



Yolanda Ymelda Lopez-Minner

April 13, 1955 - March 25, 2025

1955 – 2025

Yolanda Ymelda Lopez-Minner, a cherished wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on March 25, 2025. She was born in 1955, in Belen, New Mexico, to her loving parents, Filimon and Emma Lopez. Yolanda had five siblings and shared a special bond with her sisters: Elsie (Don), Dolores (Larry), Patricia (Philip), and Juanita (Allen), as well as their late brother, Uriol. Over the years, Yolanda and her four sisters were often affectionately referred to as the 'Lopez Lovelies.' She also adored and remained very close with her very large extended family that included many aunties, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Yolanda was a devoted wife to Jim Minner and the treasured matriarch of the Minner family. She leaves behind a loving legacy through her son Jimmy and his wife Alanna, along with their daughters, Aubrianna and Alayah; her son Will and his wife Jenna, along with their children, Brayden and Briella; and her stepson Steven and his wife Teddie. Yolanda's unwavering love and guidance will forever be remembered by her family.

A woman of incredible strength and resilience, Yolanda was a proud cancer survivor who actively participated in numerous cancer walks, inspiring many with her courage and generosity. She also donated significantly to cancer research, a cause close to her heart. In addition, she was deeply committed to Alcoholics Anonymous, where she formed many of her closest friendships. She remained sober for over 33 years, providing support and guidance to

countless individuals on their own paths to recovery.

Yolanda will always be remembered for her determination, her boundless willingness to help anyone in need, and, above all, her deep and unconditional love for her family. She touched the lives of many with her generosity and selfless spirit.

Her family invites all who knew and loved her to join in remembering a truly remarkable woman. Services will take place at Romero Funeral Home in Belen, NM on April 10th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. A reception will follow at the Sheriff's Posse Hall in Belen from 12:00 p.m.- 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Center in memory of Yolanda Lopez-Minner, a cause that she was deeply passionate about, as cancer has affected many members of her family. Donations can be made online through her personal memorial page at <http://engage.fredhutch.org/goto/YolandaMinner>. Yolanda's love, strength, and kindness will remain in our hearts forever. Please sign Yolanda's online tribute at www.romerofuneralhomenm.com Romero Funeral Home, 609 N. Main St., Belen, NM.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **10**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Romero Funeral Home Chapel
609 N. Main St.
Belen, NM 87002
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Celebration of Life

APR **10**. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

GJ

“ *Yolanda, It was a beautiful Memorial Service for you. The eulogies spoke of your true personality. Will and Jimmy brought the services to laughter and tears with their stories of you, a mom who loved her children unconditionally. It was truly a gift to know you and have you in our lives.*

George and Jeanette - April 17, 2025 at 09:14 AM

CR

“ *My condolences to Yolanda's husband, sons and sisters. I worked with Yolanda at Fly Away Vacations call center in 1995-2002. She was such a kind woman and such a happy person, with that beautiful smile, which I will always remember. God Comforts the broken hearted. May Yolanda be resting in God's Peace.*



Catherine Romero - April 10, 2025 at 02:29 PM

DD

“ *Jim, Jimmy & Alanna, Will & Jenna,
With sympathy, love, & prayers for loss of
cousin Yolanda. May she rest in peace.
David & Margaret Douglas*

David & Mary Margaret Douglas - April 10, 2025 at 03:39 AM

MS

“ 1 file added to the album *Some memories with Yolanda*



Marie Sedillo - April 09, 2025 at 10:10 PM

RL

“ My deepest sympathies to all of Yolanda's family and extended family members.

Elsie so sorry for your loss 🙏❤️🙏

Ruth Lucero



Ruth Lucero - April 09, 2025 at 07:07 PM

GG

“ Glen & Mary Gabaldon lit a candle in memory of Yolanda Ymelda Lopez-Minner



Glen & Mary Gabaldon - April 09, 2025 at 12:07 PM

ML

“ Mark And Crissie Leyba lit a candle in memory of Yolanda Ymelda Lopez-Minner



Mark and Crissie Leyba - April 09, 2025 at 09:37 AM

BC

“ We are so sorry to hear about Yoli’s passing. We know this is a difficult time but thank goodness you have each other to keep you strong. Emma and Filemon raised a beautiful and wonderful family. Our thoughts are with you.

