



## Viola M. Avent

May 5, 1934 - April 4, 2024

1934-2024

It is with profound sorrow and heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Viola Aragon Montoya Avent on April 4, 2024, at the age of 89. A Funeral Mass to honor Viola's life will be held on April 23, 2024, at 10:00 am Visitation, 10:30 am Rosary, and 11:00 a.m. Mass (Father Emmanuel Izuka, presider), at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Peralta, NM. Born on May 5, 1934, Viola's life was a beautiful testament to love, resilience, and the enduring strength of family. A devoted Catholic, Viola's faith was the cornerstone of her life. She attended daily Mass, a spiritual practice she lovingly passed on to her children, ensuring her legacy of faith would continue through generations. Viola's commitment to her church community was further demonstrated by her service as a past president of the Valencia Altar Society and as a member of the Legion of Mary and her devotion to the Divine Mercy. Her faith and service were sources of strength and inspiration to all who knew her.

Viola was a beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister-in-law, aunt, cousin, and friend. She leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories to her six children, Lucie Gallegos (Dennis), Gilbert Montoya, Dulemia Espinoza, Leonard Montoya (Aleece), Urban Montoya (Emily), and Maurice Montoya. Viola's joy was multiplied by her many grandchildren, including Thomas, Gabriel, Robert, Estevan, Urban, Stephanie, Erick, and Louis, as well as her adored great-grandchildren including Michael Espinoza as pallbearer.

Viola was the matriarch of a large, extended family, and she is also survived by her only living sister-in-law, Cecilia Montoya, along with numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins who felt her love and guidance throughout their lives. Preceded in death by her parents, Juan and Dulemia Aragon, Viola also reunites with her five brothers, Alfonso (Paulita), Roldan (Carmen), Esquiuel, Nicky, and Gilbert Aragon, her grandsons Dale and Adrain Montoya, her husband's Thomas C. Montoya and Clarence Avent, and her partner Robert Vega. Their spirits await her with open arms, as she finds peace in their celestial company.

A special note of gratitude is extended to her first cousin and sister-at-heart, Marcy Makarski, whose unwavering support and companionship were Viola's cheer throughout her life and comfort, especially in her final days. We also extend our heartfelt thanks to the caring staff at Carefree Living, whose kindness and dedication ensured Viola's final days were spent surrounded by love and compassion.

Viola's life was a journey marked by the joy of her large family, the sorrow of losses endured with grace, and countless moments of happiness shared with those she loved. Her legacy is one of love, perseverance, faith, and the unbreakable bonds of family. As we mourn her passing, we also celebrate the remarkable life she lived and the indelible mark she leaves on our hearts.

Viola Avent will be dearly missed, forever loved, and never forgotten. May her soul rest in eternal peace.

Please sign Viola's online tribute at [www.romerofuneralhomenm.com](http://www.romerofuneralhomenm.com) Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 23. 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church  
3674 Highway 47  
Peralta, NM 87042

## Rosary

APR 23. 10:30 AM (MT)

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## Funeral Mass

APR 23. 11:00 AM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall

RG

“ Dear Avent and Aragon family, sending our sincere condolences for your families. Viola was a beautiful, kind, and faithful woman. May our Lord give you comfort, strength, peace and grace.  
Blessings and Love, Rick and Anna Garcia

Rick and Anna Garcia - April 23, 2024 at 07:10 PM

FM

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Auntie Viola was a beautiful person inside and out. She will be missed. God bless the family!



Fidel and Debbie Montoya - April 22, 2024 at 11:32 AM

WS

“ Love and many prayers for you all as you go through this hard time in your lives. You were blessed to have such a wonderful mother! May she rest in peace. Good bless you! ❤️🙏  
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Wendy Griego and Albert Sanchez - April 20, 2024 at 11:22 AM

FJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this sad time. May Viola rest in peace.



Fred and Alma Jaramillo - April 15, 2024 at 12:08 AM

CL

“ We were honored to be a part of Viola's care team in her final days.  
We will miss her beautiful smile!

Carefree Living - April 12, 2024 at 12:25 PM

EU

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all!  
Raymond & Eugenia (Gina) Montoya Ortega



Eugenia - April 11, 2024 at 11:28 PM

CM

“ Cameron Montoya lit a candle in memory of  
Viola M. Avent



Cameron Montoya - April 11, 2024 at 04:23 PM

LH

“ Lisa Holona lit a candle in memory of Viola M.  
Avent



Lisa Holona - April 11, 2024 at 04:22 PM

MA

“ *Marta Artiaga lit a candle in memory of Viola M. Avent*



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**Marta Artiaga** - April 10, 2024 at 10:10 PM

ME

“ *Your presence was a blessing in my life, one that I was so fortunate to have. Your love, wisdom, and the warmth of your smile enriched my world in ways I can't fully express. Your grace and kindness have left a permanent mark on my heart, and though I will always miss you, the love you've instilled in me will last a lifetime. I was truly blessed to call you my great-grandmother. I love you forever. With all my heart*  
*Michael Espinoza*

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**Michael Espinoza** - April 08, 2024 at 06:54 PM

TG

“ *Rest in Peace my dear mother in law. You were always so loving and kind to me and welcomed me with open arms to your family. I loved you and respected you for always being there for me and Dale and Adrian. We will all miss you so much but you will now be reunited with Dale and Adrian who will welcome you with open arms. Rest in Peace dear Viola.*  
*With much love,*  
*Trudy, Thomas, Christopher, Cameron, Eli, and Jasper.*

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**Trudy(Montoya) Greenup** - April 08, 2024 at 06:28 PM

AT

“ *Many good memories of my childhood with Auntie Viola. May she rest In Heavenly Peace.*

*Much Love to all the family* ❤️✝️

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**Ana Trujillo** - April 08, 2024 at 05:17 PM

SJ

“ *A beautiful picture of a beautiful woman. Viola was always a much loved niece to my Mom and a wonderful cousin to all of us. God's blessings to her family.*

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**Sylvia A Jaramillo** - April 08, 2024 at 04:14 PM

AC

*Condolences goes out to the family of Viola Avent. We got to know Viola when Urban came into our family. Every time I saw Viola, she was always in a happy mood. She was a beautiful person. May God welcome you with open arms and may you have a beautiful reunion with your loved ones. REST IN PEACE VIOLA.*

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**Angie Castillo** - April 08, 2024 at 06:53 PM

EA

“ *Rest in Peace auntie*



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**Evelyn Aragon** - April 08, 2024 at 03:58 PM