



Ernestine Mae Winchester

March 22, 1955 - May 25, 2022

La Jara resident Ernestine Mae Winchester, 67, departed this life peacefully on May 25, 2022. She was born on March 22, 1955 in La Jara, Colorado, the daughter of J. Luis Valdez and Sylvia (Martinez)Valdez. She was united in marriage to Larry D. Winchester on July 3, 1981 in La Jara, Colorado, they shared a happy and loving union of almost 41 years. Ernestine was well known for her compassionate and caring nature. She worked as a medical technologist for more than 40 years, caring for the health of the San Luis Valley. Ernestine loved to help any and everyone in need. When she had free time, she enjoyed going shopping and spending time with family, especially her new grandson Kota.

She is survived by her loving husband Larry Winchester of La Jara, CO; sons Justin Winchester of Highlands Ranch, CO; Jason Winchester of La Jara, CO; Jarrett Winchester (Camela Gonzales) of Alamosa, CO; one grandson Kota Lucas Winchester, sister Vivian Mondragon of La Jara, CO; Frances Valdez of Del Norte, CO. She is also survived by many other extended family members and friends.

Ernestine was preceded in death by her parents Luis and Sylvia Valdez and one brother Michael Valdez.

A Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Friday, June 3, 2022 at 7:30 PM at Our Lady of the Valley Catholic Church. Mass of the Resurrection will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 10:00 AM also at Our Lady of the Valley Church. Interment will follow at the La Jara Cemetery. To

leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa is in care of the arrangements.

Cemetery Details

La Jara Cemetery

Tribute Wall



“ *Ernestine Mae Winchester*

January 29, 2023 at 07:44 AM



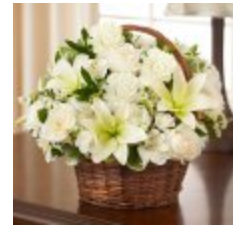
“ *Sincerest Sorrow - Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Ernestine Mae Winchester.*



June 02, 2022 at 08:50 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Ernestine Mae Winchester.*



June 02, 2022 at 08:44 PM



“ *Ben Chavez Gilliam and Becky Rivera purchased the Red & White Standing Wreath for the family of Ernestine Mae Winchester.*



Ben Chavez Gilliam and Becky Rivera - June 02, 2022 at 10:00 AM

BG

“ For Ern and the entire Winchester family-

You were just magical in creating Family and bringing Love to so many and I am so blessed to have you as a Prima and a true "Big Sister". What a gift you were, are and always will be to all of us who were lucky enough to be in your orbit. At this time our Love especially goes to all the Winchester family, Larry, Justin, Jarret and Camela, Jason and Baby Kota.



My family and I grieve in your loss but also celebrate the joy that you are now with family members in heaven we all talked about many times. Your spirit and bright beautiful flame will burn forever in the hearts of all of us who loved you dearly.

Ben Chavez Gilliam - June 02, 2022 at 09:53 AM

SV

So beautifully said!

Stephanie Valdez - June 02, 2022 at 05:21 PM

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“ *Ernestine was always one of the first people to come and say hello to welcome anyone that joined a family event, no matter who they were. Her kindness extended to all, and it was very clear she had a deep love for her family. My siblings and I remember sitting in church as children, either behind or in front of the Winchester family, which I'm sure made it a rowdy section with all of us energetic kids. Our prayers go out to Larry and the boys as the loss of Ernestine is heart breaking. We will remember her always!*

Stephanie Valdez - June 02, 2022 at 08:52 AM

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Stephanie Valdez - June 02, 2022 at 08:48 AM

SC

“ Stephanie Valdez and Juan Chamochumbi purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Ernestine Mae Winchester.



Stephanie Valdez and Juan Chamochumbi - June 02, 2022 at 08:40 AM

MR

“ So sorry to the family of Ernestine for this great loss. I had the honor of knowing Ernestine while in college at Adams State in Alamosa. She was a kind, happy and a very giving person. I wish I could of continued a closer relationship with Ernestine. I will always remember her and I am truly thankful that our paths crossed. May she Rest In Peace.

Madeline Rodriguez - June 01, 2022 at 11:31 PM

BE

My dearest condolences to Mr. Larry, Justin, Jason @ Jarrett. Ern was one of the kindest, generous and caring soul I have known. My peace is I had the opportunity to be her Sista and spend precious time with her.

Since she retired 8 months ago, the privilege I have had is spending @ least 8 weeks of her precious time reminiscing, laughing, cooking, baking, at her favorite restaurant, visiting & reconnecting with our little brotha Ben, & hours of phone calls daily! Love ya Ern & you will be forever in my heart.

BeckyRivera - June 02, 2022 at 12:30 AM