



## Margaret A. Chavez

August 28, 1931 - March 20, 2019

1928-2019

Margaret A. Chavez, a lifelong resident of Belen New Mexico, peacefully joined our Lord and Savior surrounded by her loving family, Wednesday, March 20, 2019. Margaret was a member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. She was born on August 28, 1931 to Enrique and Maria Chavez Avila in Westwood, CA. Margaret later moved to NM where she met the love of her life, Fidel P. Silva. He loved and adored Margaret and they raised their family in Jarales. Margaret was widowed at the young age of 36 and persevered to raise 7 children and her younger brother Henry all while caring for her mother who was ill. She worked as a cook and had many jobs to provide for her family, with never a complaint. Margaret's home was open to all and you could always expect a warm meal and to hear her encouraging words of wisdom. Her humor, smile and laughter have left an imprint on us all forever. Margaret is preceded in death by her parents, Enrique and Maria Avila; her first husband, Fidel P. Silva and her late husband, Joe Chavez; sons, Barney and Robert Silva; daughter-in-law, Loretta Silva; grandsons, Fermin Gutierrez and Jacob Silva. She is survived by her brother, Henry Avila; 5 loving children, Frances Barboa (Pete), Eddie Lalo Silva (Mary Jane), Maryann Silva, Lydia Gallego (Fernando) and Dennis Silva (Kathy Giron). Margaret is also survived by her loving grandchildren, Fidel Baca, Jackie Gonzales, Leslie Leyba, Kim Martinez, Lenny Silva, Angelique Ladd, Fidel Silva, Zeke, Eric and Angelo Gabaldon, Janelle Otero, Samantha Cunningham, Rudy Gallego, Antonio

Silva, Bonita Honeycutt, Sophia and Elizabeth Chavez and Louise Walker; 40 great grandchildren, 3 great-great grandchildren and countless family and friends. She was the epitome of strength and love and she will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith". 2 Timothy 4:7. All services will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. A viewing will begin at 9:00 a.m., with a Rosary to be recited at 10:00 a.m., and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens Pallbearers are Eddie Lalo Silva, Dennis Silva, Antonio Silva, Fidel Baca, Fernando Gallego and Zeke and Angelo Gabaldon. Honorary Pallbearers will be Kim Martinez and Bonita Honeycutt. Reception to follow at Our Lady of Belen Parish Hall. Please sign Margaret's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St. Belen, NM

# Cemetery Details

## Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAR 26. 9:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

## Rosary

MAR 26. 10:00 AM (MT)

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## Funeral Mass

MAR 26. 10:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens  
101 N. 10th Street  
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# Tribute Wall

RA

“ *Rita C Aragon lit a candle in memory of Margaret A. Chavez*



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**Rita C Aragon** - March 29, 2019 at 05:46 PM

JF

“ *Jojola Family lit a candle in memory of Margaret A. Chavez*



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**Jojola Family** - March 27, 2019 at 11:37 AM

CV

“ *Siento Mucho my dear cousins.*

*I will always have very fond memories of watching my mama Luisa and her favorite cousin Margaret, always sharing fun and laughter with one another. Lots of laughter!! I think of them now having a lot to catch up on. God Bless all of you.*

*Carol Vigil*

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**Carol Vigil** - March 26, 2019 at 05:48 PM



“ *Antoinette Toni Lynch lit a candle in memory of Margaret A. Chavez*



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**Antoinette Toni Lynch** - March 25, 2019 at 06:00 PM



“ *France's, Lalo, Lydia, Dennis and family my thoughts and prayers are with you. Margaret was a very precious woman. She has left us with wonderful memories. Growing along side all of you I was privileged to experience her love, wisdom oh yes and her wonderful cooking. Thank you for sharing her with me. She has left you with beautiful memories.*

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**Frieda G. Sinclair** - March 25, 2019 at 05:00 PM



“ *Eddie, Mary Jane and the family! So sorry for your loss. May she rest in peace! .God Bless you all.*



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**Connie Baca** - March 25, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret A. Chavez .*



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March 25, 2019 at 11:21 AM

LB

“ *Frances, Lalo and rest of the family my deepest and most heartfelt condolences on the passing of your mother. Praying that God give you all peace, comfort and love during this time. I was just asking about you and Barney a couple of weeks ago. Please know that I am praying for you and lifting you up to God.*

