Linda was beautiful little girl I remember very sweet. Sorry for your loss.*

Carrie Franco - January 17 at 02:08 PM

ST

*“ I had the great pleasure of meeting Linda when her and JJ came to Arizona. I heard so many wonderful things about her prior to that. She was such a beautiful soul. I called her an Angel. She was always so bubbly, positive and looking out for others before herself. She was an instant bright star. She had a smile that lit the room. It was an honor to call her my niece. You will be missed dearly Linda but know you will be with us all. You have so many to watch over John and kids. We love you so very much.*

Sarah Torres - January 17 at 12:08 PM

VG

“ *Vangie Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



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**Vangie Gabaldon** - January 16 at 05:04 PM

VG

*Our deepest condolences go out to our special nephew John James and his family. We are heartbroken at the passing of sweet Linda. We did not have the opportunity to know her as long as we would have liked, but the times we were with her we quickly recognized how special she was. Her love and devotion for our nephew was palpable and, we were so very happy that this two special individuals had found each other. She will be missed. May she rest in peace and have perpetual light shine upon her resting in the arms of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

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**Vangie Gabaldon** - January 16 at 05:35 PM

LR

“ *Los Lunas Fire Retirees lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



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**los lunas fire retirees** - January 13 at 08:27 PM

KH

“ I’m not sure where to begin. Linda and I met when I was in nursing school. It was my last semester and my instructor told me and my classmates to choose our top three areas that we would like to work in for our Capstone course. I was already interested in being a Labor and Delivery nurse at the time, so that was my number one. I also chose Pediatrics and ER. Time went on and we found out where we would be doing clinicals for the semester. I found out I would be doing my clinicals at the VA Hospital in the Dialysis unit. I thought to myself, “Well, that is definitely not anything close to the areas I chose.” At that time, I had no idea that I would meet someone so special to me. Linda was my preceptor and she was definitely a good one. It’s funny how God puts certain people in your life so unexpectedly. Linda was an excellent nurse and was certainly someone that I looked up to. While learning from her at the VA, she always was so encouraging and told me I would make a great nurse. She also told me that I was doing a good job, even when I got liquid iron all over the place and probably even some on her. 😂 I will forever be thankful I got chosen for that unit because of Linda. After graduating I didn’t lose contact with her. She started off as a preceptor, but turned into an amazing friend. We spent lots of time together and made lots of memories. I remember going to a Russell Dickerson concert the day after I passed my NCLEX. Linda had bought those tickets for us to celebrate and she got them right up front. I will forever cherish our talks, trips to The Dirty Bourbon, movie theater, late night Del Taco, and the hot springs. Linda talked to me a lot about God and always reminded me to keep faith. She always emphasized the importance of prayer. I wish we could go on one more adventure. I wish we could have one more talk. I wish she could send me one more random Instagram reel or cook me one more breakfast. She made the best breakfast, gluten free of course. I miss and love her so much. I know she is dancing in heaven and watching over us now. I feel so blessed to have had her in my life. My continued prayers go out to John, her children and all of her family and friends. ❤️

Kym Holman - January 13 at 06:30 PM

YG

“ I've been struggling for weeks on how I want to offer my condolences. In the very short time I knew her, she had a smile that would light up the room. Her personality was bubbly and so upbeat. Nothing could bring her down. When she told me about her diagnosis of cancer, I thought, she's got this and God will hear our prayers. Well, God had different plans and took my lovely friend home to be with Him. John, family and friends, my heart aches and my tears come down my face, but I know He has His loving arms wrapped around her. Now we need to carry on and keep our precious memories of her alive. God bless. With Love, Yvonne Gonzales

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**YVONNE C GONZALES** - January 13 at 06:09 PM

GM

“ Deepest condolences from Greg and Chelsey Martin to this large, beautiful family, and especially Linda's husband, John.



