



Nila Romero

October 25, 1938 - September 15, 2021

1938 -2021

Nila Romero, age 82, a resident of Los Lunas, NM, passed away on Wednesday, September 15, 2021. She was born on October 25, 1938, in Los Chavez, NM. Nila was a world traveler and retired educator and her love of life didn't come to an end with her death. She passed away surrounded by her loved ones who will continue to honor her legacy by living their lives to the fullest. Nila is preceded in death by her husband, Clovis Romero, whom she loved deeply and thought about every day; parents, Cristobal and Placida Cordova; granddaughter, Lacy; and her brother, Ismael "Smiley" Cordova. She is survived by her sister-in law, Kandy Cordova; children, Ron, Matthew (Lucretia), and Michael Romero, Celina (Rance) Hall; grandchildren, Daniel, Jessica, Ronda, Rhiannon, Stephanie and Adam, Rene and Charli, Clovis and Gabrielle, Rebekah and James; her great grandchildren, Laci Anna, Jessen James, Swayze Rance, Rosalynn Lucia, Mila Isabelle, Rowen James, and many beloved nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Nila had a love of the arts and volunteered as an usher at the Hispanic Cultural Center and the Albuquerque Little Theater. She enjoyed sharing this love with her family. Nila loved Jesus and participated at Our Lady of Belen and volunteered at the St. Vincent De Paul ministry. But mostly, Nila was a loyal and devoted sister to Kandy, a good friend to many, and a loving daughter, sister, mother, aunt, cousin, and friend.

She lived her life to the fullest and loved to travel not only around the country,

but around the world. She mailed many a postcard from China, France, Spain, Viet Nam, Africa, England, and Tibet, just to name a few. Her absolute favorite place of destination was Costa Rica, where she has many friends and shared her love of Costa Rica with family by taking them with her to enjoy the beauty of the island and her friends. World traveler, Nila Romero, has now arrived at the ultimate and greatest destination – to be with our Lord Jesus Christ and all loved ones that have gone before her.

A Vigil memorial service and Rosary will be held on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, at Romero Funeral Home Chapel, at 11:30 AM, with a gathering of friends and family immediately after at the Posse Café on the I-25 bypass in Belen. Please sign Nila's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com
Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM

Previous Events

Vigil Service

SEP 21. 11:30 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ *May she rest in paradise.
From co volunteer claudina martinez , 1420@gmail.com.*

Claudina martinez - May 16, 2022 at 11:56 AM

PH

“ *Our deepest condolences to Nila's family and friends. Nila's husband, Clovis, was my high school class sponsor in Los Lunas. She was always very supportive of his efforts with our class and it's many activities. Later on I got to know Nila when I was teaching in Belen. She was always upbeat, helpful, and a very good friend to all. She will be missed. Patricia and Pete Herrera*



Patricia Herrera - September 29, 2021 at 10:32 AM

DC

“ *I always had such fond memories of Nila and all the family. I grew up with her children, and Ron and I would even run together. Such a wonderful lady. My deepest condolences to all the family*

Derrick Chavez - September 24, 2021 at 06:19 PM

EB

“ *To all of Nila's family. Sincere condolences. We will all miss Nila at the NHCC. She was always so kind and a joy to be around.*

Elena Baca - September 22, 2021 at 12:36 PM

JT

“ To all of Nila's family and friends:
Nila was a role model for me and I will very much miss her. Her enthusiasm for life and her zest for travel will remain her legacy and be an inspiration for years to come.

Nila came to London a few years ago and stayed with me during her visit....such a treat for me and I believe for her. I recall her particular interest in London's historic Great Fire. We went together to the Museum of London to see their impressive collection and a special section about the Fire. London is a town for walking and of course, Nila embraced the experience.