*Love*

*Linda Ball*

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**Linda Ball** - March 25, 2019 at 10:51 AM

AC

“ *Annette E. Chavez lit a candle in memory of Margaret A. Chavez*



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**Annette E. Chavez** - March 25, 2019 at 08:25 AM

AC

“ *Frances---So sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I lost my mom almost 13 years ago and it is hard. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.*

*Annette E. Chavez*

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**Annette E. Chavez** - March 25, 2019 at 08:23 AM

MJ

“ *Mrs Erlinda Lopez and The Lopez Family of Jarales. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Margaret A. Chavez .*



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**Mrs Erlinda Lopez and The Lopez Family of Jarales.** - March 25, 2019 at 12:46 AM

VM

“ *I remember my mom (Nattie) and your mom laughing together. They were loving cousins that always had good times with everyone.*

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**VALENTINA MOORE** - March 25, 2019 at 12:37 AM

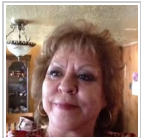
FM

“ *Frank and Valentina Moore purchased the Starbucks Coffee Condolences for the family of Margaret A. Chavez .*



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**Frank and Valentina Moore** - March 25, 2019 at 12:27 AM

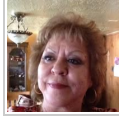


“ *Evelyn Gallegos lit a candle in memory of Margaret A. Chavez*



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**Evelyn Gallegos** - March 24, 2019 at 01:19 PM



*So sorry for your loss. May she RIP. God Bless you all.*

**Evelyn Gallegos** - March 24, 2019 at 01:22 PM



“ *Frances,  
I can still remember how your Mother made me laugh and feel at home after introducing us. I will miss Mrs. Chavez! Toni Lynch*

**Antoinette Toni Lynch** - March 24, 2019 at 03:11 AM



“ *Catherine Sanchez-Walker & Donald Chavez  
lit a candle in memory of Margaret A. Chavez*



**Catherine Sanchez-Walker & Donald Chavez** - March 23, 2019 at 06:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of  
Margaret A. Chavez .*



March 23, 2019 at 05:51 PM



“ *Bernie And Jean Chavez sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Margaret A. Chavez*



**Bernie and Jean Chavez** - March 23, 2019 at 04:34 PM



“ *Bernardine Baca Spiers lit a candle in memory of Margaret A. Chavez*



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**Bernardine Baca Spiers** - March 23, 2019 at 12:01 PM

RK

“ *Robert And Marilyn Kaneshiro lit a candle in memory of Margaret A. Chavez*



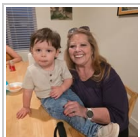
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**Robert and Marilyn Kaneshiro** - March 23, 2019 at 10:06 AM

KG

“ *Kathy Giron lit a candle in memory of Margaret A. Chavez*



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**Kathy Giron** - March 23, 2019 at 09:42 AM



“ *Lorraine Marquez lit a candle in memory of Margaret A. Chavez*



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**Lorraine Marquez** - March 23, 2019 at 02:43 AM

RB

“ *May she be at peace in her heavenly home.* ”



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**Romy Baca** - March 22, 2019 at 11:00 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Margaret A. Chavez* ”



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - March 22, 2019 at 06:41 PM

YS

“ *Yvonne Steininger lit a candle in memory of Margaret A. Chavez* ”



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**Yvonne Steininger** - March 22, 2019 at 06:17 PM

LO

“ *LorrainePadilla lit a candle in memory of Margaret A. Chavez* ”



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**LorrainePadilla** - March 22, 2019 at 05:54 PM

SC

“ *Sophia Chavez lit a candle in memory of Margaret A. Chavez*



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**Sophia Chavez** - March 22, 2019 at 05:37 PM

CT

“ *Corine Trujeque lit a candle in memory of Margaret A. Chavez*



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**Corine Trujeque** - March 22, 2019 at 04:06 PM

EC

“ *Elizabeth Chavez lit a candle in memory of Margaret A. Chavez*



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**Elizabeth Chavez** - March 22, 2019 at 03:18 PM