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**Gregory Martin** - January 13 at 01:28 PM

MS

“ Hello family and friends, my name is Manuel Sepulveda. Linda is my cousin and I never thought I would be writing something like this and I'm having the hardest time finding words I want to share with you all our family history, because Linda always wanted to know her family. She has a huge family that she never got to meet but searched for and thankfully we did spend some time together that felt like a life time. The family starts with our Grandparents Marcos Aguilar and Annie Escalante Aguilar. The family started in Stanton CA, from oldest to youngest Marcos Aguilar (Ester), Angie Aguilar Fernandez (Maro), Joe Escalante Aguilar (Gladys), Irene Aguilar Chavez (Max), Richard Escalante Aguilar (Helen), Maryann Aguilar Gomez (Stanley), Eleanor Aguilar Tovar (Richard), Frank Escalante Aguilar (Lupe), Virginia Aguilar Guzman (Pete), Alfred Escalante Aguilar (Barbara), and Linda's Mother Betty Jean Aguilar the youngest out of 11 siblings.

Our family is very loving and supportive of each other. Now I want to share photos of good times and oldies but goodies of the family. Personally I want to send my love, support, and prayers to everyone during this difficult time. Love the Aguilar Family!



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Manuel Sepulveda - January 12 at 06:52 PM

MH

“ *MaryAlice Hawkes lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



MaryAlice Hawkes - January 10 at 08:17 AM

WG

“ *Wayne Henrietta Golliehair lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



Wayne Henrietta Golliehair - January 10 at 01:12 AM

AC

“ *Annette Chavez lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



Annette Chavez - January 09 at 05:54 PM

EL

“ *She was an amazing light of life. She always had a smile on her face every time, I seen her at work (VA Hospital). Sending my condolences to her family.*



Elroy - January 09 at 11:19 AM

DG

“ When I met Linda she was so friendly and loving. Anytime she was around her love was felt. You will be missed. Love you God's newest Angel 😊



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**Debra Ann Blake Gabaldon** - January 08 at 08:36 PM

AF

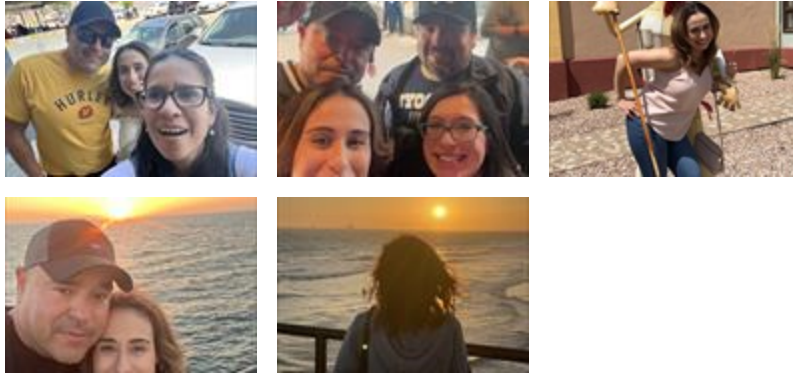
“ I don't even know where to start...Linda was such a beautiful soul! My cousin John had finally found happiness and got his smile back, thanks to Linda. They met at the good girl bad girl machine. That was my favorite thing to see her tell the story when John would tell her tell them how we met. Linda was so loving and welcoming and loved all of the family. My heart hurts not only for my cousin John but for her babies that she loved so much. Thank you Linda for being in our family even though it was short lived. We will all love and miss you forever.

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**Antoinette Franco** - January 08 at 08:26 PM

JG

“ 21 files added to the album Linda and Lohn



John Gabaldon - January 08 at 05:04 PM

JL

“ I have know Linda before she had my niece and nephew and we shared so many memories toge I remember cruzing Central and having parties she loved dancing. Now she is dancing cancer free. She will be missed and never forgotten. Prayers for all the people battling cancer and praying for strength for the kids and family.

jessica lujan - January 08 at 02:29 PM

CG

“ Linda and I worked together at the VA. She was such a joy and such a giving person. If she knew you wanted or needed something she would help you get it. A few years ago i told her I wanted a mini poodle. I was searching and Linda found her for me. Not only is she the best dog i've ever had but such a comfort since I recently lost someone in my life. My love and prayers go out to her family. To say she will be missed is an understatement. We all now have a special angel in heaven.

Cheryl Giron - January 07 at 05:55 AM

GR

“ Grace Rivera lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon



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**Grace Rivera** - January 06 at 10:11 PM

KS

“ Linda, I enjoyed working with you in Community Care Service while you were there. You always had a warm smile and positive attitude. You were always pleasant to talk with. I enjoyed our talks about how you and John met, and your family, trips to Disneyland and how sweet his family treated you. I appreciate all the times you tried to motivate me and get me to the gym. I was always fond of you, and looked forward to seeing you. When you left the service I missed seeing you. I'm heartbroken over this news and I am sorry your time here on earth was cut short. I guess God needed a very special Angel and in you he found that. See you again someday, friend.



