



Margaret E. Balling

March 15, 1932 - June 20, 2017

1932-2017

Margaret Balling, age 85, a resident of Belen, NM, who was able to spend 85 years on earth strong with her family, went to be with God and her loved ones on Tuesday, June 20, 2017. She was a native New Mexican born to Lee and Elizabeth Wang in 1932. Over her lifetime she was a graduate of UNM, a student and teacher of history, which is something that never stopped.

Margaret was one of the top supervisors for her job with the state for more than a decade. She was a daughter, wife, mother, a Pi Phi, a big sister, a little sister, a grandmother, an aunt, a great-aunt and a great-grandmother.

Margaret was a walking encyclopedia of what she would call "nickel Knowledge." She was a great cruciverbalist, a lover of games, a devout Catholic, a CCD teacher and a collector of coins. Margaret was an artist who honed her skills in drawing, painting and speaking plainly. She was always up for a good debate that would often require the use of an encyclopedia or a search of the web to fact check and prove a point. Margaret was a woman that enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. She was a trailblazer until the day she passed and she made an impact everywhere she went.

Margaret is survived by her daughter, Elizabeth Balling-Caldwell; two grandsons, Stephen Balling and Shawn Caldwell; great-granddaughter, Meadow Balling; three nephews and their wives, Gus and Becky Benakis, David and Yvette Benakis, Bob and Carmen Cooney and all their children.

She was an amazing and complex individual that deeply loved her family. To

have known Margaret, good, bad, or otherwise was a true experience and her presence on this earth will surely be missed. Our family has lost a special person, a person who helped shape and mold all our kin into the people we are today.

Please sign Margaret's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com
Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN **28**. 8:30 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Church
619 Copper Ave NW
Albuquerque, NM 87102

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Margaret was my friend. I did not know she had passed away. It made me very sad. I have wonderful memories with her. A small group of women along with my young daughter went to Bible classes with Monsignor Lindenmeyer. We all became great friends. I had the pleasure of being her CCD teacher aide for young elementary kids. The kids loved her. When I became sick, she went with me after church so the Priest could give me the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. I truly believe that help me be well. God Bless you Margaret. I am sure you are with Willie laughing and you both are celebrating with God. Love, Marsha Sledge, my daughter Morgan and mom Marcia. ❤️🌹

Marsha Sledge - March 30, 2024 at 02:46 AM



“ Thank you Margaret, you gave me my first opportunity at a career and you always believed in me. I have and always will hold you in deepest regard. I love and miss you. Too many good memories to share here. You will live on in my stories of the welfare office and what a strong, vibrant woman you will always be. Love you.
Roger B

Lee Burton - July 28, 2017 at 11:07 PM

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“ So sorry to hear she died. She will always have a special place in my heart. Don't know what made me look for her today. I worked with her for years and knew her personally. She will be missed by many.

Frances Brown Rubi - July 27, 2017 at 01:52 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Margaret E. Balling*



Dicky and Suzanne Romero - June 23, 2017 at 10:31 AM

JB

“ *We loved Margaret at the Belen Senior Center. She was a very beautiful woman.*



Jeanne Britton - June 22, 2017 at 06:17 PM