



## Mary Lou Martinez

May 24, 1946 - February 4, 2022

1946-2022

Mary Lou (Chavez) Martinez entered into heaven on Friday, February 4th, 2022. She was the youngest of five children born on May 24th, 1946 in Belen, NM to Elena and Celedon Chavez. Mary Lou graduated from Belen High School in 1964 and married Santiago Jimmy Martinez, who was her very own Elvis Presley. Together they had three children, Doris, Jimmy, and Brenda Lou. She had many passions in life, but her most cherished passion was being a mother and grandmother. She had five grandchildren, Noah James, Louis, Myles, Alexander; and her most recent and first granddaughter, Mary Grace. She loved music, singing, dancing, and drawing. She loved butterflies, sweet treats, and shopping, but most of all, she enjoyed being home watching her favorite black and white TV shows, which gave her the nostalgic comfort of her childhood days. Her beauty was breathtaking - her smile could light up a room, and her eyes always twinkled, but her love and kindness was something everyone who met her will tell you was like no other. Her devotion to Jesus Christ was a beautiful sight to behold and her life was a reflection of God's Love and Joy. Mary Lou is preceded in death by her husband, Santiago Jimmy Martinez; her parents, Elena (Aragon) and Celedon Chavez; and her sisters, Rosie (Chavez) Hurbina and Ramona (Chavez) Montoya. She is survived by her loving children, Doris, Jimmy, and Brenda (Louis); and her grandchildren, Noah (Paige), Louis, Myles, Alexander, and Mary Grace. She is also survived by her sisters, Josie Chavez and Dolores (Chavez) Gavaldon; one brother -in-law, Nick Martinez, he was like the big brother she never had, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. "We love you, Mama, we will always love you. Thank you for being our Angel." A public visitation will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Church on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 11:30 a.m. A rosary will be recited at 12:00 p.m. and a Funeral Mass will follow at 12:30 p.m. Please sign Mary Lou's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

MAR **16.** 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission Church  
04 Guadalupe Rd.  
Belen , NM 87002

## Rosary

MAR **16.** 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (MT)

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## Funeral Mass

MAR **16.** 12:30 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

CH

“ *Mary! I am so sorry to hear that you passed away! I am in tears hearing this! You have a beautiful soul and you were an inspiration to others. I know you loved your children and grandchildren so much! You are shining down on us now I am sure. You were an angel here on earth as you are now. Prayers to the family. Anyone feel free to message me 3092971465 it has been years! Goodbye angel!* ”

Crystal Jo Hakeem - January 08 at 11:20 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Martinez.* ”



March 15, 2022 at 11:22 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Martinez.* ”



March 12, 2022 at 05:45 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Martinez.* ”



March 12, 2022 at 05:37 PM



“ I wish to extend my sincere condolences to Doris, Jimmy, Brenda, Noah and all of Mary Lou's family! She was a beautiful, sweet person with a wonderful smile and sparkling eyes! She will be missed, but she is now resting in God's arms in his heavenly kingdom! Rest in Peace Mary Lou! Prayers for you all!

Your cousin, Connie M. Baca



Connie Baca - February 26, 2022 at 12:46 PM

JM

Thank you for your memory it means a lot to us.

Jimmy Martinez - March 02, 2022 at 05:09 PM



“ Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Martinez.



February 19, 2022 at 03:08 PM

NM

“ Nacita Mendoza lit a candle in memory of Mary Lou Martinez



Nacita Mendoza - February 19, 2022 at 01:24 PM

KT

“ Doris, Jimmy and Brenda you are in my heart and in my prayers. She was my sweet beautiful Auntie Mary Lou, I will never forget Her smiling face waving back at me while she was running track. Or our drives to visit Uncle Jimmy, how we prayed the rosary all the way there and how she always stopped me at the little candy store. I know she is now home, until we meet again she will live forever in my heart-Kathy

Kathy Torres - February 19, 2022 at 10:41 AM

JM

*Thank you for the memories. It means a lot to me. I remember my mom and dad getting all dressed up for your wedding as she was the maid of honor. Thank you for your love and kindness over the years mom always spoke very fondly of you. My mom always said I was like your mom, I took that as a huge compliment because of how sweet your mom was. Each of us kids were one of the sisters and I was auntie Ramona. Knowing she's with your mom again, protecting her and holding her under her wing, gives me comfort in a moment that is so impossibly hard. We would sit at home every day and mom would tell me all the stories of her life, her sisters, tata and nana, her first kiss, her afternoons at onate theater with all the sisters. Those were the best of times. I remember some days I would get up to go to bed and she would say "oh no you're not leaving yet are you", I would say I'm sleepy but I would get to the door and turn around and spend a few more minutes or hours with her knowing one day I would do anything for just one more moment. And now that time has come. How I wish I had just one more conversation, one more hug, one more kiss, just one more chance to tell her how much I love her. Mom is my heart and our moments together was everything to me, thank you for giving me more memories of the most beautiful, loving, thoughtful, kindhearted angel God gave me the miracle gift of being my mom.*

jimmy martinez - February 24, 2022 at 06:30 PM

BC

“ Condolences to Marylou's family. She was always a warm and friendly person. May God bless all of you, BeatriceCarabajal

Beatrice Carabajal - February 16, 2022 at 11:19 AM

DA

*Marylou was an angel on earth and now she's in heaven looking over all of us. We loved her dearly.*

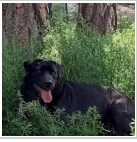
Dolores, Frances Aragon - February 17, 2022 at 11:45 AM



“ White Calla Lily and Daisies with Red Roses (Silk Cemetery Flowers) was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Martinez.



February 14, 2022 at 10:10 PM



“ *Your memory is our keepsake,  
With which we'll never part.  
God has you in his keeping,  
We have you in our hearts.*

*Mary was one of the most wonderful loving and caring people. She was a true Angel on earth. For the rest of my life when I see a butterfly I will always think of Mary. God rest your soul.*

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**Melissa Sotvik** - February 14, 2022 at 08:20 PM