



## Mary Jo Moya

October 7, 1929 - August 18, 2020

1929 -2020

In the early morning of August 18th 2020 Mary Jo (Garley) Moya (90) was called to her heavenly home to be with her Lord & Savior, also to be re-united, after a nine-year separation, with the love of her life, her husband of 60 years, Paul S. Moya. Mary Jo was born (October 07, 1929), to Enrique and Leocadia (Martinez) Garley. She was raised and educated in Belen and grew up on River Road as child number 10 of 13 siblings. She was a proud member of the 1948 Belen High graduating class and retained close life-long friendships with many of her classmates.

Mary Jo and Paul married on August 12, 1950 and began their life together on their farm in La Costancia, NM where they resided their entire married lives. Together, they raised six children. Although she was extremely active in so many different activities, she was a home maker extraordinaire, with her primary love and focus always being her family and her personal relationship with God. Mary Jo was preceded in death by her husband Paul, her Mother & Father and nine brothers and two sisters. Mary Jo is survived by one brother, Joey Garley; her six children; son, Joseph Moya (and friend Peggy Gutjhar); daughter, Mary Ellen Hodges (husband, Benny); son, Ron Moya (wife, Mary); son, Eugene Moya (wife, Janet); daughter, Anna Moya-Troyer (husband, Gerry); and daughter, Theresa Moya-Johnson (husband, Lawrence). She is also survived by eleven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. For their children and grandchildren, Paul and Mary Jo always placed a premium and a

special emphasis on the power of faith and prayer, education, a strong work ethic, honesty, good citizenship, and becoming contributing members of society. They insisted and ensured that all their children receive a quality and complete education. All achieved degrees from New Mexico State University, and higher degrees from various universities.

Aside from being a marvel in the kitchen (the best tortillas, ever), raising six children and running a household, Mary Jo enjoyed a devoted religious life and belonged to many organizations and groups, including: Charter member of the Belen Catholic Daughters; Saint Vincent de Paul Society; Ladies Extension Club; at the Tome Immaculate Conception Church she served as a Eucharistic Minister, 'Posadas' ministry leader and organizer for approximately 40 years, at Father Beach's request was an original lector and helped administer the schedule for lectors for many years, she maintained the Altar Linens, and served multiple years as the Immaculate Conception Fiestas Ticket Coordinator (she was so involved in her religion and church that Paul would sometimes joke "Mary Jo, I'm afraid that you are so involved that you might go past heaven"); Paul and Mary Jo served as the 'Padrinos' for the Tome Parish in the 1950's; they received the "Saint Francis of Assisi Award" from the Archbishop, at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Francis Assisi in Santa Fe (2003); served as the Valencia County Fair Grand Marshals (2000); she loved her membership and friends in 'TOPS', her 'Quilting Club' and regular luncheons with her life-long friends. She has lived a remarkable life and had such a positive influence and impact on so many people with which she had contact. Our loving memories of our Mother will forever be cherished and shall always remain fresh.

There is a rosary scheduled at Tome Immaculate Conception Church Sunday evening (23rd) at 6:00 pm (a public viewing at 5:00), the funeral mass will be conducted on Monday morning (24th) at 10:00 a.m. (viewing at 9:00) also in Tome. Mary Jo's pallbearers are: Max Moya; Irene Moya; Xavier Moya; Victoria Troyer; Joey Troyer; Benito Moya. Honorary Pallbearers: Francisco Romero; Maxim Moya; Maisie Moya; Brooklynn Swinford; Adalynn Swinford.

