



Rita Maria Chavez

November 3, 1937 - November 17, 2022

1937-2022

Rita Maria Chavez, age 85, a resident of Albuquerque, NM, and a former resident of Belen, passed away on November 17, 2022. She was a member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church. A Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2022, at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church at 9:00 a.m., followed by a Rosary to be recited at 10:00 a.m. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10:30 a.m., with an Interment to follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Rita is preceded in death by her parents, Jake and Antonia Martinez; and her brother, Rick Martinez. She is survived by her loving husband, Robert Chavez; sons, Bob, Chris (Twila), and Joseph Chavez; daughter, Kathy Ulibarri (Andrew); grandchildren, Valerie Davis (Andrew), Jessica Morrison (David), Felicia Monson (Sheldon), Melissa Shirah (John), Celina Chavez, and Isaac, Liliana, Simon, and Alexis Ulibarri; great-grandchildren, Jacob Chavez, Noah Marquez, Myla and James Shirah, Lincoln and Luna Monson, Abigail and Sofia Morrison, and Finau Reiher Jr. Rita was a very happy, loving, and hard-working women, and most of all, incredibly strong. She loved life, loved to bake, crochet, read, and loved her grandkids and great-grandkids to pieces. Pallbearers will be Bob, Chris, Joseph, Gilbert, Fred, and Jacob Chavez, Noah Marquez, and Andrew Ulibarri. Please sign Rita's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 8. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

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

Rosary

DEC 8. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

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Funeral Mass

DEC 8. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
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Belen, NM 87002

Interment

DEC 8. 11:30 AM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall

FA

“ *My deepest condolences to my Uncle and my first cousins. I will always remember my Aunt Rita as one of the most positive humans I have ever known. And her bright eyes and smile. I drew strength from her. Just wanted you to know.*
Karen

family - August 12, 2023 at 06:51 PM

EP

“ *Auntie Rita was a very special and kind lady. She was always the Aunt that made you feel special. It is very hard to lose your loved ones around the holidays especially a Mom. Auntie Rita always made sure to send a a Christmas card and when it stopped it was very sad. I loved her lots. Niece, Liz Polinko*

Elizabeth Polinko - November 30, 2022 at 03:23 PM

JO

“ *Joey lit a candle in memory of Rita Maria Chavez*



Joey - November 27, 2022 at 10:23 AM

VD

“ *My grandma meant so much to me, she taught me so much and loved me unconditionally. I will always remember the time spent with her and what a beautiful person she was.*



Valerie Davis - November 26, 2022 at 08:00 PM

MC

“ *Rita was more like a sister than a sister in law. Loved her very much. MEL AND KATHY CHAVEZ.*

MEL CHAVEZ - November 24, 2022 at 08:48 AM

BA

My condolences to My cousin Rita's family. We had a fun childhood. I loved our aunt Tony, Uncle Jake and cousin Ricky . May you rest in peace..your cousin Barbara Martinez Maes

Barbara - November 25, 2022 at 02:01 PM

ML

“ *Mark & Crissie Leyba lit a candle in memory of Rita Maria Chavez*



Mark & Crissie Leyba - November 23, 2022 at 10:47 PM

MW

“ Dearest Chavez Family, we are so broken hearted to here of Aunt Rita's passing,. She was an amazing woman. My Mom and Dad loved her so much. GOD BLESS YOU ALL.

Mary Frances Wells - November 23, 2022 at 01:56 PM

AS

“ Adela Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Rita Maria Chavez



Adela Sanchez - November 23, 2022 at 10:29 AM

MF

“ MaARTINEZ FAMILY lit a candle in memory of Rita Maria Chavez



MaARTINEZ FAMILY - November 22, 2022 at 04:31 PM