



## Melanie Romero

November 13, 1972 - March 9, 2024

1972-2024

Melanie Suzanne Romero, age 51, a resident of Houston and Austin, TX, and formally of Belen, NM, passed away on March 9, 2024, at her home in Houston. Graveside Services will take place on Friday, April 26, 2024, at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens with a gathering of friends and family at 12:00 p.m. with Graveside Services at 12:30 p.m. She is survived by her father, Richard “Dicky” Romero; brothers, Craig (Amy) and Sky; aunt, Juliane Romero; lifelong childhood friend, Liza Chavez; and many cousins. Melanie is preceded in death by her mother and best friend, Suzanne Romero; paternal grandparents, Arno and Barbara Hightower Romero; maternal grandparents, Phillip “Muggins” and Hazel Lovelady Pierce; uncles, Ben and Nick Romero; and aunt, Olivia Romero. Melanie was a free-loving spirit who never met a stranger. She was a caregiver for the elderly and was dubbed the “Grandma Whisperer” because of her uncanny ability to make the elderly want to thrive. Melanie’s love for animals was amazing and even addicting. She could make you love a stray just by her strong desire to give of herself to those in need. Melanie will be missed by all who loved and knew her. Please sign Melanie’s online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Family and Friends

APR **26**. 12:00 PM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens  
101 N. 10th Street  
Belen, NM 87002

## Graveside Service

APR **26**. 12:30 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

EP

“ *Emma Kevin Pena lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



Emma Kevin Pena - May 02, 2024 at 01:08 AM

JL

“ *Juanita Lucero lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



Juanita Lucero - April 29, 2024 at 09:09 PM

PL

“ *Pamela A Locey lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



Pamela A Locey - April 27, 2024 at 01:00 AM

BJ

“ *I'm sorry for your loss,prayers, strength and love to you and your family.*



Bobby Jo - April 26, 2024 at 08:07 PM

DS

“ *Diane Silva lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



**Diane Silva** - April 26, 2024 at 02:20 PM

CC

“ *Charles & Lucy Chavez lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



**Charles & Lucy Chavez** - April 26, 2024 at 02:16 PM

AB

“ *Dickie & family...we are so sorry to hear of the passing of your beautiful Melanie. Praying God will bless you with peace and comfort.*



*Milton & Annabelle Barela*



**Annabelle Barela** - April 26, 2024 at 01:03 AM

AC

“ *Albert & Alice Chavez lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



**Albert & Alice Chavez** - April 25, 2024 at 05:35 PM

AJ

“ Our condolences go out to the family especially our dear friend Dicky Romero. We send our heartfelt love and prayers, may she rest in peace in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ . Our prayers go out to a beautiful family and special prayer to Mr. Dicky Romero a freind of the community and our dear friend. God bless you all

Andrew and Lou Anna Jaramillo - April 25, 2024 at 02:22 PM

BB

“ Brandon Jaramillo- Annette Baca lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero



Brandon Jaramillo- Annette Baca - April 25, 2024 at 02:15 PM

EH

“ Eva Hogue lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero



Eva Hogue - April 24, 2024 at 08:37 PM

LP

“ Laurie Pipkin lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero



Laurie Pipkin - April 24, 2024 at 08:04 PM

BT

“ *Billie Alice Sanchez Torres sent a virtual gift in memory of Melanie Romero*



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**Billie Alice Sanchez Torres** - April 24, 2024 at 10:43 AM

DP

“ *David And Diane Padilla lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



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**David and Diane Padilla** - April 23, 2024 at 10:51 PM

RG

“ *Dear Dicky, sending our sincere condolences for you and your familia. May our Lord give you strength, comfort, peace, and grace. Blessings and Love, Rick and Anna Garcia*

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**Rick and Anna Garcia** - April 23, 2024 at 07:04 PM

MJ

“ *Dicky,  
Our sincere condolences on the loss of your daughter. Our thoughts & prayers are with you. God Bless you!  
Marty & Beatrice Jojola*



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**Marty & Beatrice Jojola** - April 23, 2024 at 04:48 PM

DR

“ *Donetta Rivera lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



Donetta Rivera - April 23, 2024 at 01:58 PM

PE

“ *PEANUT lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



PEANUT - April 23, 2024 at 01:51 AM

PE

*SO SORRY TO HEAR OF YOUR LOSS PRAYERS GOD HEALS YOUR HEART SOME DAY,I HAVE ALWAYS LOVED YOU.YOUR PARENTS AND YOUR FAMILY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY,,,,PEANUT (BUSTAMANTE ) MAEZ <3*

