



## Lorraine Nesbitt

February 7, 1935 - November 15, 2015

1935-2015

Lorraine Nesbitt, age 80, a resident of Belen, New Mexico, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, November 15th, 2015. She was a long time member of the Arabian Horse Association, The ASPCA, as well as an active participant of the New Mexico Senior Olympics. Being a member of the Canyon Nets woman's basketball team was very important to Lori. She always said she was born too soon and would have thoroughly enjoyed playing high school and college athletics. Lori received her Bachelors of Science degree in Medical Technology in 1958 from The University of Colorado in Boulder. She was a proud mother, wife, grandmother and friend. Lori was passionate about her animals, gardening, sports, puzzles and crafts. Every year she would travel to the Arts & Crafts show the day after Thanksgiving with her best friend and neighbor, Judy Culp. Chris Cole was another dear friend and confidant which she met on Mondays for lunch for many years. In her earlier years, Lori bred and showed Arabian horses. Her trophy cases are adorned with several Grand Champion and Best in Show trophies. Jack and Lori moved to Los Chaves in 1983 from La Junta, CO, and for thirty-seven years is the place they called home. They formed great friendships on Seabell Road and throughout Valencia County. You could always find the Nesbitts either at a sporting event, on their back porch admiring their beautiful yard, or at their favorite restaurant Pete's. She is preceded in death by her mother, Ila

Markham; father, Paul Markham; brother, Lyle Markham; and stepmother, Alma Markham, all of Longmont, CO. Lori is survived by her husband of 54 years, Jack Nesbitt of Los Lunas, NM; son, Mike and his wife, Camille of Amarillo, TX; grandson, Gavin Nesbitt of Canyon, TX; her sister, Anne Pepmeyer of Ft. Lupton, CO; and nieces, Megan Princehouse, Erin Pepmeyer of Ft. Lupton, CO, and Dr. Lisa Pepmeyer of Lone Tree, CO. She is also survived by many cousins, friends, neighbors, and teammates. A graveside service will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2015, beginning at 10:00 a.m., at Terrace Grove Cemetery, 1200 W. Aragon Rd. Belen, NM 87002. Pallbearer will be Gavin Nesbitt. The family would like to extend their gratitude for the overwhelming love and support from their family and friends. The Nesbitts would also like to thank Good Life Senior Living and Memory Care of Los Lunas and the Gentiva hospice nursing staff for the kindness and genuine care. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to ASPCA, 424 E. 92nd St., New York, NY 10128-6804, or to the Canyon Nets C/O NM Senior Sports Foundation, PO Box 14579, Albuquerque, NM 87191. Please sign Lori's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

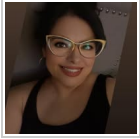
# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Terrace Grove Cemetery  
1200 W Aragon Rd  
Belen, NM 87002

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bernadette Baca-Torres lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Nesbitt*



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**Bernadette Baca-Torres** - November 21, 2015 at 06:23 PM



“ *Mike, Camille, Gavin and family- As your neighbor for over 30 years, had opportunity to share many good times and some difficult times. Your mom and I could call each other at any time when we needed someone to talk to. I will miss her very much! She bugged me to join the Canyon Nets and I finally did and have never regretted it. Unfortunately, due to recent surgery I was not able to attend the services today but will remember our friendship always. Thinking of you in this difficult time.*

*Judy Culp*

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**Judy Culp** - November 21, 2015 at 04:53 PM



“ *Susan Aldrich lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Nesbitt*



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**Susan Aldrich** - November 21, 2015 at 10:05 AM



“ *Linda Lacey lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Nesbitt*



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**Linda Lacey** - November 21, 2015 at 08:26 AM

TB

“ *Theron Brawley lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Nesbitt*



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**Theron Brawley** - November 20, 2015 at 08:56 PM

TB

*My prayers, and condolences.*

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**Theron Brawley** - November 20, 2015 at 08:58 PM

CF

“ *Jack, Mike, Camille, & Gavin,  
Our prayers and thoughts are with you in your time of loss. Lori will be deeply missed. I have many great memories of growing up next door to her, Jack, and Mike. She taught me a lot about horses and understood my love of horses when I was just a little girl. She was also a good friend to my mother, for which I will be forever grateful.*