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**Kathleen Samuel** - January 06 at 12:39 PM

NB

“ I was so saddened to hear of Linda's passing. I will always remember her tender-hearted nature. She will be missed. Sending my deepest sympathies to her children and husband.

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**Nadine Baldonado** - January 06 at 10:41 AM

KA

“ *Linda's faith was always shining and steady. She will be missed very much.* ”



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**Karen** - January 05 at 03:38 PM

CJ

“ *Carolyn Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon* ”



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**carolyn Jaramillo** - January 05 at 01:35 PM

HJ

“ *Henry Chavira Jr.* ”



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**Henry Chavira Jr** - January 05 at 09:49 AM

CG

“ So fortunate and blessed to have met our Beautiful Linda. We will always remember your beautiful smile and warm hugs you had for us each time we saw you ❤️❤️ Heartfelt Condolences to John James, Gonzales Family and John Gabaldon



*Charles & Yolanda Gabaldon*

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**charles & Yolanda Gabaldon** - January 05 at 02:03 AM

JM

“ Jennifer Malott lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon



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**Jennifer Malott** - January 04 at 11:18 PM

JG

“ Jason Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon



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**Jason Gonzales** - January 04 at 08:59 PM

CL

“ *Cassandra Linehan lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



cassandra linehan - January 04 at 08:32 PM

TM

“ *I had the opportunity to work alongside Linda in GI Studies and the Dialysis Unit at the Veterans Hospital. She advocated for patient's and worked with a big smile. Prayers and Condolences to her Children and Husband. 🙏*

Timothy Maestas - January 04 at 09:37 AM

MB

“ *Michael Brophy lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



Michael Brophy - January 04 at 12:58 AM

EP

“ *Thank you for the laughter! You brought so much joy and I loved talking to you!!! I am going to miss you my dear friend!!!*



eglis pereyra - January 03 at 07:36 PM

RB

“ *She was an excellent kind compassionate women. Talented nurse and friend.*



RoseMary Baca - January 03 at 05:20 PM

ML

“ *Mark And Crissie Leyba lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



Mark and Crissie Leyba - January 03 at 03:44 PM

BJ

“ *Brandon & Annette Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



Brandon & Annette Jaramillo - January 03 at 02:34 PM

LI

“ *Lito lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



Lito - January 03 at 12:53 PM

CG

“ *Chuck Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



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**Chuck Gabaldon** - January 03 at 12:07 PM

DG

“ *Dodo Griego lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



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**Dodo Griego** - January 03 at 11:55 AM

HC

“ *Henry And Mary Chavira lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



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**Henry and Mary Chavira** - January 03 at 10:16 AM

CM

“ *Carlos Mireles lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



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**Carlos Mireles** - January 03 at 08:41 AM

VG

“ *Victor Guerra lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



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**Victor Guerra** - January 03 at 05:31 AM

YF

“ *Yaneli Franco lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



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**Yaneli Franco** - January 02 at 09:41 PM

EJ

“ *Linda, you were such a selfless person. Earlier this past year, when I was dealing with my spine issues, you were praying for my healing all while you were dealing with everything going on with you. You were so happy the last time we all hung out and you were doing so good. God needed you, and it gives me comfort in knowing you are walking besides him in heaven. I will miss you. Rest easy, beautiful!*



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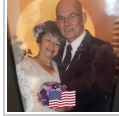
**Elenna Jaramillo-Ortiz** - January 02 at 09:34 PM

DQ

*My condolences to the family my prayers go out to you.*

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**Dolores Quintero** - January 02 at 10:00 PM



*Linda my little sister in Christ. I've loved you from the start volunteering as greeters at church. You were always a ray of sunshine! I will miss talking with you. My condolences to John, Aliana and Mondo and all your families. You have left a hole in our hearts that having known you will continue to be our sweet memories of you always. 💜🙏*

**Tere Westgate** - January 04 at 06:20 PM

CE

“ *Charles Eaton lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



**Charles Eaton** - January 02 at 07:30 PM

RT

“ *Raquel Torres lit a candle in memory of Linda Gabaldon*



**Raquel Torres** - January 02 at 07:18 PM