



Mary S. Olivas

April 28, 1930 - May 3, 2020

San Luis resident Mary S. Olivas, 90, went to her eternal rest on May 3, 2020 with her loving family by her side. Mary was born on April 28, 1930 in San Luis, Colorado, the daughter of Jose DeHerrera and Avelina Overstreet DeHerrera. Mary became well known in the community from her role as a cook with the Centennial School District. Mary was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother,, sister, aunt, cousin and friend who enjoyed volunteering her spare time helping anyone she could, cooking, traveling, reading, gardening, crocheting, knitting, and designing flower arrangements. She loved the time she was able to spend with her family and friends.

Mary will live on through her daughters Suzi Olivas of San Luis, CO; Josie Garcia of Colorado Springs, CO; son Frank Olivas of Homelake, CO; 7 grandchildren, numerous great and great-great-grandchildren, step-sisters Ruth Perez of San Luis, CO; Betty Mares of Colorado Springs, CO; Agatha Medina of El Rito, CO; brother Fred (Louise) DeHerrera of Colorado Springs, CO; brother-in-law Walter Gallegos of San Luis, CO. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents Jose and Avelina DeHerrera, husband Alonzo Olivas, grandsons Damion and Toby Morine, Granddaughter Thalia Valdez-Garcia, brothers Maclovio, Adonaise, Henry, Gilbert, Alarico, Christy Maes, Pedro DeHerrera, half-sister Elsie Gallegos, Olivia Espinoza, half-brothers Alfonso and Billy DeHerrera.

A Private Mass will be held at a later date. To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements have been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of San Luis.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mary S. Olivas*

January 29, 2023 at 07:44 AM



“ *I miss you momma.*

Susan A Olivas - July 29, 2022 at 10:44 AM



“ *Pam sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary S. Olivas*



Pam - May 12, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ *Our heart felt condolences go out to Suzie and family on the loss of your beautiful mother. May Tia Mary was a very strong and courageous woman. We loved the time that we spent visiting. She made a impression on everyone she met. May God grant her the peace that she deserves and let her enjoy the reunion with all the family that have passed before her. Love always Pam & Linette*



Pam & Linette - May 12, 2020 at 07:18 PM



“ *Mary (as we affectionately knew her as PRETTY) worked along side my Grandma Adelia for years, and was a very special lady to my family and myself. She was hard-working, cared for her kids and her grandkids as a single Mother and Grandmother, and had the warmest smile!! I adored her, and will miss her greatly. God bless you all, her family. I will pray for her and all of you during this time of loss.*

Jason Medina - May 11, 2020 at 03:06 PM

BD

“ My condolences to Suzy, Josie and Frankie and families. Aunt Mary was a strong warrior, she's been a strong women thru her life and such a caring person with a lot to to give. My memories of her will never fade because of her generosity to all of us thru her life. May she Rest In Peace with no more suffering. God bless you all at this hard time.

Betty (Jimmy In Spirit) Deherrera

Betty Deherrera - May 09, 2020 at 05:48 PM



“ Going to Aunt Mary's was always the best. My Dad loved his sister and hers was always the warmest welcoming house and her delicious cooking on that wood stove is a huge memory for me. We were lucky to have you Aunt Mary.

Rebecca Sutton - May 09, 2020 at 03:44 PM

EM

“ For the Marie Olivas family. A mother's love is never lost. It will continue in your hearts. Que Dios los bendiga a todos. From Elaine Martinez del Rito Colorado.

Elaine Martinez - May 08, 2020 at 05:49 PM

CR

“ Dear Josie, Suzy, Frankie and families:
My deepest condolences on the passing of a beautiful lady. A kind and gentle lady has gone before us but not before touching many hearts. Mary touched my heart by her smile and beautiful personality. She was among one of my favorite persons. Heaven has truly gained an angel. My thoughts and prayers are with you. She will be deeply missed.

Cordy ("Becky") Roybal.

Cordy "Becky" Roybal - May 08, 2020 at 01:09 PM

LC

“ Mary was kind and had a heart of Gold. Rest in peace Mary.

Lora cardenas - May 08, 2020 at 12:29 AM

LM

Our condolences to you Suzi and the rest of the family. We loved your momma so dearly. She's a n heaven with the Lord happy and free of suffering. I know it's hard to lose your mom. Especially when she's the reason for our being. We love you. We are praying for you all.