Bob and Charlene Coplen - April 06, 2025 at 01:05 PM

GF

“ Glo Francis lit a candle in memory of Yolanda Ymelda Lopez-Minner



Glo Francis - April 05, 2025 at 08:16 PM

MA

“ Yolanda...such a beautiful, bright light to all who knew you....My condolences to your husband and family including your sisters. Fly high beautiful Angel... 🙏❤️



Mary Kay Abeyta - April 05, 2025 at 07:47 PM

VV

“ Victoria Vigil lit a candle in memory of Yolanda Ymelda Lopez-Minner



Victoria Vigil - April 05, 2025 at 06:00 PM

RU

“ Yolanda was one of the first people to welcome me when I moved to town. I loved her beautiful smile, her program for living, and her love of family & friends. She will be greatly missed

Ruth - April 05, 2025 at 11:40 AM

PA

“ Cousin Yo! I'll miss you and remember the memories we've had growing up. You were a "firecracker". God bless your family for taking care of you in your time of need. You are in peace now. Love

Patricia Sais Armendariz - April 04, 2025 at 02:04 PM

DL

“ Daniel Lopez lit a candle in memory of Yolanda Ymelda Lopez-Minner



Daniel Lopez - April 03, 2025 at 07:40 PM

PA

Sweet Yo! Little cousin. I'll miss you and remember the great memories we've had! God bless your family with serenity knowing you are at peace!

Patricia Sais Armendariz - April 04, 2025 at 01:56 PM

LJ

So sorry for your loss Dolores. Lorraine Jaramillo

Lorraine Jaramillo - April 08, 2025 at 02:31 PM

LO

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you Jim and family as well as sisters, Elsie, Dolores, Patty, Juanita and their families, whom I've been fortunate enough to be friends with over the years. The impact Yolanda made in the lives around her is a testament to her strength and beauty, Gone too soon but never forgotten. May she Rest in Peace. - Louise Jaramillo & Paul Laudicina



Louise - April 03, 2025 at 02:13 PM

KC

“ In loving memory to my neighbor, Yolie - The nights we spent talking on the porch with Yolie and her sisters, are nestled in my heart. We talked about so many things. Mostly, we sat quietly just hanging with other neighbors telling ghost stories, La Llorona, and jokes. Say hi to Tish & Gil for me.
Kathleen Chavez-Richardson

Kathleen Chave,-Richardson - April 03, 2025 at 01:29 PM

MB

“ To all Yolanda's family. Our thoughts and prayers are with Yolanda and with all her family.
Eternal rest grant onto her and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.



martin and Antoinette Baca - April 02, 2025 at 02:41 PM

DU

“ *Diana Phillips Ulibarri lit a candle in memory of Yolanda Ymelda Lopez-Minner*



Diana Phillips Ulibarri - April 02, 2025 at 02:12 PM

LJ

“ *3 files added to the album Some memories with Yolanda*



Louise Jaramillo - April 01, 2025 at 08:27 PM

LJ

*Beautiful Yolanda ❤️
Your infectious smile will lift my heart in my sadness, and forever be in my memories of you and the fun times we shared!
My prayers go out out to your family and husband, for peace and the comfort that only God can provide 🙏*

Lise Jones - April 04, 2025 at 08:53 AM

BT

“ *My deepest condolences to Yolanda's entire family!
"Lopez Lovelies"...I've known these sisters for many years and that's exactly who they are, lovely. Stay strong and shine on cause that's what Yoli would want you to do.
With love, your friend, Alice*



Billie Alice Sanchez Torres - April 01, 2025 at 07:40 PM

PM

“ *Yolanda and Jim, and the Boy's We're My Neighbors, When They lived in Pueblitos. The Nicest Person Ever. We We're So Saddened to Hear of Her Passing. Fly With the ANGEL'S YOLANDA. GOD'S BLESSING TO HER BEAUTIFUL FAMILY* 🤍🙏🤍 *Phillip and Stella Molina*



Phillip Stella Molina - April 01, 2025 at 04:05 PM

JM

“ *My condolences to Yolanda's family, relatives and close friends. I grew up next door to the Lopez family. My siblings and I played endlessly with Yolanda and her siblings, especially in the summertime. We went to school with them and spent time at each other's home. We had a great childhood. I will always remember Yolanda's smiling face. I am so glad we got in contact after many years. I left Belen after my 12 birthday and never saw the Lopez family since. Rest peacefully now, Yolanda, one day we will see each other again, my friend. Love, Judy Jaramillo Middleton.*



Judy Middleton - April 01, 2025 at 02:03 AM

ES

Yolanda R.I.P. muy beautiful first cousin condolences to all your family fly 🙏🙏 high with all the angels love always the Sais family from Denver

Edward Sais - April 01, 2025 at 03:49 PM

DS

My sincere condolences to the Lopez & Sais families. I remember Yolanda, her sisters & Uriol. I remember we would drive from ABQ to Belen to visit Filimon & Emma. We would also pay a visit to Leo, Ernest, Carmen, Ida & their families- Orlando, Patsy, Ernie, Kenneth, Melinda, Theresa & my other 2nd cousins. This tribute also is from my dad Gregorio Sais, first cousin to Emma, Leo & Ernest. May God bless. David Sais, Cheyenne, WY.

David R Sais - April 05, 2025 at 05:10 PM

MS

My condolences to Jim and all the family. I have gotten to know Yolanda so much better the last few years in Mexico. Her beautiful smile and giving heart will be missed by so many. She became a big part of our community here in San Carlos. You will be missed sweet Yolanda.

Marie Sedillo - April 09, 2025 at 09:53 PM