



## Lois "Lulu" Elaine Rivera

December 20, 1951 - April 8, 2026

1951 - 2026

Lois "Lulu" Rivera, age 74, a resident of Belen, NM, passed away on April 8, 2026. She was a role model, beloved mother, sister, a loving wife for 52 years, and a grandmother/matriarch who was notorious for spoiling her grandchildren, God children, and all those who were lucky enough to get to spend their childhoods around her.

Lulu devoted her life to education. Teaching thousands of students at NM schools for decades. Additionally, she was dedicated to spreading her faith and love through the education of hundreds of parishioners through the RCIA and ACTS courses. Years of work with the church sparked cherished friendships that persist today. The community will forever feel the impact of her work.

She enjoyed gardening, sewing, quilting, embroidery, road trips, Star Trek, and attending every grandchild's birthday party regardless of distance.

Preceded in death by her husband Antonio "Tony", father Leo Carlos Sanchez, mother Lucy Padilla, grandmother Rose Moya and grandfather Nicholas Sanchez.

Survived by, Children: Antonio "Anthony" Rivera (Jennifer), Alycia Gallegos (Samuel), Annette Marquez (Mario), Andrew Rivera (Allison),

Grandchildren: Meagan Gallegos, Adrian De La Cruz, Michael Brown, James Rivera, Ava Rivera, Noah Rivera, Samantha Gallegos, Elena Gallegos, Luke Gallegos, Samuel Gallegos, Elijah Marquez, Ezekiel Rivera, Lucilla Rivera,

Gracelyn Rivera

Great grandchildren: Gabe Castanon

Siblings: Larry Sanchez (Marilyn), Lyn White (Dennis), Stan Padilla (Yoli),  
Greg Padilla, Carol Baca (Art), Paul Padilla (Cheryl)

And numerous Godchildren sisters/brothers-in-laws, nieces, and nephews.

The Rivera family thanks everyone for their prayers and kind words and the outpouring of support during this time, which is a testament to Lulu's spirit and impact. In her honor we ask that you do a random act of kindness, knowing she is looking down at you with silent approval and pride.

Psalms 122:1 I rejoiced when I heard them say let us go to the house of the Lord

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 13. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church  
101-A N 10th St  
Belen, NM 87002

## Rosary

APR 13. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church  
101-A N 10th St  
Belen, NM 87002

## Funeral Mass

APR 13. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church  
101-A N 10th St  
Belen, NM 87002

## Interment

APR 13. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

# Tribute Wall

RO

“ *Rebecca Ortiz lit a candle in memory of Lois "Lulu" Elaine Rivera*



Rebecca Ortiz - April 16 at 11:22 AM

MT

“ *Marvelyn Thomas lit a candle in memory of Lois "Lulu" Elaine Rivera*



Marvelyn Thomas - April 15 at 09:19 PM

MT

“ *Her laughter was contagious. I remember her laughter. Lois would help anyone who asked; she was very kind.*

Marvelyn Thomas - April 15 at 09:16 PM

RG

“ *Roberta Gallegos sent a virtual gift in memory of Lois "Lulu" Elaine Rivera*



Roberta Gallegos - April 14 at 07:17 PM

MT

“ Michelle Tafoya lit a candle in memory of Lois "Lulu" Elaine Rivera



Michelle Tafoya - April 14 at 02:48 PM

BR

“ Barbara Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Lois "Lulu" Elaine Rivera



Barbara Rodriguez - April 14 at 12:44 PM

MA

“ MagdalenSanchez lit a candle in memory of Lois "Lulu" Elaine Rivera



MagdalenSanchez - April 13 at 06:57 PM

BS

“ Betty Sanchez sent a virtual gift in memory of Lois "Lulu" Elaine Rivera



Betty Sanchez - April 13 at 04:07 PM

MV

“ Marie Varela lit a candle in memory of Lois  
"Lulu" Elaine Rivera



Marie Varela - April 13 at 08:48 AM

PT

“ Phyllis Tabet lit a candle in memory of Lois  
"Lulu" Elaine Rivera



Phyllis Tabet - April 12 at 11:48 PM

YV

“ My prayers go out to your family.



Yvette - April 12 at 06:45 PM

BS

“ Barbara Sanchez lit a candle in memory of  
Lois "Lulu" Elaine Rivera



Barbara Sanchez - April 12 at 06:25 PM

BS

“ My condolences to Lois’s family. I went to Saint Mary’s with her, and later taught Business Education with her at LLHS. Prayers sent to her family 🙏

Barbara Sanchez - April 12 at 06:23 PM

OR

“ Omar Rojo lit a candle in memory of Lois "Lulu" Elaine Rivera



Omar Rojo - April 11 at 04:28 PM

GG

“ Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Lois "Lulu" Elaine Rivera



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - April 11 at 12:47 PM



“ June Salazar lit a candle in memory of Lois "Lulu" Elaine Rivera



June Salazar - April 11 at 12:20 PM

AS

“ *My sincere condolences to the family. Rest in peace my dear friend Lulu.*



Adela Sanchez - April 11 at 09:30 AM

KP

“ *Kevin & Emma Pena lit a candle in memory of Lois "Lulu" Elaine Rivera*



Kevin & Emma Pena - April 11 at 01:04 AM

BS

“ *Eternal rest grant unto Lulu, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.*



Bernardine Baca and Dave Spiers - April 10 at 10:57 PM

FC

“ *Condolences to Lulu family. enteral rest grant unto her and may pertural light shine upon her. Frederica and Mark Chavez*



Frederica Chavez - April 10 at 10:12 PM

DT

“ *Dan & Donna Trujillo lit a candle in memory of Lois "Lulu" Elaine Rivera*



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**Dan & Donna Trujillo** - April 10 at 08:22 PM

TS

“ *May Mrs. Rivera Rest in Eternal Peace.*



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**Theresa Sanchez** - April 10 at 06:46 PM