LyVonne Maes - May 09, 2020 at 02:49 PM

BM

“ Suzy, Josie & Frankie - Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Your mom was such a wonderful person and we have so many fond memories of her. May god bless you all.
Gary, Barb, Karlina & Jayden Morine

Barbara & Gary Morine - May 07, 2020 at 10:49 PM

DT

“ Thoughts and prayers to the family. Mary was a ray of sunshine, a smile that would warm the soul.
The Trujillo Family

Denise Trujillo - May 06, 2020 at 11:17 PM

IG

“ Dear Suzy, Frankie, Josie and family,
At this sad time please know that we are thinking of you and sending our deepest condolences. Mary was one special lady and we will always have the fondest memories of her – You were blessed to have such a caring and loving mother, and we were blessed to have her as a friend.

With sincere sympathy,
(Iva) Lorraine & Maclovio Gallegos & family

Iva Gallegos - May 06, 2020 at 07:26 PM

AD

“ She was the 1st one I would visit in the San Luis Valley and the last. She always made everyone feel welcome and couldn't feed you enough. She always rolled out the red carpet for you and cooked and baked that wonderful bread that noone can reproduce. I know my Aunt is in a better place and I know I have the best memories of her. God Bless You Aunt Mary Olivas, say hello to my mama and daddy for me... respectfully Ava Darlene DeHerrera

Ava DeHerrera - May 06, 2020 at 05:33 PM

SU

“ Moma, Frankie and I want to thank you for the great job you did raising us as a single parent. We had the best mom in the whole world in school when at work as a cook she was called La Pretty. I sat with Frankie today and we will continue being a team minus you but in spirit you were there. Pray for us momma cause you earned your wings on earth your reward is HEAVEN... Via Con Dios
Frankie/Suzy

Suzy - May 05, 2020 at 05:13 PM

TV

My deepest condolences to all she was always so good to me love you guys ❤️🙏
Tara Valdez & Family

Tara Valdez - May 05, 2020 at 09:43 PM

TG

I have such happy memories of my Aunt Mary and spending many weekends in her home. It was always filled with love and warmth.

Thresa DeHerrera Granger - May 05, 2020 at 10:06 PM

AL

My condolences for your loss. Prayers for you and your family

Alonzo Lobato - May 05, 2020 at 10:38 PM

LE

My condolences for your loss. She was a ray of sunshine and always so happy. Keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. Lolly, Felipe Esquibel and Family. 💕💕

Lolly Esquibel - May 05, 2020 at 11:03 PM

AM

My sincere condolences to your family. My Mom, Viola Mondragon, loved Mary like a sister. I hope they will meet up in heaven.

Anna Mondragon - Metzger - May 05, 2020 at 11:07 PM

AV

Suzy, Josie, Frankie, please accept my most sincere sympathy for the passing of your mom. Mary was kind, loving, and dedicated! I loved her hospitality and especially her care for her family. Not to mention, her wonderful cooking!

There's never a right time or right age to lose your parent. I just know from experience that it hurts and it feels empty. Whether you're feeling pain and sadness or fondness and happiness, there's no right or wrong way to grieve. I ask that God carry you all through and allow you to feel the love so many have for your mom and you three! God bless you all... Love you, Angelica, Ariel, & Sienna

Angelica Valdez - May 06, 2020 at 12:52 AM

HA

Sorry for your loss Marie was a beautiful person rip ❤️❤️

Henrietta Arellano - May 06, 2020 at 01:33 AM

ED

I don't know what to say about the loss of my Aunt Mary. She will be missed. She was such a loving aunt. My brother Jimmy and I spent summers in San Luis & we stayed with my aunt. She was so loving. I have fond memories of waking up & she had breakfast ready for us. We went to work in the fields & my aunt made sure we had a good lunch. She never complained. My dad (Gilbert) adored his sister. Aunt Mary I will miss you. You are now with your loved ones. RIP my tia. Your niece Evelyn DeHerrera-Armijo

Evelyn DeHerrera-Armijo - May 06, 2020 at 03:14 AM

MH

Our deepest condolences to the family. We have been through the same path. She was a great senira. I remember when she was a cook. She would give us leftover to take home after school was over. My brother Presley would fix her car. May she rest in peace. Con mucho Amor!

