



## Vivian Chavez

March 1, 1941 - November 1, 2016

1941-2016

Vivian Chavez, age 75, passed away on Tuesday, November 1, 2016, after a long battle with cancer, surrounded by family and friends. She is a long time standing member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in La Joya, and a member of The Legion of Mary for 45 years. Vivian was born in San Francisco, NM, in 1941 to Ramon and Ramona Lopez and 14 wonderful brothers and sisters, two in heaven (at birth). She is preceded in death by her parents, Ramon and Ramona Lopez; sister, Lydia; brothers, Benny and Sims; and sisters-in-law, Helen, Della, and Esther. Vivian is survived by her loving husband, Jose (Tony) Chavez; three loving children, Rose Marie Gallegos and husband, Dan, Pamela Doster and husband, Dave, and Raymond Chavez; three loving grandchildren, Alejandra, Micah, Makayla; six brothers, Benny, Elusim (Sims), Johnny, Tony, Estevan and wife, Theresa, Richard and wife, Lucy, Ernest and partner, Toni, and Chris Lopez; five sisters, Vicky Baca and husband, Gilbert, Lydia Pino and husband, Toby, Julia Cano, Patsy Lopez, and Eileen Lopez; uncle, Avelio Silva; and aunt, Elfeda Benavidez. She is also survived by many nieces and nephews. All services will be held at the San Antonio Catholic Church in Abeytas, NM, on Friday, November 4, 2016. A Viewing will begin at 11:00 a.m., with a Rosary to be recited at 11:30 a.m., and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 12:00 p.m. Interment will be held on Monday, November 7, 2016, at Santa Fe National Cemetery at 9:45 a.m.

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

# Previous Events

## Viewing

NOV 4. 11:00 AM (MT)

San Antonio Abeytas  
11 Calle de San Antiono  
Bosque, NM 87006

## Rosary

NOV 4. 11:30 AM (MT)

San Antonio Abeytas  
11 Calle de San Antiono  
Bosque, NM 87006

## Funeral Mass

NOV 4. 12:00 PM (MT)

San Antonio Abeytas  
11 Calle de San Antiono  
Bosque, NM 87006

## Reception

NOV 4. 2:00 PM (MT)

Elks Lodge  
19513 NM-314  
Belen, NM

## Interment

NOV 7. 9:45 AM (MT)

Santa Fe National Cemetery  
501 N. Guadalupe Street  
Santa Fe, NM 87501

# Tribute Wall

GF

“ Please accept my family's heartfelt condolences on the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in fond memories of them, and The Almighty God's promise to restore those asleep in death to perfect life on a paradise Earth.

Greene Family - November 10, 2016 at 01:42 PM

TS

“ My deepest sympathies on the loss of Vivian. She was a very caring woman. Her presence will be truly missed. Again, so sorry for your loss. May God bless her family in their time of grief. Sincerely, Tracy Salcido

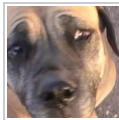
Tracy Salcido - November 10, 2016 at 11:14 AM

BM

“ On behalf of The Vidal & Cecila Lopez from Veguita my deepest sympathy! My mom always talked about how strong & brave Vivian was. May you all find the strength & comfort knowing she is free from pain. Vivian thanks you for always coming to visit my mama rest in peace and God Bless your family. Bernadette (Lopez's daughter)



Bernadette Moya - November 07, 2016 at 06:11 PM



Thank you for your beautiful words for my mom. My mom was a strong woman and I am amazed how many lives she touched. Thanks!

Pamela Doster - November 07, 2016 at 09:18 PM

DT

“ Donna Trujillo lit a candle in memory of Vivian Chavez

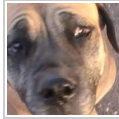


Donna Trujillo - November 05, 2016 at 09:25 PM

DT

So very sorry to hear of Vivian passing I found out today. May God bless you all Tony & family with faith and strength to get through this. Vivian was a Beautiful & wonderful person inside & out may she Rest In Peace in Gods loving embrace 🙏

Donna Trujillo - November 05, 2016 at 09:31 PM



Thank you!