*The Fresquez Family: Cathy, Joey, Selena & Nicholas*

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**Cathy Fresquez** - November 20, 2015 at 07:28 PM

JG

“Lori was our excellent next-door neighbor for decades in Los Chavez, and she was a wonderful guardian for the neighborhood. She and Jack spent so much time sitting on their beautiful front or back porches, surveying the neighbors' properties and keeping us all safe. She was the first to call to warn neighbors of suspicious actions or burglaries in the neighborhood. Years ago a wildfire was rushing through our field while we were at work in Albuquerque and the fire threatened to trap our dogs in the smoke, I recall fondly that Lori rushed to our property to move all of our dogs from the yard and safely secured each separately in our house. I recall another time when a hose had been left on in our yard, and was flooding the yard. We weren't home and the water was accumulating so she called to ask if it was intentional. Of course, it wasn't and we didn't want to flood the septic tank, so she went into our yard (with our Rottweiler in the yard!) and turned off the hose. She was a great neighbor, and will be truly missed.

*Our deepest condolences to Jack, Mike, Camille, Gavin, Kiko & Annette and all of Lori's family and friends.*

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**Juan & Nancy Griego** - November 19, 2015 at 11:14 AM

“ I remember the day Lori, Jack and Mike moved in next door on Seabell Road in Los Chavez. When she turned her little band of Arabians out in the pasture between our properties my heart soared. Over the years Lori was my close friend, neighbor and mentor in the Arabian horse world. I purchased both of my beloved horses from her (Thank you, Mike for allowing me to have Quicksilver). We rode the ditch banks and talked of life, basking in the NM sun. We trailered to horse shows together and she coached me to be a better rider. I am so very thankful to Lori for bringing horses back into my life and sharing her vast knowledge and experience with me. She was an exceptional horse woman. I think about her often, relive those "golden years" and miss her. I watched you grow from a boy to a man of many talents, Mike. You, your wife Camille and son Gavin were a constant source of pride and love to Lori. You enriched her life and I know she enriched yours. Mike, your Mom was such a strong, intelligent woman with a loving heart. I know that you are the man you are today because of her constant love and guidance. Your Mom had a life full of the things she loved and she always lived it her way. I know she is riding in Heaven on the back of Snip with her collies frolicking by her side.

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**Pam Wilkinson Grant** - November 19, 2015 at 09:18 AM

PH

“ Mike,  
Your mom was so very proud of you. She was blessed to have you as her son. Never was there a time that she did not talk about you, your family, and how fortunate she was.  
Camille and Gavin, you were such a part of her---she always wanted what was best for you. Through this difficult time, take comfort from her love and know that part of her is always with you. Find comfort in all the wonderful memories. God Bless you all.

*Phyllis Hayes--Belen*

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PH - November 18, 2015 at 07:30 PM

Jackie Raynes

“ My Aunt Lori. She was always such a strong personality. I used to love going to La Juanta when I was a kid to ride her horses. She was great with the animals.  
Every time She used to see me she would always tell me that Mike thought he would never be taller then me. I think she was happy to see him be at least a foot taller then me.  
She was a good Aunt. I will miss her. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Big hugs. Love you!



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Jackie Raynes - November 18, 2015 at 06:16 PM

CN

“ 3 files added to the album New Album Name



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Camille Nesbitt - November 18, 2015 at 02:38 PM

SW

“ *Sandy Wells lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Nesbitt*



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**Sandy Wells** - November 18, 2015 at 02:24 PM

LW

“ *LORRAINE WILSON lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Nesbitt*



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**LORRAINE WILSON** - November 18, 2015 at 12:50 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Nesbitt*



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - November 17, 2015 at 07:47 PM

BC

“ *Barbara Cates sending my love and prayers to you. She was a great girl. I will all ways remember our growing up. God be with you and rest in peace cousin.*



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**Barbara Cates** - November 17, 2015 at 02:02 PM

