



## Katherine Carroll Ortega

December 29, 2020 - December 29, 2020

Sanford resident Katherine Carroll Ortega, 80, went to her eternal rest on December 25, 2020 at the Rio Grande Inn Nursing Home. Katherine was born on December 20, 1940 in Grand Falls, Texas, the daughter of Brownie Graham and Eunice Wills. Katherine loved music and gardening. She devoted many years of her life to inspiring and teaching others to play music.

Katherine was passionate about her work with the international Mission Board and traveled throughout Europe, Romania and Bulgaria. She never met a stranger and her outgoing personality is definitely what drew people to her. She loved spending time with her family and friends.

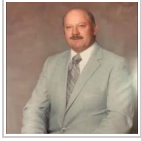
She will live on through her loving husband Diego Antonio Ortega of Sanford, CO; daughter Tammy Carroll of Birmingham, England, sons Randy Carroll (Shelly) of Monte Vista, CO; Charlie Carroll (Cindy) of Albuquerque, NM; 10 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, sisters Jane Genereux of Odessa, TX; Lenora Browning of Leander, TX. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Katherine was preceded in death by her parents Brownie and Eunice Graham, son Jerry Carroll, sister Lois Stephens, and great grand daughter Elena Molina.

Cremation was chosen and services will be held at a later date. To leave online condolences please visit [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://romerofuneralhomes.com). The arrangements have been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.



# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Tammy Carroll - March 23, 2023 at 06:25 AM



“ Tammy Carroll lit a candle in memory of Katherine Carroll Ortega



Tammy Carroll - March 23, 2023 at 06:21 AM



“ Katherine Carroll Ortega

January 29, 2023 at 07:44 AM



“ Tammy Roberts lit a candle in memory of Katherine Carroll Ortega



Tammy Roberts - July 05, 2021 at 07:03 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Tammy Roberts - July 05, 2021 at 07:02 PM

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Tammy Roberts - May 14, 2021 at 04:05 AM

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“ Tammy Roberts sent a virtual gift in memory of Katherine Carroll Ortega



Tammy Roberts - May 14, 2021 at 04:03 AM

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“ Tammy Roberts lit a candle in memory of Katherine Carroll Ortega



Tammy Roberts - May 14, 2021 at 04:00 AM

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**Tammy Roberts** - April 07, 2021 at 04:45 AM

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**Tammy Carroll Roberts** - January 09, 2021 at 09:46 AM

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“ Mom, I am sure your patience was tested more times than I dare remember from me, from trying to teach me how to sew, to learning piano, to act like a young lady, when all I wanted to do is play in the dirt with the neighbour boys. Still though, you kept that beautiful smile upon your face all while inside you was so frustrated with me. Why do I know this, when you came to visit me, we talked and laughed about all of them memories. I enjoyed it when you came to visit me here in England, like teaching you new words like 'gobsmacked' . I will never forget your face when we was watching a program and a lady on the telly said she was gobsmacked and you did not find it funny nor was impressed when they were laughing about it when the lady said that. When I asked you why you seemed upset, you said to me, I don't understand why she is happy, she just 'got smacked'. I busted out laughing and told her the correct word and what it meant. It meant they were shocked and in awe (happy). After that you used that word many a time when you was here, both of us giggling every time you did as we knew the memory behind it. The many phone calls we had (before Dementia slowly over took your memory), that left us both of us in tears or laughing. The phone calls I would get, as you would of received the surprise flowers I sent to you telling me thank you, you didn't have to send flowers. I loved seeing you happy. Thank you mom for all you have done for me even in my darkest days with the loss of my unborn child, you held my hand and kept me strong. You always said to me, you wish you had my strength, but it was the other way around for me, it was your strength that kept me strong. I would be here forever typing if I am to talk about all the beautiful memories we have, but not sure the website would hold them all, so will remember them in my thoughts. Mom you was patient, kind and loving person, to everyone you met. You left a part of your love and grace in each and every person you came across. You loved God, you loved your Family, your Grandkids and Great grand children. You was a dedicated woman who could accomplish anything you wanted to. I miss and love you so very much. My heart is broken



*into a million pieces, in time will heal it back, but it will be slow process. Please give Daddy and Jerry a kiss on the cheek from me. I know you all are watching over us all. singing and rejoicing. Rip in Peace my Queen, my Best friend, my Angel and my Beautiful momma xx*

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**Tammy Carroll Roberts** - January 09, 2021 at 09:44 AM

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“ *Hearing about your death was hard on all of us, you went through life achieving much, experiencing Plenty and travelling endlessly your name is marked on the world and will be remembered always, but the great Journey of life ends a new one begins.*

*I remember the stories you'd tell me of the Castles you'd visit and the pictures you showed, the board games we would play as a Family and the Christmas we spent at Red Hill, these few but treasured memories will stay with me forever.*

*Rest in peace Grandma*

*-Your Grandson Nathan*

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**Nathan** - January 09, 2021 at 08:28 AM

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“ I was very little at the time that mom told me that Grandma had traveled from he United States to visit us in England. Me being a shy kid, I stayed at our front dorr until I was convinced to come out and see her. What I saw was a women whos face, full of colour and smile , completely shattered any worry I had inside. Whenever I think about her, I'm reminded of that moment. Over the years I would hear stories about how my grandma was the same hero to so many other people, and looking back now it is no surprise that even as a kid I felt comforted by her. Rest in peace. Love your grandson Cole

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**Cole Roberts** - January 09, 2021 at 06:35 AM

PL

“ We first met Katherine & her husband Leon in the early 1970's when he became our pastor in Del Norte, CO. At the time the family included 3 sons and 2 foster daughters of which they adopted the younger daughter. While they lived there, they would come out to our ranch and we enjoyed cutting Christmas trees, riding horses and anything we could enjoy outdoors. Leon was the one who gave me the courage to start singing solos at church. Katherine was an excellent pianist who would play for me and she also taught piano lessons. After Leon died in 1998, Katherine served in the London, England area with the Baptist Mission Board and she would keep us updated of all the news around the world. After coming back to the states, we stayed in touch her as much as possible. When she remarried she moved and then we moved to 4 different states and lost touch with her, but I still thought of her. I just found out a couple days ago of her passing. She had been on my mind quite often for the last year. I know she is in the arms of Jesus and I know she will be missed by her family. Pat & Dale Lester

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**Pat & Dale Lester** - January 04, 2021 at 10:32 AM



*Thank you so much Pat and Dale for those kind words. Katherine spoke of you often. Cindy Carroll (Married to middle son Charlie)*

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**Cindy Carroll** - January 09, 2021 at 12:25 AM