Marie Romero y Presley Aragon

Marie Hooker - May 06, 2020 at 11:48 AM

DV

Suzy, Frank & Josie My deepest condolences to all of you. La Pretty was a special Lady to my Family. Mom and Mary shared a special bond, lunch ladies and best friends. We all grew up together, she will be missed. Prayers for the Family.

Dorothy Romero Vigil - May 06, 2020 at 12:05 PM



Suzy, Frankie & Josie.. my deepest sympathy for loss of your Mom. She was special all the time as we remember her as an excellent cook and friend. Prayers and blessings for you family. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏

Louise Sanchez - May 06, 2020 at 01:00 PM



I loved that lady. She was always so thoughtful and kind. A very special person who will always have place in my heart.

AI Trujillo - May 06, 2020 at 01:11 PM

MV

Susie, Josie, & Frankie, Our Deepest Condolence go out to each of you & families...The first time I met Mary OLIVAS, she welcomed us in to her home with a big hug & a delicious dinner & warm tortillas. As we sat down to eat she wanted to hear all about us since I was her grandsons mother-in-law, lol. As we shared family stories it became clear to me that she cared deeply for each family member and enjoyed life to the fullest. Through the years I always enjoyed our short chats about family & Church. Today, the Heavens are rejoicing as Mary entered her final resting home. RIP Mary & GODS BLESSINGS TO ALL FAMILY MEMBERS. Much Love, J&M Vargas

Mary Vargas - May 06, 2020 at 01:12 PM

YV

My heartfelt sympathy for Susie, Jose & Frankie and the family you know in your hearts you had one of the greatest mothers there could be with a heart of gold. She was well loved by all. May she rest in the arms of the Lord. Many blessings!!

Yvonne Vigil - May 06, 2020 at 01:23 PM

LM

RIP Mary Susie Franky and Josie god be with you in your sadness god bless love you

Lerry Medina - May 06, 2020 at 01:36 PM

JV

Our deepest condolences go to.You and family Your mom was a great and kind lady. Julia Valdez and Family

jean Valdez - May 06, 2020 at 02:40 PM

RA

My Deepest Condolences to the Olivas family. RIP Mary. You were very good to me. Sharing your bread recipe and baking some for my mom. You will be missed. God be with you all.

Richard Arellano - May 06, 2020 at 03:34 PM

EG

My Condolences to you and your family, I am sorry for your loss. Prayers and love to you! Elaine Gutierrez

Elaine T Gutierrez - May 06, 2020 at 05:30 PM

ZM

Our deepest condolences to your family ,I loved your mother always in school as a cook ,and as one of the “pretty “ always with a smile ,she didn't have a mean bone in her body ,she loved everybody I think I'm so sorry Susie ,Frankie, Josie, May your hearts heal as soon as possible💔💔💔💔🙏🙏😊😊

Zolanda Barela Medina - May 06, 2020 at 06:33 PM

JA

When I moved in with my Grandma Adelia, Mary was a smiling face every morning before school and every day after— her and Grandma were working buddies and those memories will always be treasured. I pray that you will all have peace 🙏

Janene - May 06, 2020 at 09:44 PM

VM

My condolences to all your family. Your mom (Mary) was always so good to me. I was blessed to have been you her life. For the short time I lived I San Luis. Mary, May you rest is peace 🙏

Virginia Maes - May 06, 2020 at 10:33 PM

TC

Mary was a special friend of the Alire family , Bert my Mom , Mary , Esmeralda, cooks at the School . best friends . So very sorry for your loss . Suzi, Josie , Frank . 🙏🙏

Theresa Chavez - May 10, 2020 at 01:26 PM



Charlotte Vigil

My condolences Suzi Josie and Frankie. May she RIP. She was a beautiful lady. She was always nice to me.

Charlotte Vigil - May 13, 2020 at 05:33 PM

GD

My aunt will always have a special place in my heart. She was so kind to me, I have so many great memories, love you aunt.

gary deherrera - May 13, 2020 at 10:32 PM

SO

I miss my moma but she is in Heaven and with me on daily basis as always. Love you, suzy

Susan Olivas - July 28, 2020 at 06:38 AM