



## Rosita M. Gabaldon

August 27, 1924 - November 11, 2014

1924-2014

Mrs. Rosita Gabaldon, age 90, a resident of Los Lunas, NM went to be with her heavenly father and her beloved husband, Rafael Gabaldon, on Tuesday, November 11, 2014. Rosita was the mother of 10 children. She was a member of the Sacred Heart League and the Altar Society at the San Clemente Church. Rosita enjoyed being a mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and great-great-grandmother. Rosita was the glue to her large family. No holiday was complete without going to see her. She was our dearly beloved Mama, Nana, and Grandma. We honor her memory by remembering all her wonderful life stories. We remember her frequently traveling with her husband and visiting with friends and family. We remember her world famous salsa. We remember her 29 years of working at the Los Lunas Hospital and Training School where she grew to love each and every one of the children for whom she cared for. We remember her kind heart and the way she made every guest in her home feel warm and welcome. She was preceded in death by her sons, Abelito and Patricio; and her husband of 62 years, Rafael. Rosita's memory and love will be carried on by her daughter, Juanita Gallegos and her husband, Ernest of Belcamp, MD; daughter, Beatrice Garley of Albuquerque, NM; son, Antonio Gabaldon and his wife, Patricia of Glendale, AZ; daughter, Nancy Montoya and her late husband, Arthur of Rio Rancho, NM; daughter, Angela Castillo and her husband, Ruben; daughter, Genevieve Martinez and

her husband, Freddie; daughter, Dolores Cano and her husband, Armando; and daughter, Mary Tafoya and her husband, Lawrence, all of Los Lunas, NM, and her many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. All services will be held at San Clemente Parish, beginning with a Viewing on Thursday, November 13th at 6:30 p.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 7:30 p.m. A Final Viewing will be held on Friday, November 14th at 12:30 p.m. with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 1:00 p.m. Interment will follow at San Clemente Cemetery. Sign Rosita's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com)

# Cemetery Details

## San Clemente Catholic Cemetery

Los Lunas, NM 87031

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 13. 6:30 PM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church  
244 Luna Road NE  
Los Lunas, NM 87031

## Rosary

NOV 13. 7:30 PM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church  
244 Luna Road NE  
Los Lunas, NM 87031

## Final Viewing

NOV 14. 12:30 PM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church  
244 Luna Road NE  
Los Lunas, NM 87031

## Funeral Mass

NOV **14**. 1:00 PM (MT)

San Clemente Catholic Church  
244 Luna Road NE  
Los Lunas, NM 87031

# Tribute Wall



“ JJ sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon



JJ - November 11, 2025 at 10:56 AM



Grams, You are always in my heart and prayers.

JJ - November 11, 2025 at 10:58 AM



“ Miss you Grams



JJ - February 27, 2025 at 07:53 PM



“ JJ sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon



JJ - October 03, 2024 at 07:57 PM



You never forgot me in your prayers, thank you. I miss you so much!

JJ - October 03, 2024 at 07:58 PM

JJ

“ JJ lit a candle in memory of Rosita M.  
Gabaldon



JJ - June 07, 2024 at 09:53 AM

JJ

Grams, you are always on my mind.

JJ - June 07, 2024 at 09:54 AM

JJ

“ JJ lit a candle in memory of Rosita M.  
Gabaldon



JJ - April 22, 2022 at 10:38 AM

JJ

“ You're always in my thoughts and prayers. I love you!

JJ - December 09, 2021 at 12:55 PM

JJ

“ Thinking of you Grams.



jj - August 04, 2021 at 04:23 PM

JJ

“ JJ lit a candle in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon



JJ - April 16, 2020 at 09:52 AM

JJ

“ Always on my mind.



JJ - August 15, 2019 at 10:21 AM

JJ

“ JJ sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon



JJ - November 11, 2018 at 01:20 PM

JJ

“ I promise you, as long as I am alive, you will always be remembered.

JJ - November 11, 2018 at 01:19 PM

JJ

“ JJ sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon



JJ - November 11, 2018 at 12:20 PM

JT

“ You are always in my thoughts!



Jacob Tafoya - November 06, 2018 at 11:46 PM

JJ

“ JJ sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon



JJ - July 13, 2018 at 11:50 PM

JT

“ Jacob J Tafoya lit a candle in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon



Jacob J Tafoya - November 21, 2017 at 02:24 PM

JJ

“ I miss you so much, yet I know you're always watching over me.

JJ - June 29, 2017 at 07:18 AM

RO

“ Missing you everyday!