The family requests that in lieu of floral tributes the donations be made to the Tome Immaculate Conception Church "Renovation Project", or the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

Please sign Mary Jo's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com)  
Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

# Previous Events

## Viewing

AUG **23.** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
7 Church Loop  
Tome, NM 87060

## Rosary

AUG **23.** 6:00 PM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
7 Church Loop  
Tome, NM 87060

## Final Visitation

AUG **24.** 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
7 Church Loop  
Tome, NM 87060

## Funeral Mass

AUG **24.** 10:00 AM (MT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church  
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# Tribute Wall

GN

“ *How delightful it was to be with Mary Jo Moya for the Posadas ministry, going from house to house. She was a gracious and faith-filled disciple of the Lord. It was my privilege to have been Pastor at Immaculate Conception Church, where I got to know and love Mary Jo and her husband, Paul.*

*Fr. Greg Neuzil*

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**Greg Neuzil** - December 01, 2021 at 12:04 PM

KM

“ *Our Deepest Heartfelt Sympathies..*

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**Kathy Moya** - August 30, 2020 at 01:46 PM

MC

“ *So sorry to hear of Mary Jo! Her thoughtfulness, love of community, church especially the Las posadas in Tome she would point at me and say Michael will now sing O holy night ! Blessings to u Mary Jo! Come in to my house great servant as Jesus proclaim!*



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**Michael chavez** - August 27, 2020 at 02:42 PM

EM

“ *Our deepest condolences on the death of Mary No. What a beautiful soul. May she rest in peace.*  
*Gary & Estefana*



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**Estefana & Gary Montoya** - August 26, 2020 at 05:46 PM

BM

“ *Bonnie Montoya lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Moya*



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**Bonnie Montoya** - August 24, 2020 at 05:11 PM

BM

“ *Such a fine lady a wonderful person and a devoted CDA member. Your smile will truly be missed I had the upmost respect for you. Rest In Peace.*

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**Bonnie Montoya** - August 24, 2020 at 05:10 PM

YG

“ *On behalf of the New Mexico State Catholic Daughters Court, I would like to extend a heartfelt condolences to the family of Mary Jo Moya. Court Our Lady of Belen was blessed to have her as a CDA member for 70 years. May her Soul Rest in Peace.*  
*Yvette Griego, NM State Regent*

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**Yvette Griego** - August 24, 2020 at 01:42 PM

ET

“ *Edgard And Janice Torres lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Moya*



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**Edgard and Janice Torres** - August 24, 2020 at 12:02 PM

ET

*We send our Sincere condolences on the loss of your mother.*

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**Edgard and Janice Torres** - August 24, 2020 at 12:03 PM

OR

*Our deepest condolences and thoughts for all of the Moya family. Our prayers are with you. Socorro, Diana, Oliver, David and Sister Rena Marie Romero.*

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**Oliver Romero** - August 24, 2020 at 04:07 PM

AB

“ *Our thoughts & prayers are with you as you mourn the loss of your beloved Mother. May God bless each of you today & always. Milton & Annabelle Barela*



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**Annabelle Barela** - August 24, 2020 at 12:50 AM

DA

“ *Blessing to the family, our deepest condolences to the Family, Andrew and Dorothy Barreras.*



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**Dorothy and Andrew** - August 23, 2020 at 10:19 PM

LB

“ *Our sincere condolences to all the family.  
Mary Jo’s kind loving heart will be missed.  
Louie and Cathy Baca*



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**Louie Baca** - August 23, 2020 at 12:19 PM

BT

“ *Billie Alice Sanchez Torres sent a virtual gift in  
memory of Mary Jo Moya*



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**Billie Alice Sanchez Torres** - August 22, 2020 at 10:01 PM

BT

*My condolences to (Joseph, Anna, Theresa) all of Mary Jo's family and  
friends. May your wonderful memories and Gods Love carry you  
through this difficult time.*

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**Billie Alice Sanchez Torres** - August 22, 2020 at 10:05 PM

JS

“ *Jim And Susie lit a candle in memory of Mary  
Jo Moya*



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**jim and susie** - August 22, 2020 at 08:38 PM

RU

“ *Ruben&BeckyJaramillo lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Moya*



**Ruben&BeckyJaramillo** - August 22, 2020 at 08:17 PM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Moya*



**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - August 22, 2020 at 05:49 PM

OR

“ *Moya and Garley Families,*

*I was saddened by the passing of Mary Jo, an astute classmate and long time friend. I shall miss the fullness of her life and the power she had of love for all. She lived with that full commitment to a sacred life that dwells in the hereafter. In keeping with her Catholic faith, she is now in the arms of the Lord to rest with other loved ones in eternal life. It is where she will continue to live in the light of her own soul. May she rest in peace!*