PEANUT - April 23, 2024 at 01:56 AM

GB

“ *Galen & Hai Baker lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



Galen & Hai Baker - April 22, 2024 at 11:30 PM

MB

“ Dickie we were sorry to hear about your daughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family. Eternal rest grant to her oh Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon her, may she rest in peace.  
Martin and Antoinette Baca



Martin and Antoinette Baca - April 22, 2024 at 07:40 PM

KG

“ Dickie, my sincere condolences . My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Kenneth Griego - April 22, 2024 at 07:30 PM

CR

“ Cynthia Romero sent a virtual gift in memory of Melanie Romero



Cynthia Romero - April 22, 2024 at 06:26 PM

DR

“ Dickie and family our sincerest condolences for the loss of your loved one. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Dickie, thank you for all you have done for my family. God bless each and every one of you 🙏❤️❤️💛💕



Debbie Romero - April 22, 2024 at 04:50 PM

GG

“ *Dicky and family, I am so sorry to lose beautiful Melanie. She was kind and loving to everyone she met. She left good memories.*

**Gilbert Garcia** - April 22, 2024 at 02:54 PM

TB

“ *Dicky and family, I send my deepest condolences, love and prayers. Thank you for always supporting my family during our times of sorrow. Please know that I am deeply saddened by your loss, praying for you all and standing beside you in spirit as you have done for so many of us. I pray for God's comfort during this difficult time. Love and Endure Always. Tommy Bustamante,*

**Tommy Bustamante** - April 22, 2024 at 12:48 PM

LN

“ *Liz Najar sent a virtual gift in memory of Melanie Romero*



**Liz Najar** - April 22, 2024 at 11:24 AM

RM

“ *Renee M. Martinez lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



**Renee M. Martinez** - April 22, 2024 at 01:33 AM

JM

“ *Jennie Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



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**Jennie Mascarena** - April 21, 2024 at 10:18 PM

DT

“ *DANNY AND ANGIE TAFOYA lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



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**DANNY AND ANGIE TAFOYA** - April 21, 2024 at 02:49 PM

LM

“ *Leroy Mascarena lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



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**Leroy Mascarena** - April 21, 2024 at 01:42 PM

RP

“ *Rita C Aragon & James Proctor lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



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**Rita C Aragon & James Proctor** - April 21, 2024 at 10:15 AM

JT

“ Dear Dicky and Family,  
Please accept our condolences and prayers.

*We will deeply miss sweet beautiful Melanie who we affectionately called "The Hugger". Boy, will we miss her hugs.*

*We are saddened that we had such a short time with her but in the short time we quickly grew to adore her.*

*Melania walked into our lives in early January 2024 to care for our elderly family member. My family and I had no idea the amount of kindness, tenderness and care that she would provide (hugs).*

*Melanie made such a difference and we feel so blessed to have had her in our lives.*

*Melanie may you rest peacefully,  
Sincerely,  
Julia Trujillo and Family*

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**Julia Trujillo** - April 21, 2024 at 10:14 AM



“ *Mel was a super sweet soul, always ready to meet you with a smile. Im thankful for the time we had, and only wish we could've had more. Zuko and I are gonna miss her. Rest easy cuzzo*

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**Noah Dunstatter** - April 20, 2024 at 04:03 PM

DU

“ *Rest in peace sweet girl* 💜



**Dora uceta** - April 20, 2024 at 12:09 PM



“ *Sali Whitworth lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



**Sali Whitworth** - April 20, 2024 at 11:43 AM



*She will continue to light up our hearts in memory, very sad to learn of Mels passing. Peace.*

**Sali Whitworth** - April 20, 2024 at 11:45 AM

RB

“ *Oh Melanie, you were so young to leave this place. I knew you when you were born. Dicky, Craig, Sky, and Julie...what a great loss for your family. Suzanne and Melanie were best friends, but there is also a special bond between father and daughter. Even through death, it is not broken.*

**Racy Bowersox** - April 20, 2024 at 09:27 AM

AD

“ I'll always cherish the memory of jumping through the lasso you held for me at the thanks giving get together at my mom's in Katy. I'm going to miss your goof ball sense of humor and your warm personality. I wish we had had more time together cousin.

Arno Dunstatter - April 19, 2024 at 02:47 PM

KC

“ We are so sad for you dickie you have buried so many of our family the last one was our little brother Richard dickie baldonado so we are sad for you

Kathy carrillo - April 18, 2024 at 09:37 PM

ET

“ I miss Mel's bright personality and her free-spirit nature. She was always smiling and happy every time I see her and that would lighten my day every time. I miss her greatly and regret that we didn't have more time together but I know she's in a great place. I'll forever remember her bright smiles.