Rosita - November 17, 2016 at 09:35 AM

JT

“ Happy Birthday Grandma....Been a rough week, I miss you more than words can say



JJ Tafoya - August 27, 2016 at 02:18 AM

JT

“ JJ Tafoya lit a candle in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon

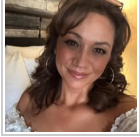


JJ Tafoya - August 27, 2016 at 02:16 AM

JT

“ You're always on my mind and in my thoughts. I love you.

Jacob J Tafoya - February 27, 2016 at 09:59 AM



“ *I miss our talks our sleepovers, our rides, our eating out together, I miss us! I am not whole without you grandma there is so much I want to talk to you about to hear your kind words back! I can only find comfort knowing you are holding Barbs tightly until we join you all! I miss you so much!*



**Rosita Olmstead** - November 12, 2015 at 08:29 PM



“ *I miss you, you are always in my thoughts and prayers. With all my love your baby JJ*



**Jacob J Tafoya** - November 11, 2015 at 11:22 AM



“ *Jacob Tafoya lit a candle in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon*



**Jacob tafoya** - October 24, 2015 at 12:04 PM



“ *Happy birthday Grandma. ..I miss you so much on days like today. I love you. Your baby JJ*

**Jacob J Tafoya** - August 27, 2015 at 03:41 PM

JT

“ *Jacob J Tafoya lit a candle in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon*



Jacob J Tafoya - August 27, 2015 at 03:40 PM

JT

“ *Jacob J Tafoya sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon*



Jacob J Tafoya - August 27, 2015 at 03:40 PM

JJ

“ *Things are looking up,thanks for always keeping an eye on me. I love and miss you. JJ*

JJ - July 16, 2015 at 11:07 AM



“ *Miss you Grandma!!*



Rosita Olmstead - June 17, 2015 at 12:58 PM

JT

“ I miss you so much..especially days like today. To see you, just hear your voice again. I'm trying to be strong grams.

JACOB TAFOYA - June 06, 2015 at 10:46 AM

JT

“ JACOB TAFOYA sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon



JACOB TAFOYA - June 06, 2015 at 10:45 AM

JT

“ Some days are harder than others Grams....



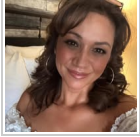
Jacob Tafoya - May 14, 2015 at 09:39 PM

JT

“ Oh Grams, it's times like this that I miss you more than anything in the world.



Jacob Tafoya - March 19, 2015 at 09:37 AM



“ *Love and miss you so very much! Thank you for coming to my dreams!* ”



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**Rosita Olmstead** - February 26, 2015 at 01:40 PM



“ *Jacob Tafoya sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon* ”



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**jacob tafoya** - February 13, 2015 at 09:01 PM



*Happy valentine's day Grandma.*

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**jacob tafoya** - February 13, 2015 at 09:02 PM



“ *I miss you more than words can express. My heart is so broken, I love you!* ”

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**jacob tafoya** - January 25, 2015 at 01:01 PM



“ *Jacob Tafoya sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon* ”



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**jacob tafoya** - January 08, 2015 at 06:35 AM

JT

“ *Jacob Tafoya lit a candle in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon*



**jacob tafoya** - January 08, 2015 at 06:34 AM

JA

“ *Wow. Grams for 44 years i called you and wished you a happy new years...This year I have to blow you a kiss. I sure do miss you so much. I love you Grams.*

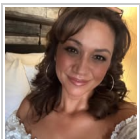
**Jacob** - January 01, 2015 at 01:05 AM



“ *I love you Grandma!*

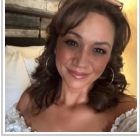


**Rosita Olmstead** - December 27, 2014 at 09:17 AM



“ *I miss you Grandma! I miss our days together! I miss our nights together! I miss everything we did together!*

**Rosita Olmstead** - December 12, 2014 at 06:18 PM



“ *I miss you so much Grandma*



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**Rosita Olmstead** - December 03, 2014 at 05:49 PM



“ *Well Grams first big holiday past, not the same without you.*

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**Jacob Tafoya** - November 28, 2014 at 10:55 PM



“ *I miss you Gram!*



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**Rosita Olmstead** - November 22, 2014 at 08:55 PM



“ *Rosita Olmstead lit a candle in memory of  
Rosita M. Gabaldon*



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**Rosita Olmstead** - November 20, 2014 at 07:37 PM



“ *Elaine Garcia lit a candle in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon*



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**Elaine Garcia** - November 18, 2014 at 01:15 PM