Pamela Doster - November 06, 2016 at 04:27 PM

DT

“ Donna Trujillo lit a candle in memory of Vivian Chavez

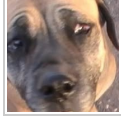


Donna Trujillo - November 05, 2016 at 09:24 PM

RG

“ Aunt Vivian was a great person .I have lots of great memory's she was the most sweetest person there could ever be.her kindness, Her smile, will be missed. God has a place for her in heaven for she was a true inspiration to others . rest in peace aunty

randy gutierrez - November 05, 2016 at 09:18 PM



*Awww Randy, thank you!*

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**Pamela Doster** - November 05, 2016 at 09:19 PM

MC

“ *Mildred (Millie Baldwin) Cordova lit a candle in memory of Vivian Chavez*



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**Mildred (Millie Baldwin) Cordova** - November 04, 2016 at 06:13 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vivian Chavez .*



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November 04, 2016 at 11:23 AM

DR

“ *Dicky And Suzanne Romero lit a candle in memory of Vivian Chavez*



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**Dicky and Suzanne Romero** - November 04, 2016 at 11:09 AM

RB

“ *Romy Baca lit a candle in memory of Vivian Chavez*

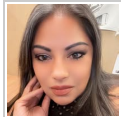


Romy Baca - November 03, 2016 at 10:52 PM

KE

“ *Tony & family, so sorry for your loss. May the Lord bless you at this time with good friends & family to console you. Peace to you. Deacon Edwin & Kathy Esquibel*

kathy & edwin esquibel - November 03, 2016 at 05:38 PM



*Thank you Deacon*

RM Gallegos - November 03, 2016 at 06:42 PM

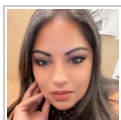
LG

“ *Vivian was always kind and caring. since I'm one of the youngest cousins in the Silva family, it was a little difficult for me to know my cousins as my siblings did, but Vivian always made me feel like a part of the whole family. My blessings and prayers to all of you.*



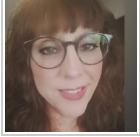
*Lorena Gonzales*

Lorena Gonzales - November 03, 2016 at 08:17 AM



*Thank you*

RM Gallegos - November 03, 2016 at 06:42 PM



“ *Yvonne Efverlund lit a candle in memory of Vivian Chavez*

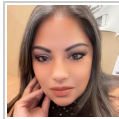


Yvonne Efverlund - November 03, 2016 at 04:09 AM



“ *Auntie Vivian you are a beautiful painfree angel in heaven. I know you are up there smiling down on all who loved you. My memory of you will always be your smile and kind eyes. Also remember going thru Grandma Ramona's photo books and seeing pictures of you are a cheerleader, which made me want to become one and also of your services as a nurse during the war. You were truly an amazing woman/Auntie. Thanks for all that you have inspired in me. Also thank you for never forgetting a Christmas Card every single year of my Adulthood even all the way here in Sweden. You will be missed but never forgotten.*

Yvonne Efverlund - November 03, 2016 at 04:06 AM



*Thank you*

RM Gallegos - November 03, 2016 at 06:42 PM

AB

“ *Antoinette (Tafoya)& Martin Baca lit a candle in memory of Vivian Chavez*



Antoinette (Tafoya)& Martin Baca - November 02, 2016 at 11:52 PM

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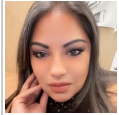
*We were so sorry to hear of Vivian's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with her and all of her family.*

*Eternal rest grant unto her and may Eternal light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.*

*Antoinette & Martin Baca*

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**Antoinette (Tafoya)** - November 02, 2016 at 11:55 PM



*Thank you*

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**RM Gallegos** - November 03, 2016 at 10:57 PM