Emily Tran - April 18, 2024 at 07:21 PM

AC

“ Annette Chavez lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero



Annette Chavez - April 18, 2024 at 06:42 PM

AC

“ Dicky and family, please accept our deepest condolences on the passing of your daughter, Melanie. You are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
Annette Chavez and Charles Paiz

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Annette Chavez - April 18, 2024 at 06:41 PM

DW

“ Dicky, our deepest condolences for the loss of your daughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Donald & Cathy



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Donald Chavez & Cathy Walker - April 18, 2024 at 02:33 PM

JR

“ Dicky,  
Thak you for sharing your Madoo with me, if only for a short time. She is, and always will be forever missed by me, my neighbors and all my critters that she took such precious care of! The New York Jets have lost their biggest fan! The world has lost the sweetest soul!

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Juliane Romero - April 18, 2024 at 01:39 AM

LS

Dicky I want to let you know that knowing Mel only for a short time that she truly touched my heart and soul. I think of her often and how I can become more loving as she oozed love, kindness and passion. I regret I didn't get to spend more time with her! She was the woo-woo of the year for me and taught me soft boiled eggs are delicious on salads!!!

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Lonna Sears - April 18, 2024 at 09:26 AM

RS

“Lit a candle In Memory of Melanie Suzanne Romero.”💜



Dicky & Family, 🌸

Our most sincere condolences on Your Loss of your beautiful & precious daughter & sister, Melanie. 🦋 She will be dearly missed by all whose lives she touched. May God Bless all of Melanie's Family at this most difficult time. 🌹🌸

Sincerely,  
Ruby Salas & Family 🌸

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**Ruby Salas** - April 17, 2024 at 11:15 PM

DE

Dear Dicky, my heart aches for your terrible loss. I only met Melanie briefly but immediately loved her.

Sincerely, Diane

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**Diane Egger** - April 18, 2024 at 01:50 PM

GG

“Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero



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**Glen & Mary Gabaldon** - April 17, 2024 at 01:28 PM

FJ

“ Fred And Alma Jaramillo sent a virtual gift in memory of Melanie Romero



Fred and Alma Jaramillo - April 17, 2024 at 10:49 AM

JS

“ We are saddened to read that Beautiful Melanie passed away. Our heartfelt sympathy and Condolences to Dicky Romero and Family also friends. Chad knew Melanie and was proud to call Her a Friend.. May She Go on High to the Father, Our God and Savior and be reunited with her Loved ones that have gone before, Her Mom Suzanne. Amen.



June Anne Salazar de Landavazo and Son - April 17, 2024 at 12:41 AM

RT

“ My condolences Dicky to you during this difficult time. May perpetual light shine upon her and may she rest in peace. Prayers for you and her siblings. 🙏

Renee Tabet - April 16, 2024 at 07:13 AM

TG

“ Tommy And Dolores García lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero



Tommy and Dolores García - April 15, 2024 at 10:48 PM

JC

“ *September 2002  
Melanie at cousin Valerie and Geno’s wedding*



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**Jean Chavez** - April 15, 2024 at 10:23 PM

FM

*Melanie, may God bless your sweet soul and pour blessings of comfort  
and strength on your loving family!  
Frances Abeyta Morgas  
Geno’s cousin*

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**Frances Morgas** - April 15, 2024 at 10:59 PM

JC

“ *Jean Chavez lit a candle in memory of  
Melanie Romero*



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**Jean Chavez** - April 15, 2024 at 09:48 PM

TS

“ *Theresa Sanchez lit a candle in memory of  
Melanie Romero*



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**Theresa Sanchez** - April 15, 2024 at 07:32 PM

AS

“ Anthony Sanchez lit a candle in memory of  
Melanie Romero



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**Anthony Sanchez** - April 15, 2024 at 07:32 PM

BS

“ Betty Sanchez sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Melanie Romero



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**Betty Sanchez** - April 15, 2024 at 07:31 PM

MC

“ Dicky and Family,  
Condolences and Prayers on the loss of your  
beautiful Melanie.  
May God Bless You with His Peace, His  
Comfort and His Strength.



*Max y Rosemarie Cordova*

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**Max y Rosemarie Cordova** - April 14, 2024 at 09:16 PM

LG

“ Dickie, my deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved daughter,  
Melanie. May God ease your pain and give you peace at this time of  
sadness. My prayers are with you. May she Rest In Peace.