DG

“ *Dana Gilbert lit a candle in memory of Lorraine Nesbitt*



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**Dana Gilbert** - November 17, 2015 at 01:50 PM

DG

*As a young child I was able to visit my mother's, Barbara Hemenover Cates, cousin Lorraine with my Grandmother, Laura Morris Hemenover and grandfather, Clifford Hemenover.*

*Time spent with Cousin Lorraine was spent picking pickles, admiring and attempting to ride her beautiful horse Copper, and exploring family memories in Colorado that this child of Kansas would never have seen. Cousin Lorraine has always been such a shining memory for me.*

*Michael and family, my deepest condolences on the loss of your mother and grandmother.*

*Dana Cates Gilbert  
Kansas City, KS*

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**Dana Gilbert** - November 17, 2015 at 01:59 PM

CP

“ *May Our Dear Lord comfort you during this time of grief and take strength that you will see your wife, mother, grandmother in heaven one day! God's Blessing be upon all of you! Love always  
Chris Peralta & Family.*



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**Chris Peralta** - November 16, 2015 at 01:03 PM

JC

“ Mike, Camille and Gavin, we are so sorry for your loss. Anything you need, we are here for you. May God wrap his loving arms around you to help you through is difficult time. Love, Auntie Jo, Rachel, Jon, Jenna and Keely, Amy, Mark, Aidan and Alex.

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**JoAnne Chavez** - November 15, 2015 at 05:49 PM

LM

*Sorry for your loss. Alfred, Linda and Michael*

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**Linda Montoya** - November 17, 2015 at 06:46 AM

DN

*Lori was my sister-in-law. I had never have considered it until now, but I believe that in my formative years, Lori was a major influence in my life. I'm sorry I had not realized that in time to tell her. And since those times, decades ago, she has been not just a sister-in-law, but a good friend as well. Don Nesbitt*

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**Don Nesbitt** - November 17, 2015 at 10:18 PM

JK

*I'm so glad you decided to "tag along" with the family and come to Rome for the adventure of a lifetime. Those days will forever be chrished by all*

*The times we spent on your back porch, listening to the waterfall, sharing memories of days gone by and just sitting quietly and watching the sunset were so special.*

*Rest in peace, my friend, until we meet again.*

*Ciao Bella, JILL*

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**Jill Kratzer** - November 18, 2015 at 12:38 PM

LW

*I remember her coming to the YAFL games. My son Raymond played along with Mike at the time and Jack was the coach. So very sorry for your loss. Our Thoughts and prayers be with you all. Harry & Lorraine Wilson*

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**LORRAINE WILSON** - November 18, 2015 at 12:49 PM

JG

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**Juan & Nancy Griego** - November 19, 2015 at 09:04 AM

AW

*Lori had such a wonderful love for you Mike as you were growing up. I remember the many days that your Mom and Dad and you spent at the old Junior High School football field kicking field goals. Your Mom sat in her chair and watched our team practice. I believe that we were the only YAFL team to kick extra points. What a wonderful Mother.*

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**Alan wisneski** - November 19, 2015 at 11:16 AM

ST

*Lori, I will miss our countless hours discussing football and our grandsons, Gavin and Little Cal. They certainly got all of attention and love. They can do no wrong!! I will miss our trips carpooling to and from Albuquerque for basketball practice and games. And then our stops at Chili's afterwards. I want to thank you for welcoming me when I first joined the Court Jesters, all of those years ago. You will be missed.  
Sharon Tregembo*

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**Sharon Tregembo** - November 19, 2015 at 09:23 PM

BC

*Jack, Mike, Camille & Gavin...my thoughts are with you and all the family at this sorrowful time. Mike, your dad worked with my husband for many years at SCS/NRCS and enjoyed his company. Camille, I am best friends with you Aunt Vangie and the rest of the family. I know you will always miss her, but she will always be in your memories . Be safe in your travels to and from TX. Barbara Cunningham*

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**Barbara Cunningham** - November 20, 2015 at 02:30 PM

SP

*Sorry for your loss. I will miss her.*

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**Steve Princehouse** - November 20, 2015 at 08:09 PM