



Ernestine Mary Martinez

June 22, 1929 - April 21, 2022

Ernestine Mary (Rodriguez) Martinez began her journey to be with the Lord and her beloved family on April 21, 2022. She was born on June 22, 1929 in Monte Vista, Colorado, to Ismael and Brenilda (Vigil) Rodriguez. Ernestine married Pedro "Pete" Martinez September 16, 1946 in Antonito, Colorado. They shared 70 amazing years together before Pete's passing in 2017. Ernestine was primarily a homemaker but she was employed through La Jara City drug store, Assistant Director of La Jara Senior Citizen Center and Public Service Company of Colorado in La Jara. Ernie as she was affectionately known, loved to cook, sew, quilt, embroidery, and loved to spend hours visiting nursing homes to visit with shut ins and homebound residents. Ernie's kitchen was famous to all her kid's friends as well as to so many others who sat at her table. Her chili beans and tortillas were treasured. She never knew a stranger, only many hungry friends. After her husband's death, the telephone and Alexa became her best friends. Dealing with diabetes and loss of her eyesight as well as partial loss of hearing, she preferred to be at home where she could continue her lifestyle. Ernestine was a true prayer warrior praying the rosary three to four times a day, along with watching the Spanish mass and the regular mass on EWTN. She also enjoyed betting on Denver Bronco and Colorado Rockies games with her son-in-law Jeff and any of her kids who would also like to partake. She usually won. Ernie was a member of the American Ladies Auxiliary, D.A.V., Daughters of Mary, Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church and the Benedictine Oblates of Cañon City. Ernestine

showed her compassion, love, empathy and humanity to all she touched. Her faith to God, family, friends and prayer set an example to all who knew her. Her spirit lives on in all who came in contact with her.

Ernestine was preceded in death by her husband Pete, parents Ismael and Brenilda Rodriguez, in-laws Felipe and Maclovia Martinez, brothers Ernest, Mel, Alonzo and Benito Rodriguez, three infant brothers, sister Lydia Trujillo Rodriguez, grandsons Wesley Doyle, Derek Martinez, great-grandson Devon Doyle, Martinez family members Raymond, Billie, Mary, Bertha and Charlie, as well as several nieces and nephews.

She will live on through her children Leonard Martinez, Renee (Brad)Wilcox, Stanley Martinez, Leland (Karol) Martinez, Raylene (Jeff) Romero, brother Amos Rodriguez, sister Joyce Mestas, sisters-in-laws Millie Rodriguez, Erma Gallegos, Thelma Rodriguez, Lela Ortiz, several grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family members.

Vigil Service will be held on Monday, April 25, 2022 at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church in La Jara. A Mass of the resurrection will follow at 11:00. Interment will at the La Jara Cemetery. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Tribute Wall



“ *Ernestine Mary Martinez*

January 29, 2023 at 07:44 AM



“ *A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Ernestine Mary Martinez.*



April 26, 2022 at 06:06 PM



“ *As a kid growing up in California, I always looked forward to spending our family vacations in the valley. We got to visit with our Grandma & Grandpa Martinez as well as all of our other aunts, uncles, & cousins. Even when we all got older, it was still an event to look forward to. Nothing was as special as walking across the field to visit with Uncle Pete & Aunt Ernie. They were always welcoming & interested in what I was up to. Aunt Ernie, no matter the time of day, would always be quick to offer up something excellent to eat. She had a special way about her. Very loving & understanding. Even in her later years, she would still drop me a letter or card in the mail just to say " I love you & miss you". I would like to take the time to say just that. I truly love you Aunt Ernie & will miss you. To the family, my cousins, Our hearts go out to you.*

Philip Lujan

Philip Lujan - April 25, 2022 at 12:08 PM

MF

“ Remembering aunt Ernie. She always welcomed us with open arms, hugs and kisses for us all. We will miss her dearly, sending our love and prayers to our cousins. God bless and May she Rest In Peace.

Love Chris, Veronica and Charles Martinez.

Martinez Family - April 24, 2022 at 07:09 PM



“ Ernestine has long been a treasured friend and a wisdom figure in my life. My deepest sympathy to all of you. I will miss her deeply.
Sister Rene Weeks, OP

Rene Weeks - April 24, 2022 at 06:58 AM



“ *Fields of Europe was purchased for the family of Ernestine Mary Martinez.*



April 23, 2022 at 07:22 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Ernestine Mary Martinez.*



April 23, 2022 at 06:51 PM



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



April 23, 2022 at 06:12 PM



“ *Brubacher Family purchased the Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket for the family of Ernestine Mary Martinez.*



Brubacher Family - April 23, 2022 at 04:07 PM



“ *Lenny condolences and prayers to you and your family. I know how much you loved your mother. I hope god will bring you comfort.*

Dave Furukawa - April 23, 2022 at 03:42 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Memories Album*



Rick Vigil - April 23, 2022 at 01:43 PM

KC

Such a humble and true blue heritage I am so proud to call my own through our own Romero/Maestas/Cordova family stories. What a beautiful salt-of-the-Earth people are we. Ernestine spoke just as our gente does, thus we can all relate as the family of God we all belong to. So vey honored and proud of our deep rich heritage and culture.