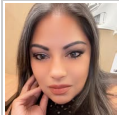
MM

“ *Cousin Vivian is with our Lord this day, All Soul's Day! She was one of the kindest and most thoughtful, so there is no doubt that she is in heaven.* ”



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**Mary Ellen Monroe** - November 02, 2016 at 10:27 PM



*Thank you*

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**RM Gallegos** - November 03, 2016 at 10:57 PM

MC

“ *Aunt Vivian, I know you are in Heaven looking down on family & friends. I did want to share a memory I have, and it was when you came to California for my wedding. It meant so much to me that you were there on that day. Love you.* ”

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**Mark Cano** - November 02, 2016 at 10:06 PM

RS

“ *Ruth Silva lit a candle in memory of Vivian Chavez*



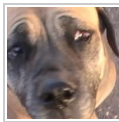
Ruth Silva - November 02, 2016 at 09:42 PM

RS

“ *Vivian has been such a sweet soul even when I was young I thought she was very approachable as an older cousin. I was always amazed how nice it was of her when she had bought her home on Edith street and some of her sisters and cousins were allowed to stay with her, it was a flop house. But the sweetest memory I have of Vivian was when my mom, Vivian's aunt, passed away. After my mom's services I was at moms house and I saw Vivian digging around the front door outside and when I went go check she told me that she was planting a tree so it would grow and we'd always have a memory of mom. I realized then fully how caring, thoughtful and kind this cousin was. And then there was that laugh of hers! She will be missed but I know that she is with her Lord as she has always loved Him and served Him. RIP Vivian, love you*

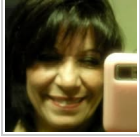


Ruth Silva - November 02, 2016 at 09:40 PM



*This means so much to us hearing these wonderful stories of my mom. Thank you!*

Pamela Doster - November 02, 2016 at 09:52 PM

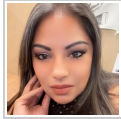


“ *Silver Diana Cloud Cloud lit a candle in memory of Vivian Chavez*



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**Silver Diana Cloud Cloud** - November 02, 2016 at 07:20 PM



*Thank you*

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**RM Gallegos** - November 02, 2016 at 09:05 PM

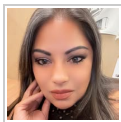


“ *VINA Mendoza lit a candle in memory of Vivian Chavez*



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**VINA mendoza** - November 02, 2016 at 05:41 PM



*Thank you*

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**RM Gallegos** - November 02, 2016 at 09:05 PM

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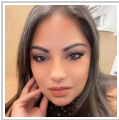
“ *When I was young, one of my most joyful memories was visiting aunt Vivian and uncle Tony in Colorado during summer break. It was such an adventure leaving Albuquerque making the "long" journey to Colorado... Aunt Vivian and Uncle Tony made it feel like a home away from home... those fond memories will forever make me smile, and will forever be in my heart and soul... Aunt Vivian was truly special to me and she will forever be missed..*



*Conrad Sanchez*

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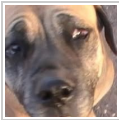
**conrad sanchez** - November 02, 2016 at 03:06 PM



*Thank you Conrad!*

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**RM Gallegos** - November 02, 2016 at 06:49 PM



*Aww, I loved reading this Conrad. Thank you!*

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**Pamela Doster** - November 02, 2016 at 09:56 PM

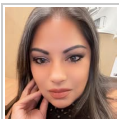


“ *We are truly sorry to hear of the loss of your mother. Please accept our condolences and may our prayers help comfort you. Love you Rose.*



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**Rose Rodrin** - November 02, 2016 at 02:58 PM



*Thank you Rose!*

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**RM Gallegos** - November 02, 2016 at 06:49 PM

TP

*I'm very sorry to hear about your mother I'll light a candle for her. Uncle Toby*

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**toby pino** - November 02, 2016 at 08:32 PM