



Barbara Martinez

May 26, 1955 - September 5, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Barbara Martinez who passed away on September 5, 2024 at the age of 69. Barbara was born on May 26, 1955 in Pensacola, Florida to Eloy W. and Lucille Espinoza Martinez. As a child of a proud military family, by the time she was 11 years old she had lived in Pensacola, FL, San Diego, CA, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil before moving with her family to Conejos. Barbara was a graduate of Antonito High School and a graduate of Adams State University where she received a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts degree in Teaching. Barbara had a passion for teaching children and was an elementary teacher for 25 years. She was a member of the Legion of Mary, Veterans for Foreign Wars Auxiliary and was very proud of being the first female Grand Exalter Ruler for Alamosa Elks Lodge #1297. Barbara was a loving mother, sister, grandmother and friend. Some of her favorite past times included: fishing, camping, softball, sewing, reading, and spending time with family and friends. One of her favorite memories was her fishing trip to Sitka, Alaska. She was an avid lover of frogs. After retiring from teaching, she kept herself busy by volunteering at the church teaching catechism and summer bible school. She was an elementary teacher in the South Conejos School District and finished her teaching career in the Monte Vista School District at Bill Metz Elementary. She also worked at the Elks, Safeway and Torrez Flower Shop. She was also very active in helping her friends at local craft fairs.

Survivors include her son Joey Trujillo of Alamosa, CO; sister Sharon (Robert) Chavez of Manassa, CO; grandsons Matthew Trujillo of Alamosa, CO and Genesis Trujillo of Alamosa, CO. Niece and nephews: Kristyn Chavez, Kyle Chavez, Samuel Chavez and Michael Chavez all of Manassa, CO. Uncle Herman Gallegos, Conejos, CO. She is also survived by numerous cousins and friends. Barbara was preceded in death by her parents Eloy and Lucille Martinez, her brother David Martinez and one nephew Ryan Chavez.

A Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Friday, September 20 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Monte Vista. A Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, September 21 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Monte Vista. Interment will follow at San Luis Valley Cemetery in Monte Vista. To leave online condolences please visit; romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

San Luis Valley Cemetery

Monte Vista, CO 81144

Previous Events

A Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary

SEP 20. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MT)

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church -Monte Vista
425 Batterson St
Monte Vista, CO 81144
(719) 852-2673

A Mass of the Resurrection

SEP 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Barbara Martinez.*



September 24, 2024 at 05:14 PM



“ *Joann Runstrom planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Martinez.*

Joann Runstrom - September 24, 2024 at 05:14 PM



“ *Mrs. Martinez was my 3rd grade teacher. She was so sweet to me even when I would run into her as I got older. I'm saddened to hear of her passing. Rest in peace.*

Charlette Atencio - September 16, 2024 at 02:14 AM



“ *Lisa F. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Martinez.*

Lisa F. - September 13, 2024 at 10:12 PM

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“ *Cousin Lisa Martinez and Family purchased the Classic Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Barbara Martinez.*



Cousin Lisa Martinez and Family - September 13, 2024 at 10:10 PM

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“ *Cousin Lisa Martinez and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Martinez.*

Cousin Lisa Martinez and Family - September 13, 2024 at 10:10 PM

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“ *Aunt Regi Martinez Chikar purchased the Red, White & Blue Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Barbara Martinez.*



Aunt Regi Martinez Chikar - September 13, 2024 at 07:52 PM

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“ *Barb was a talented and gifted educator and her gifts reached so many children. She was also one of the funniest people I have ever worked with. Her joy was contagious and her sense of humor was a breath of fresh air when the school day was tough. She was loved and will be very missed.*

Veronica Starcher - September 08, 2024 at 05:42 PM