We will miss her at the NHCC - hugs to all of you,
Julie Tierney

Julie Tierney - September 21, 2021 at 01:31 PM

DS

“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Doug Simon - September 21, 2021 at 11:16 AM

RF

“ Rivera Family lit a candle in memory of Nila Romero



Rivera Family - September 21, 2021 at 10:25 AM

RF

Prayers to you all today, may her memories help you thru this difficult time, love you all. ❤️

Rivera Family - September 21, 2021 at 10:27 AM

MI

“ *May memories of her always be a blessing to those she left behind. Amazing and accomplished woman.* ”

Michelle - September 21, 2021 at 12:48 AM

JG

“ *Joseph And Georgia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Nila Romero* ”



Joseph and Georgia Garcia - September 20, 2021 at 08:44 PM

KG

“ *My sincere condolences to the Nila Romero family. She was a great teacher and one of the nicest person I ever knew. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.* ”

Kenneth Griego - September 20, 2021 at 06:52 PM

EM

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Effie Chavez Murphy - September 20, 2021 at 04:21 PM

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Effie Chavez Murphy - September 20, 2021 at 04:19 PM

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Effie Chavez Murphy - September 20, 2021 at 04:17 PM

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Effie Chavez Murphy - September 20, 2021 at 04:08 PM

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Effie Chavez Murphy - September 20, 2021 at 03:51 PM

EM

“ My deepest condolences to Nila's friends y familia. I've known Nila since we taught high school at Belen. We were happy to reunite our friendship while volunteering at NHCC. We shared many fun trips together including India. I was always in awe of her boundless energy and her enthusiastic love of life. She was a loving gentle soul and her friendship was a wonderful gift to us all. I miss her now but i know her loving spirit continues to live in my heart. Adios Amiga Nila.

Effie Chavez Murphy - September 20, 2021 at 03:31 PM

DS

“ Dominic And Dan Sanchez-Stimson lit a candle in memory of Nila Romero



Dominic and Dan Sanchez-Stimson - September 20, 2021 at 01:30 PM

TW

“ *Tom and I are so sorry for your loss.*



Tom and Edwina Weathersby - September 20, 2021 at 01:08 PM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Nila Romero.*



September 20, 2021 at 12:28 PM

LB

“ *Dear friend Nila, thanks to be part of our life.
We enjoyed time together here in Costa Rica and great memories
are kept in our hearts.
Now you are surrounded by angels like you were for us.
Our condolences to Nila's family.*



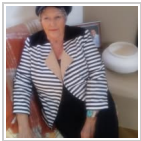
Luisa Bonatti - September 20, 2021 at 10:59 AM

RN

“ *Rosemary Gallegos and Liz Miera NHCC purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of Nila Romero.*



Rosemary Gallegos and Liz Miera NHCC - September 20, 2021 at 10:35 AM



“ *My love and condolences to Nila's family and friends. Yes, she was a lovely lady. I saw her sharing her love and kindness to my cousin Kandy, her sister-in-law. How blessed we were to know her and love her. She showed so much love and kindness to anyone she knew. She will be missed, but she has gone to the best of destinations to be with our Divine Mercy Jesus Christ, all the angels and saints. May the peace of the Holy Family bring comfort to all of the family.*

Loretta Gabaldon - September 19, 2021 at 09:49 PM

DS

“ Nila volunteered for several years in my Volunteer Program office at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. She called ushers every week to remind them of their commitment to support the many events and programs we offered. She continued as an usher and a faithful volunteer in the History Library there.



Nila spent time in Costa Rica and helped us plan a trip for our docents and friends. Here's Nila with our group in Zacatecas. Nila was an energetic walker and hiker. She loved adventure and fresh air. I will never forget when we rested for an hour or so by the Peña de Bernal, Zacatecas state park on that trip. People were asking "where's Nila?" She found a trail and went hiking up the mountain!

On these trips there were many small-time vendors who crowded around us trying to sell trinkets and wares. Most of us felt they were like "moscas." But I watched as Nila gave each one her time and attention and often bought small gifts from them. Her Spanish was excellent and she connected with all the "gente" on our travels in gentle and heart-felt ways.

In Spanish they say, "Hecho de menos." I feel diminished with her passing. But I know I am greater for having shared the joy of her friendship. Mil Gracias, Nila!

Doug Simon
Albuquerque

Doug Simon - September 19, 2021 at 03:22 PM

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Doug Simon - September 19, 2021 at 03:22 PM



“ Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Nila Romero.



