



Sally Aires

September 13, 1940 - November 15, 2025

1940 - 2025

Sally Aires, a devoted, cherished, loving Wife, Mama, Nani, Sister, Auntie, and Friend, passed away peacefully in her residence surrounded by her family on Saturday November 15, 2025, in Albuquerque, New Mexico. She was 85 years of age.

Sally was born September 13, 1940, to the late Jesus and Albina Chavez. Following her education in Belen she began her lifelong loved career serving children. First, as a caretaker in Belen for over a decade, followed by serving the Albuquerque Public Schools through to her retirement in 2007. Her nurturing fun loving spirit, steadfast support, and boundless love of children will forever live on in the hearts of all the children she served. The many children she served never failed to let her know how remarkable she was through the numerous gifts, notes, treats and most importantly the love they gave back to her throughout her calling.

Sally was preceded in death by her parents, Jesus and Albina Chavez, father and mother-in-law, Pedro and Josepha Aires, brothers Gilbert Chavez, Raymond Chavez, sister Eva Peralta.

Sally was survived by her beloved husband Paul Aires, her cherished children

Susan Aires, Edward Aires, Eric Aires and her adored grandchildren Ismael Aires and Enzo Aires, her amazing brothers Eloy Chavez, Orlando Chavez, Joe (Boy) Chavez, Ruben Chavez, and loving sisters Lydia Lopez, Florence Ortega, Isabel Chavez

Sally was married to her true love, Paul Aires on Saturday September 21, 1974, in Belen, New Mexico. They shared an exceptional, everlasting, unwavering, loving marriage of over 51 years. Their love story was profound, delightful to witness and encouraging to many. Rarely did you see them not holding hands, together in each others arms and giving one another steadfast support. She was actively involved with both her grandchildren, and she kept her children close, supported them and loved them unconditionally. Her unwavering love filled with joy, compassion and generosity over flowed in and out of her home and inspired the lives of her family, friends and many individuals she came into contact with.

Sally loved sharing her time entertaining family and friends in her home filled with warmth, love, food, music, singing, dancing, and wonderful laughter. She loved all holidays, yet Thanksgiving, Christmas and Easter were her favorite. These three holidays brought extra special joy to her heart as she decorated her home ceiling to floor with the warmth and significant meaning of each. Not only was her home decorated, she made sure to put on a Christmas hat and would give little adornments for her family and friends to put on once they entered her home.

Sally had an active social life, she loved going to bingo, yelling "Bingo" and telling us how she needed just one number. She loved dressing up, going out dancing to the local New Mexico Spanish bands, several times a month with her husband and long-life friends and family. Watching football with family and friends in her home brought her such joy and she ensured no one left her home with an empty stomach.

Sally's memory will forever be in the hearts and minds of her family, friends and all the many people who had the opportunity to see her loving joy. She will forever be known as a devoted, cherished, loving Wife, Mama, Nani, Sister, Auntie, and Friend. Her joy and fun-loving nature will continue to inspire us all. In our hearts and minds she will live on and we will forever hold dear the remarkable woman who made a lasting impact on us all.

Viewing visitation will take place on Friday November 21, 2025, at Romeros Funeral Home in Belen from 2:30pm - 4:30pm.

Services will take place Monday November 24, 2025, at Our Lady of the Annunciation Church in Albuquerque, beginning with the Rosary at 10:00, Mass at 10:30 followed by the Interment at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens.

Reception will take place immediately following the Interment at Calvary Chapel Rio Grande Valley where food, refreshments and many loving memories will be shared.

Viewing:

Romeros Funeral Home
609 North Main Street, Belen NM 87002

Rosery and Mass:

Our Lady of the Annunciation Church
2621 Vermont Street N.E., Albuquerque NM 87110

Internment:

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

101-A North 10th Street, Belen NM 87002

Reception:

Eagle Park Community Center

19381 HWY 314 Belen, NM 87002

Please sign Sally's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero
Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Rosary

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

Our Lady of Annunciation Catholic Church
2532 Vermont St. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Funeral Mass

NOV **24.** 10:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Annunciation Catholic Church
2532 Vermont St. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87110

Interment

NOV **24.** 12:00 PM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall

MZ

“ So very sorry to hear about Sally, she took very good care of me at Tiny Tots. She was my favorite. I knew I had to share her but sometimes I would pout and she would come over to talk to me... and give me butterfly kisses in my cheek with her long eyelashes. RIP Beautiful Sally. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you 🙏

Marlene Chavez Zamira - December 09, 2025 at 03:05 PM

MJ

“ To all Sally's Family,

My sincere condolences on your loss. My thoughts & prayers are with you during this difficult time & the years ahead.