“ *Rosita Olmstead sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon*



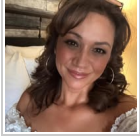
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**Rosita Olmstead** - November 18, 2014 at 01:05 PM



“ *David Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon*



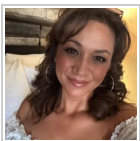
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**David Gabaldon** - November 17, 2014 at 01:21 PM



“ I sit here with a very heavy heart knowing this week has started without you by my side. There are so many things I will miss about you. I will miss our drives to Albuquerque and to Belen. Our conversations we had as we drove around town or when we stopped for a hamburger or stopped at Church's chicken to eat. I will miss having the sleepovers at your house. I will miss having breakfast with you, lunch and dinner. I will miss you helping me with my laundry even though I would dry towels just so you would have something to fold. I will miss you washing my dishes even if it was only a glass or two. I will miss curling and styling your hair. I will miss painting your beautiful nails. I will miss picking out your clothes for you and helping you get dressed. I will miss sitting with you and talking about what is on tv. I will miss our hello's and goodbyes. But with everything that I will miss I know that I have all of these memories to hold onto and I am thankful for every single one of them. Thank you for being the best grandma ever and for loving me unconditionally. Thank you for trusting me to take care of you when you needed it the most. Thank you for teaching me what true love is and for being there for me when I needed you the most. Thank you Grandma I will miss you everyday but I know you are not in pain anymore and I know know Barbara has you to hold onto until we all meet again. I love you so much!<3

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**Rosita Olmstead** - November 17, 2014 at 11:51 AM

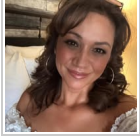


“ Rosita Olmstead lit a candle in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon

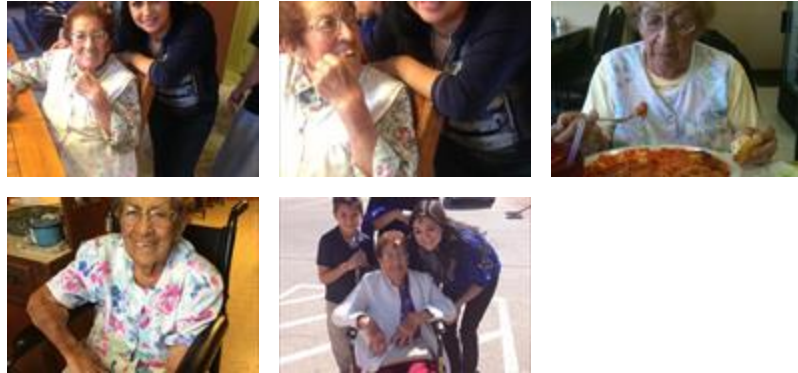


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**Rosita Olmstead** - November 17, 2014 at 11:35 AM



“ 7 files added to the album *My Beautiful Grandma*



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**Rosita Olmstead** - November 17, 2014 at 11:28 AM

JT

“ *Jacob Tafoya sent a virtual gift in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon*



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**jacob tafoya** - November 15, 2014 at 06:23 PM

RC

“ *RUBEN B CASTILLO lit a candle in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon*



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**RUBEN B CASTILLO** - November 15, 2014 at 01:30 PM

RC

“ My beloved grandma was always so happy when her grandchildren came by. There was never a day that went by when you would visit and she would offer to make you something to eat. You will surely be missed by the many children and grandchildren and great grandchildren. We loved you then and in our heart's you will forever live. I Love you grandma. Watch over all your loved ones as we go through this time of loss. Kisses forever.

RUBEN B CASTILLO - November 15, 2014 at 01:12 PM

RE

“ Words cannot express the sadness in our hearts for the grief your family is experiencing. We pray that God's healing grace will embrace you and help you during this ordeal. Our family's thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. growing up next door - Rosita always treated me like one of her own, she will truly be missed. God bless. Ray,Laura, Miranda and Tony Tafoya

rey - November 15, 2014 at 11:58 AM

DG

“ Grandma I will miss more than you will ever know. Thank you for being a wonderful person, grandmother and friend. I will always remember you being there when I needed you. Love you and miss you so much, your granddaughter Debby Garley-Williams



Debby Garley-Williams - November 15, 2014 at 10:24 AM

MG

“ *Mayme R Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon*



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**Mayme R Gonzalez** - November 15, 2014 at 10:10 AM