*Lucy Tapia Gonzales*

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**Lucy Gonzales** - April 14, 2024 at 08:41 PM

RG

“ Sorry for your loss Dicky . May God bless you and your family.

Rose Agnes Garcia - April 14, 2024 at 07:07 PM

PP

“ Dicky and family! We are so Sorry for your beautiful daughter and sister! RIP 🙏🙏



Preme and Lorraine Padilla - April 14, 2024 at 06:45 PM

CS

“ Our sincere condolences to Dicky and his family on the passing of his beloved daughter.  
In our time(s) of loss you have always been there showing compassion and empathy and now it is our turn to return these human emotions that are so needed during this difficult time of loss.  
God be with you and your family Dickie...

Clara/Gilbert Serafin - April 14, 2024 at 01:30 PM

KP

“ Our deepest condolences sent to the Romero family .. We love you all ☐  
Thinking and praying for you ..



Kevin & Emma Peña - April 14, 2024 at 03:09 AM

MP

“ Marie & Gilbert Pino lit a candle in memory of  
Melanie Romero



Marie & Gilbert Pino - April 13, 2024 at 09:09 PM

CD

“ Wishing you hope in the midst of your sorrow  
and comfort in the midst of your pain! Our  
deepest condolences, Dickie.



Corine & Joe Duran - April 13, 2024 at 06:17 PM

GM

“ Our deepest condolences Dicky to you and  
your family on the passing of your daughter,  
Melanie! May she rest in peace!



Gary and Estefana Montoya - April 13, 2024 at 04:44 PM

TW

“ Dicky, so sorry for your losses. I pray for  
God's peace for you and the family



TRUDY LORAIN WALLACE - April 13, 2024 at 04:23 PM

MS

“ *Maxine Barela Schmock lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



Maxine Barela Schmock - April 13, 2024 at 04:06 PM

BC

“ *Beverly Castillo lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



Beverly Castillo - April 13, 2024 at 02:21 PM

BC

*I am so very sorry for your loss. God bless you all and give you peace, now and always..*

Beverly Castillo - April 13, 2024 at 02:22 PM

GF

“ *May she have eternal peace 🕊️. My thoughts and prayers are with Dicky and his family.*



Gwen Sanchez and Family - April 13, 2024 at 12:05 PM

SD

“ *We are so sorry for your loss. We send our deepest condolences. Your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.*

Stephen and Denise Doyle - April 13, 2024 at 10:51 AM

BM

“ Dickey so sorry for your lost love and prayers to you and your family  
Tino and Betty Mascarena

Betty Mascarena - April 13, 2024 at 10:41 AM

CM

“ Dicky, Craig, Sky & Julie,  
Words cannot express the sadness of your  
loss. Melanie was such a precious woman.  
Sweet, kind and very loving. Condolences to all  
of you! And may God bless Melanie and all of  
you. May she rest in God's peace!  
Cathy & Greg



Cathy McCartney - April 13, 2024 at 09:36 AM

MK

“ Our deepest condolences go out to you God  
bless you always

Robert and Marilyn



Marilyn Kaneshiro - April 13, 2024 at 09:20 AM

LM

“ Keeping you and your family in my thoughts  
and prayers Dickie 🙏🙏



Lorraine Marquez - April 13, 2024 at 06:16 AM

DT

“ *Debbie Tabet lit a candle in memory of Melanie Romero*



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**Debbie Tabet** - April 12, 2024 at 10:35 PM

AV

“ *Dicky, I extend my deepest condolences to you. I am so, so sorry for your loss. Melanie is such a beautiful soul.*

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**Amanda Valenzuela** - April 12, 2024 at 09:06 PM

LG

*Dicky, Craig, Sky, Juliane; we are deeply saddened by the loss of precious Melanie! She was always such a bright light! We will always remember how she would look at us so deeply with those beautiful eyes when visiting with us. We will always remember her contagious laugh and loving spirit! Love you all! Anthony and Lorraine Garcia*

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**Lorraine Sachs Garcia** - April 19, 2024 at 10:26 PM

JC

*Dicky, my sincerest condolences to you and your family in this difficult time. May God wrap his arms around you all and give you the strength to get through this time!*

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**JoAnne Chavez** - April 22, 2024 at 11:43 PM

GL

*Dickie, May God bless and comfort you through this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family,*

*Danny, Gloria & Adam Ratliff*

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**Gloria Lucero-Ratliff** - April 23, 2024 at 02:21 PM