September 18, 2021 at 08:51 PM

LG

“ Nila had a heart of gold! She inspired so many through education, travel and volunteer work. She will be greatly missed by her family, friends and community. Thank you Nila for inviting our Mother, Elsie Sachs to share many of your adventures. She loved you dearly! So many wonderful stories and memories! We are so sorry to Nila's entire family for your loss. Lorraine Sachs Garcia and Family

Lorraine Sachs Garcia - September 18, 2021 at 08:44 PM

TL

“ So sorry for your loss, Nila was a beautiful lady. She loved her adventures and life. My Mom Nina and her were very close friends. RIP Nila 🙏❤️🙏❤️



Terry Lewis - September 18, 2021 at 05:52 PM

PC

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Pam Cordova - September 18, 2021 at 05:09 PM

HE

“ I have lost a wonderful friend. We shared so many good times together, travels, lunches, the NHCC library , walks along the river and many more delightful hours. Nila was an inspiration to all who knew her and I will never forget her.
My thoughts and sympathy go out to her family whom she loved so well.

Helene - September 18, 2021 at 05:08 PM

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Helene - September 18, 2021 at 04:57 PM

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Helene - September 18, 2021 at 04:42 PM

JM

“ So sorry for your family's loss. I had the pleasure of meeting her when she came to Las Vegas and then went to see her in New Mexico. Loved hearing about her adventures and volunteer work as well as how proud she was of her family. Truly a wonderful person. She will be greatly missed. RIP 🙏🙏💕😞

Jacquelyn murray - September 18, 2021 at 03:59 PM

BR

“ Barbara Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Nila Romero



Barbara Rodriguez - September 18, 2021 at 02:44 PM

BS

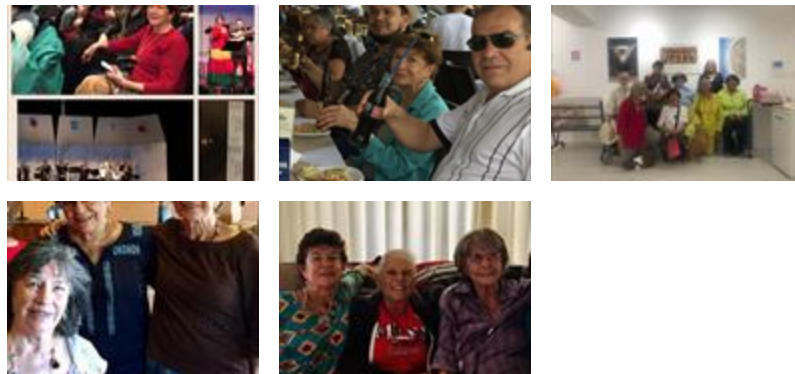
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Bertha Sarracino - September 18, 2021 at 02:30 AM

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Bertha Sarracino - September 18, 2021 at 02:27 AM

PA

“ *Nila's kindness was a joy and her passion to travel the world inspiring. My wife and I had an opportunity to travel with Nila on two separate occasions to Mexico. Her energy and curiosity was infectious and when I grow up I want to be like Nila; kind, passionate, curious and filled with energy. Rest In Peace my friend...*

Patrick & Evangeline Trujillo

Patrick - September 18, 2021 at 01:53 AM

MJ

“ *Celina & Family,
Our condolences on the loss of your mother,
prayers for your family during this difficult time
and the years ahead. Cherish all the
memories you had together, God Bless you
all.*



Marty & Beatrice Jojola - September 18, 2021 at 12:32 AM

BS

“ *I was lucky enough to travel with Nila to Mexico, just one of the
international trips she planned to take at age 79! I will always be
inspired by Nila's energy and joy in the adventures in life. She could
run rings around anyone half her age.
My deepest condolences to Nila's family and friends. May you find
comfort in your memories of her.
Sincerely,
Barbara Shapiro*

Barbara Shapiro - September 17, 2021 at 10:58 PM

MC

“ *I lost one of my greatest fans! We spent many hours looking at the
pictures I took on so many of our travel destinations. Happy travels,
Nila!! Marc Chenier*

Marc Chenier - September 17, 2021 at 09:53 PM

JJ

“ *Nila was always so full of life...always on the go...always looking forward to her next adventure...we shared many wonderful conversations about our love of Costa Rica and the Pura Vida that we shared...we traveled with her and volunteered with her at the NHCC...she always was kind to everyone...never shared in gossip...she was a true Lady...¡bendiciones! Ricardo y Judit Janiak*

Judit Janiak - September 17, 2021 at 04:27 PM

GG

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



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - September 17, 2021 at 12:09 PM