MG

“ *My Dear Commadre and Compadre Juanita and Ernie and the rest of your familyl know the loss of you Mother is a great one but you know she was a great person.she was always so loving and showed so much Love when ever I saw her. It was not very often but those times for me were very special. Compadres I wish I was there not only as a comfort during your loss, but to see you and visit with you. My Hijada Arlene I know you will miss your Grandmother but she gave all of you many wonderful years. May she REST IN PEACE and may All of you find PEACE AND COMFORT in knowing that she is now with OUR LORD. I SEND ALL OF YOU MY LOVE.*

*MAYME (SANDOVAL) GONZALEZ*

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**Mayme R Gonzalez** - November 15, 2014 at 10:08 AM

FE

“ *We are holding you all in our hearts, and hope you know just how very much you are loved. May God hold you in the palm of his hand....Penny McAllister and Francis Edwards*

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**Francis Edwards** - November 14, 2014 at 12:49 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rosita M. Gabaldon.*



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November 14, 2014 at 08:41 AM



“ *Your ME&E team purchased the Sweet Tenderne ss for the family of Rosita M. Gabaldon.*



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**Your ME&E team** - November 13, 2014 at 07:29 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rosita M. Gabaldon.*



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November 13, 2014 at 04:31 PM

DR

“ *Mama Rose, you and I became friends when Raphael joined our Lord and Savior. You would come to my office at the funeral home to visit and to bring me a big jar of your delicious salsa which you knew I loved. As the years went by you continued to bring me your salsa 5 or 6 times a year, but you would wait in the car. At each visit when you would leave I didn't know if I would ever see you again. Now that day has arrived and I feel so much joy for you and so much sadness for your family which I consider myself to be a part of. Your salsa was awesome, there's no doubt about that, but you were the awesome one. As a Mother, Grandmother and friend you shined so bright! I will miss your famous salsa but most of all I will miss you. Until we meet again!*

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**Dicky Romero** - November 13, 2014 at 02:35 PM

AN

“ *I'm so sorry Sharon for the loss of your grandma. I know how special she was to you and the care you provided to her was evident of how much she meant to you. She's with our almighty and loving God and I know that brings you comfort. Love you friend, Angella*

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**Angella** - November 13, 2014 at 12:26 PM

JH

“ *Sharon and Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Sincerely, J Hall.*

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**Jennifer Hall** - November 13, 2014 at 11:21 AM

SD

“ My condolences to the entire Gabaldon family especially to Sharon and Doug Taylor, and their children. Sharon, I know that you have all worked tirelessly to care for the matriarch of your family and I know that she is looking down upon you today with pride and love. May you all find peace in knowing that she rests in the arms of God. Love ya.

Sabrina D. Duran - November 13, 2014 at 11:17 AM

CB

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Rosita was always good to my mother Julia De Anda . She was always smiling. Rosita would make me smile, laugh and I liked being around her. You will be missed. May you rest in peace with our Father in Heaven and your family and friends. With Deepest Sympathy Carla Barela

Carla Barela - November 13, 2014 at 11:15 AM

SG

“ I'm so sorry for your loss Sharon. God Bless you and your family. Love, Sandra

Sandra Goodman - November 13, 2014 at 11:10 AM

CB

“ Carla Barela lit a candle in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon



Carla Barela - November 13, 2014 at 11:09 AM

BB

“ We are very sorry for the loss of your mother, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Bennie & Bea Benavidez

Bennis Benavidez - November 13, 2014 at 11:02 AM

CD

“ My memories are full of a house of fun and laughter and for me, a haven in the storm. A place I always felt loved and welcomed and where all my sisters lived. Please know that you were always loved and always thought of in my mind and in my heart and will continue to be so for the rest of my own days... Cookie Evans Daigle

Cookie Evans Daigle - November 13, 2014 at 09:37 AM

JG

“ How could we select a memory to share when Mom was at the heart of all memories, She made them memories. She was such a woman of Faith ,Courage, Inspiration,and Wisdom, a hard worker all her life, always willing to help family and others who needed a shoulder to cry on, always encouraged her Children and Grand children to go school,...Mom was an unbelievable, wonderful, caring Mother.<3 We miss you Mom.

JuanitaM Gallegos - November 13, 2014 at 07:46 AM

JG

“ Juanita M Gallegos purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rosita M. Gabaldon.