Kathee Maestas Cordova

Kathee Cordova - April 26, 2022 at 05:14 PM

PM

“ *To the Martinez Family,*

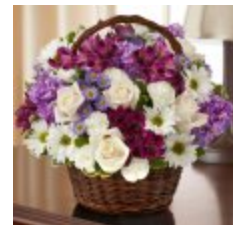
Donna and I send our sincere condolences to you all, Rest assured she is together with your Dad and they are happy together again. May God give you strength and comfort in your loss.

Pat and Donna Martinez

Pat Martinez - April 23, 2022 at 01:19 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Ernestine Mary Martinez.*



April 23, 2022 at 12:14 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ernestine Mary Martinez.*



April 23, 2022 at 11:55 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Ernestine Mary Martinez.*



April 23, 2022 at 11:39 AM



“ *Red Rose Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Ernestine Mary Martinez.*



April 23, 2022 at 12:50 AM



“ *Aunt Erna was a very special person to me. When I was young and I lost my grandmother my Aunt Erna stepped in and held my hand and assured me that she would hold on to me. She always knew how to comfort me with her wise advice and prayers.*

As many of you know her love language was certainly the wonderful food she made. Anything she made was so delicious because she had a secret ingredient “love”. Tia I will forever remember you as a beautiful gift that God provided me on my journey of life. Thank you for sharing your beautiful bright light with me.

To your children, grandchildren and great grandchildren I love you all so very much. Berna

Berna Rodriguez - April 22, 2022 at 11:51 PM

YM

“ Aunt Ernie was so very precious to us, her nephew Ed shares many stories of visiting Uncle Pete and Aunt Ernie - beautiful memories always cherished. She hand quilted blankets and pillows when our children were born - they are now family heirlooms and well loved. When I first met Aunt Ernie she gave me a big kiss and hug and welcomed me to the family so lovingly. We will miss you Aunt Ernie - see you again some day soon. Give Uncle Pete and big hug for us.

Yvette & Ed Martinez - April 22, 2022 at 11:36 PM

EM

When I had to travel for work to Durango, I stopped in to visit a couple of times. Even though I often didn't have a lot of time, I would get lost in our discussion and while she talked, she amazingly created a meal! You couldn't not eat what she made with love. She will be missed. God bless you cousins and sending our love. Ed.

Ed Martínez - April 25, 2022 at 07:14 AM

VV

“ Sending all our love cousins! Aunt Ernestine had the best laugh and the best jokes. She made a quilt for my girls that we will treasure forever. She's in heaven dancing with uncle Pete and my grandparents. The angels were in for a treat when she walked through heavens gate! I imagine she had them laughing right away! Rest In Peace auntie, you were so very loved on this earth.

Vanessa Valdez - April 22, 2022 at 10:00 PM

RC

My condolences to the family and Raylene who is like a daughter to us ,we met Ernestine and yes she made the best chili beans ever may she rest in peace 🙏 and be with the angels 😊, Ray and Lolly Cruz and family.

Ray - Lolly Cruz - April 22, 2022 at 11:41 PM

NT

“ *New West Physicians CPEC Team purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Ernestine Mary Martinez.*



New West Physicians CPEC Team - April 22, 2022 at 08:23 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All Pink was purchased for the family of Ernestine Mary Martinez.*



April 22, 2022 at 07:14 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Ernestine Mary Martinez.*



April 22, 2022 at 06:33 PM

EG

“ She was a second mom to me-always ready to listen to my problems-told me all about life and marriage-I was small when Pete and Erna were married, so she has been a sister to me and second mom- She tried to teach me how to sew and cook, but I could never master it like hers. A great listener and full of jokes - I will always remember her smile and laugh when she told us a joke.- I don't think I ever called her when she wasn't happy to hear my voice-I will miss her and so sorry I can't be there to tell her goodbye and give her a big hug and kiss, but she will understand why I can't make it- She was ready for her last steps in this world and go to her husband and family-GOD is welcoming her to a new life and uniting her with her Pete and all her family- REST IN PEACE my new angel-please give her a kiss from me and I Love all of you-- AUNT ERMA and family



ERMA GALLEGOS - April 22, 2022 at 05:43 PM

RW

Thank you our beautiful Tia and Family. She loved to hear you laugh. We all love you all so much.

Renee wilcox - April 22, 2022 at 06:00 PM

RV

Ernestine:
<https://youtu.be/nOYms2hUD0g>
Rick Vigil / DTEM

Rick Vigil - April 23, 2022 at 01:38 PM

AD

“ My prayers and condolences to the family. It was a blessing and an honor to have met her.
Alida Davis.

Alida Davis - April 22, 2022 at 05:39 PM