



Lorraine Wells

February 23, 2025

1939 – 2025

Lorraine Wells, 85, died February 23, 2025 after losing a short argument with cancer. Services will take place at Romero Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, March 28, 2025. Starting with a Visitation at 10:00 a.m. and a Celebration of Life at 10:30 a.m. Born in Wausau Wisconsin in 1939, she grew up on a dairy farm with her three sisters; Ethel, Pat, and Beverly who all survive her. Having no boys, her dad expected all of them to work the farm as men regardless, so Lorraine drove tractors, bailed hay, and milked cows throughout childhood. Attending a one-room school for eight years somehow inspired an interest in science at a time when girls pursuing such topics were actively discouraged in high school, college, and even graduate school. Nevertheless, she received her Master's Degree in Genetics and worked creating hybridized flora. Lorraine was an excellent cook and baker and always generous with her talent. With her sister, she started a bakery in Colorado, before marrying and moving to California and then in 1970 to Belen, New Mexico with her late husband Bill Wells. She worked as a medical technician at Lovelace Hospital while also helping Bill start and run a commercial greenhouse business. Lorraine decided to halt her career to raise her three children; Lars, Grant, and Paloma, while also playing a large role in many of her step-grandchildren's lives over those years. Once the three kids were older, she returned to school, earning her associates degree in computer science and using that to become a research technician in UNM Hospital's Neonatology

department, retiring in 2001.

All along her life's path Lorraine always offered kindness, unselfish support, and a wonderful baked treat to so many friends, family, and acquaintances; along with intelligent, well considered conversations, and a deep caring for the well-being of others. Please sign Lorraine's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhome.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 10:00 AM (MT)

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Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

AG

“ Grandma Lorraine I will never forget the summers at your house playing in the piles of leaves eating apple pancakes The memories overflow all the time. The smell of campophenique when we would get mosquito bites the smell of Dove soap when you would give us a hug. It seems like it was yesterday. I will always smile at the thought of you and have the greatest memories of you. Thank you for always loving us unconditionally and being so amazing. With all my love. I thank you for everything

Arthur Zazueta Grandson - March 10, 2025 at 09:54 PM

SB

Lorraine you were one of my sweetest Aunts! Even though you lived across the country you sent letters, birthday and Christmas cards to keep a strong family connection. I always felt like you and your sisters had a uniquely strong bond, each living in opposite corners of our country. My Sister has always had a strong resemblance to you. Being a second generation woman growing up in the 1960s, I always admired your life path to work independently in a STEM field. You loved and cared for your children, nieces and nephews, and sisters far and near. You will be missed immensely, remembered fondly and always loved. Love, Sonja Bingen

Sonja Bingen - March 11, 2025 at 07:05 AM

TD

Without Lorraine, I would have never met Ethel. I have written about that in my last two books. I will forever be grateful her. She also introduced me to African poetry and read all of my books and loved Ethel's poetry and art. She was a special person.

Tom Davis - March 11, 2025 at 06:38 PM

DM

My dear friend Lorraine,

Went to your beautiful "Memorial Service" yesterday and you would have been so proud of Laris and Paloma. I feel so privileged to have had you in my life because you were a true friend. You never judged; didn't quite understand me but loved me as a friend. Will miss you. RIP

Delia Montoya - March 29, 2025 at 03:56 PM