*I submit sincere condolences to the family on behalf of Sue, our family and myself. May time bring solace to your grieving hearts.*

*Oscar S. Ramirez  
Belen High School Class of 1948.*



**Oscar Ramirez** - August 22, 2020 at 03:09 PM

RG

*I am saddened by Mary Jo's passing. She will be missed.*

*Agnes Garcia*

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**Rose Agnes Garcia** - August 23, 2020 at 02:36 PM

EB

“*Mary Jo was a joy to have met and an inspiration to me. She surely was a woman of God, and yet her persona was that of an everyday friend, laughing and joking! My deepest condolences to her family and lifelong friends, until we all meet again.*

*Elaine Bland*

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**Elaine Bland** - August 22, 2020 at 01:35 PM

MG

“*Mary Jo was my sister in-law. I have loved her so much from the first day we met. I admired all she did, how welcome she made me feel always offering something to eat and drink and then we'd sit at the kitchen table for good conversation. She would ask if the Garley-Moya families were instrumental in my converting to Catholicism and indeed they were. Such faith! I will miss her and more recently our phone conversations. I know God is blessing you, Mary Jo, for a life well lived. "Well done thou good and faithful servant". Matthew 25:21*

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**Merryl Garley** - August 21, 2020 at 05:37 PM

CK

“*We wish to share our condolences to the family of a great lady. Mary Jo always had a smile on her face and a kind word for everyone she met.*

*Robert & Fillie Baca  
Corine & Jim Knecht*

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**Corine & Jim Knecht** - August 21, 2020 at 03:52 PM

YV

“ Our deepest condolences to the siblings, husbands, wife’s, grandchildren & great-grand children of my great-aunt MaryJo. I remember when my mom and dad would go visit, she always had homemade goodies and we sat at the kitchen table. My great-aunt knew that I would cherish pictures of my mom and dad. The picture’s were your dad and mom which they stood in my parent’s wedding. She gave them to me several year’s ago. God Bless You!



*Great niece Yvonne, Gino, Jarrod & Justin Storey*

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**Yvonne** - August 21, 2020 at 03:37 PM

RM

“ Mary Jo never did half a job, whatever she undertook, she was committed and gave her all. She will be greatly missed. Rest in peace Mary Jo. My condolences to the Moya family, treasure your memories. Regina G. Martinez

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**Regina G Martinez** - August 21, 2020 at 10:36 AM

FJ

“ Fred And Alma Jaramillo lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Moya



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**Fred and Alma Jaramillo** - August 21, 2020 at 01:42 AM



“ *Rose Baca lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Moya*



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**Rose Baca** - August 20, 2020 at 11:53 PM



“ *So very sorry for the loss of your mother. God bless*

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**Rose Baca** - August 20, 2020 at 11:52 PM



“ *My heartfelt condolences thoughts and prayers are with the family and God's Blessings on each and everyone of y'all and May God help y'all find the comfort and peace within your heart*



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**Aimee Clarissa Delano Chavez** - August 20, 2020 at 11:14 PM



“ *Ruth Lucero lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Moya*



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**Ruth Lucero** - August 20, 2020 at 11:11 PM

RK

“ *Our condolences to the family. May she RIP !!*

*Robert and Marilyn Kaneshiro  
Daisy Sanchez*



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**Robert and Marilyn Kaneshiro** - August 20, 2020 at 09:03 PM

AJ

“ *My condolences to all the Moya family, your mom went home with your dad , may they both rest on peace. Sending prayers to the family.*



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**Andrew & LOU ANNA JARAMILLO** - August 20, 2020 at 08:45 PM

BM

“ *Moya family,*

*God bless you all! Mrs. Moya truly was one of a kind and our world was better because of her! Heaven gained a Saint!*

*Bernice Montoya  
Casa Colorada*



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**Bernice M Montoya** - August 20, 2020 at 07:57 PM

MG

“ *I offer my deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolence to the surviving family of Mrs. Moya.*

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**Manny Garcia** - August 20, 2020 at 07:50 PM

PO

“ Sending my condolences to the Moya family. Mary Jo Moya was a good friend and classmate of my parents, Sosimo and Ruth Cordova Padilla, all from the Class of 1948 in Belen. May she rest in peace and enjoy her heavenly rewards and may God bless her family during this difficult time.