I would see Sally & Paul (Bro) once in a while at Route 66 Bingo, & yes they were holding hands.

I remember going camping with them when Marty & I got married.

I'm sorry I just found out about her passing away today on Thanksgiving, otherwise I would've made her service. May God Bless & comfort all your family.

Beatrice Jojola

Marty & Beatrice Jojola - November 27, 2025 at 10:29 PM



“I’m praying for your whole family during this heartbreaking loss. Losing a wife and mother is an unbearable pain, and my heart truly goes out to all of you. In moments like these, I hold onto the faith that God is real, and just as He brought us into this world, He lovingly receives us when it is our time to go home. May you find comfort, strength, and peace in His presence, and may you feel surrounded by love as you navigate the days ahead.”



Elizabeth Pack - November 22, 2025 at 04:29 AM

BH

I’m so sorry for your loss. Sending my condolences and prayers to you & family. 🙏🙏🙏

Brian Hanawalt - November 24, 2025 at 10:21 AM



“Elizabeth Pack sent a virtual gift in memory of Sally Alires



Elizabeth Pack - November 22, 2025 at 04:25 AM



“I’m so sorry for the loss of your step-mom. I know how much she meant to you and your family. May God wrap you in comfort, peace, and strength during this difficult time. Her love and kindness will never be forgotten. Please know I’m here for you, always.”

Elizabeth Pack - November 21, 2025 at 05:05 PM

CF

“ Through family. She was veary kind and giving. loved her family. Valued the treasures of life. May she be in good hands know. Amen



Craig W Farley - November 21, 2025 at 02:56 PM

DA

“ I am so sad to see Sally passed she was for sure one of my favorite patients. Sending so much love to Paul and the girls. Thanks for sharing her with us.

Dana - November 20, 2025 at 11:08 PM

MA

“ Sally was very special to me, she was the world's greatest grandmother to my children. I couldn't ask for anyone better she did everything for my kids. She helped us throughout the years just even buying them school clothes when school came around my kids loved her and they'll always love her she's a very special person with lots of love Sally I mean rest in peace love Melissa



Melissa Archuleta - November 20, 2025 at 06:41 PM

ML

“ Mark And Crissie Leyba lit a candle in memory of Sally Aires



Mark and Crissie Leyba - November 20, 2025 at 11:59 AM

CM

“ My Auntie Sally always had such a fun nature about her. She made sure you were seen. She would ALWAYS show up whether it was a birthday or a hospital, her Uncle were there. I don't remember ever seeing them apart. They were always holding hands and sitting right next to each other like teenagers inlove. I have gone out dancing with them several times and of course to Bingo. She loved to dance. I would love to see her and my Uncle spinning around the dance floor.

Cyndi McGregor - November 20, 2025 at 05:57 AM

CM

I will miss you SO MUCH Auntie Sally

Cyndi McGregor - November 20, 2025 at 06:00 AM

VY

My Auntie Sally was always so happy and loving. I remember spending a week during summer with her and Uncle Paul and they absolutely spoiled me! My first drive-in movie was with them. I have so many fond memories...they would take us "cruising" through Belen when we were younger and we'd go back to Grandma & Grandpa's house and listen to vinyl records on the console record player. And going to BBQs at their house with all the yummy food. Auntie, you will forever be in our hearts and minds. We will miss you! Thankful you are with Jesus with no worries and no pain.

Valerie Yoakum - November 20, 2025 at 09:26 AM

AA

“ *From Primo Alfred:
Prima Sally, you will be missed very much. I'm going to miss your yearly visit to my house, you and Paul, during income tax season for help with your taxes. God Bless your family. You were an amazing person to be around and you will be missed.*

Alfred Alderete - November 20, 2025 at 12:54 AM

KH

“ Beautiful Madrina... we are going to miss you Auntie Sally. God's blessings to Uncle Paul. You were a true angel on earth taking care of her. Love you SueBee, Edward and Eric. Her love of dancing will be something we'll always remember her by. She's dancing in heaven now. Our hearts are broken without you here but what a beautiful reunion going on up there now! ❤️

Kathy Chavez Holland - November 19, 2025 at 10:49 PM