Juanita M Gallegos - November 13, 2014 at 07:09 AM

RA

“ *The Gabaldon Family, You were so very blessed to have had your mother for a long time and good memories of her. She was so graceful and such a loving and outgoing person. She would always make time to speak to everyone she new. I remember at church, she would wait till I came close to her and always had a great big hug for me. I am going to miss her dearly. You are in my prayers. May God be with you always.*

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**Roberta C. Archuleta** - November 12, 2014 at 04:49 PM

BM

“ *Angie and Ruben,  
I'm so very sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. My deepest sympathies and prayers are with your family.*

*Love,*

*Beth Moreno*



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**Beth Moreno** - November 12, 2014 at 04:23 PM

DG

“ *It been so long since I seen you thank God I saw you b4 you was left*



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**David gabaldon** - November 12, 2014 at 02:29 PM

JR

“ Angie and Ruben,  
We are so very sorry for the loss of your precious Mother. May God  
bless you and your family and angels protect and guide you. All our  
love, Jeanette and daughter Denese

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**Jeanette Rich** - November 12, 2014 at 02:15 PM

JU

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you, God  
Bless!

Angelo & Julie Romero



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**julie** - November 12, 2014 at 12:23 PM

LI

“ AUNTIE ROSE, WE ARE ALL SAD AT  
HEARING THAT YOU HAVE LEFT US TO GO  
HOME TO OUR LORD. IT WAS A SAD DAY  
ON THE DAY THAT YOU LEFT YOUR FAMILY  
AND FRIEND BUT THE LORD FOUND THAT  
BEAUTIFUL SPACE IN HIS GARDEN AND  
KNEW THAT YOU NOT ONLY FLOURISH AND BUT WOULD NOT  
HURT ANY MORE. I AM GLAD THAT YOU ARE THERE WITH ALL  
YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS, ESPECIALLY UNCLE RALPH. I  
KNOW THAT YOUR FAMILY WILL MISS YOU TREMENDOUSLY  
BUT THEIR MEMORIES WILL NEVER FADE. LOVE YOU AUNTIE,  
CHAVELA (LIZ)



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**LIZ** - November 12, 2014 at 11:19 AM

CC

“ Auntie Rose! You will finally get to go Home with Jesus, He's rejoicing in your arrival. You ended up being the last one of the family to go meet Jesus. I know that Uncle Ralph has greeted you with open arms and besos galore as I'm sure Dad has too and everyone because it's a Happy Day Auntie, not a sad one. I love you and will miss you!



Cassandra Charles - November 12, 2014 at 10:47 AM

JT

“ Jacob Tafoya lit a candle in memory of Rosita M. Gabaldon



jacob tafoya - November 12, 2014 at 09:03 AM

JT

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Jacob J. Tafoya - November 11, 2014 at 03:56 PM

JT

With all my love Grams, I'll miss you! Thanks for always being there for me, and lending me an ear. Oh yeah, don't forget to kick the chicken that pecked you so many years ago. lol.

Jacob J. Tafoya - November 11, 2014 at 03:58 PM

DC

“Hearing about this beautiful lady's passing saddened me. My deepest condolences goes out to all of you! She was one heck of a woman with a heart of gold!  
May God's comforting embrace give you all peace now and in the future! My love goes out to all of you!

*Diane Chávez*

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**Diane Chávez** - November 11, 2014 at 12:06 PM

CA

*So sorry for your loss Sharon, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

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**Camille Anaya** - November 13, 2014 at 12:19 PM

BG

*My condolences go out to the Gabaldon family, Rosita was a great lady and we will all miss her.*

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**Bobby Gallegos** - November 14, 2014 at 12:10 PM

EW

*was at your wake last night and only a wonderful women would make me come . At time like this I remember my dad as he call you hermana and was always so happy to see you. You made it a point to visit him when you were in town. But an aunt in faith there was no other. That wonderful smile when anyone would visit. There was always an invitation to eat and a cup of coffee.All the time you were smiling and going about your bissness and talking .Family member stopped by for a bite to eat and that made you happy. She would always say vaiya con dios.You had a heart of gold which no one we ever duplicate,You taught your familty how important God was in their live and they all make sunday mass as part of your life.It seem like all Los Lunas ws there last night. You looked so good and comfotable, no moe hurt no more worries. So go with God as he was probably waiting for you. To all your family i send love and compassion on your passing but you are where you should be and that is with God our Lord an Savior Amen. Boy!*

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**Ervin L. Wright** - November 14, 2014 at 01:36 PM

CS

*GRANDMA I JUST WANT YOU TO KNOW I LOVE YOU SO MUCH  
AND MISS YOU!! YOU WERE THE BEST GRANDMA ANYONE  
COULD HAVE ASKED FOR<3 PLEASE SAY HI TO MY DAD FOR  
ME<3 LVE YOU SISTERBEAR*

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**CYNTHIA SANCHEZ** - November 18, 2014 at 01:41 PM