Phyllis Padilla Owens - August 20, 2020 at 07:23 PM

VF

“ Our Lord and all the Heavenly Angels must have rejoiced receiving you in heaven. Always gracious and kind. We will miss you dearly. You and your family are in my prayers ❤️

Virginia Baca and family - August 20, 2020 at 06:26 PM

FM

“ Frank And Dolores Marquez lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Moya



Frank and Dolores Marquez - August 20, 2020 at 04:54 PM

DS

“ Dear Eugene and the entire family, God Bless your Mom's memory and may she Rest In Peace. Condolences.

Danny y Loretta Sachs - August 20, 2020 at 04:24 PM

CG

“ Our condolences to the Moya family. Wilmer and Consie Gabaldon



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**Consie Gabaldon** - August 20, 2020 at 03:49 PM

DB

“ Deborah Baca lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Moya



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**Deborah Baca** - August 20, 2020 at 02:02 PM

DB

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Take care, Ramona Baca's Family*

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**Deborah Baca** - August 20, 2020 at 02:04 PM

TW

“ Tommy And Edwina Weathersby lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Moya



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**Tommy and Edwina Weathersby** - August 20, 2020 at 11:37 AM

GG

“ *Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Moya*



**Glen & Mary Gabaldon** - August 20, 2020 at 11:28 AM

TF

“ *Tony F Padilla Family lit a candle in memory of Mary Jo Moya*



**Tony F Padilla Family** - August 20, 2020 at 11:27 AM

DP

“ *To Joseph, Mary Ellen, Ronnie, Eugene, Theresa and Anna and all the grand children..Our sincere condolences to each of you upon the loss of your dear Mother and grandmother. Mary Jo was always a dear friend and relative to the Jaramillo family. I always felt close to her and felt welcomed each time I visited her. I never needed an appointment and it was with a great smile that she was there to accept my presence. When I come back to NM, I will miss not stopping by to enjoy a good chat and biscochitos or whatever she graciously shared. Her chuckle and smile was compelling. As you each experience this loss, do find strength in the many great memories of this wonderful lady that was always there to accompany and encourage you on your life's journey. I am with you in spirit as you celebrate the life of this gracious and loving woman you call Mom.*

**Dina Paulik** - August 20, 2020 at 08:00 AM



“ *Rest in Peace, Mary Jo. My memory of your mom Anna, went you came over with tamales you and your mom had just made. I remember, how nice it was of your mom to think of my mom. Omg, they were so good. Prayers, to all of the Moya family.*

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**Anna Zamora Torres** - August 20, 2020 at 06:54 AM

LR

“ *Mary Ellen, Eugene (and all the Moyas); We share in your sorrow over the loss of a mother. It is so hard to conceive of someone that has always been there in our life - someone that nurtured and saw us through so many challenges is now gone. We pray that the comfort of knowing this is not the end, but a glorious beginning, a wondrous healing has taken place! We trust a Savior that will welcome His children home! Even so, we hurt in this world. We miss those we love. We commit to prayer for you in the days ahead.*

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**Len Ridley** - August 20, 2020 at 12:08 AM

LU

“ Our heartfelt and deepest condolences for the family's loss of your mother. We were so blessed to have the opportunity to have seen Aunt Mary Jo in 2018. It had been many, many years since our families were together and she welcomed us into her home as if we had just seen her last week. My great Aunt also took the time to write down her tortilla recipe which meant a great deal to me! She looked beautiful and her kindness will always be remembered.

Again, our deepest sympathy and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless,

Ruth Morris & Family

LuAnna Argudin & Family

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LuAnna - August 19, 2020 at 07:25 PM