



## Querina Martinez

December 29, 1939 - November 11, 2023

Querina was born to Edward and Clorinda (Mary) Martinez and raised in La Jara, Colorado. Querina and Joseph (Tony) were high school sweethearts, homecoming Queen and King, they were married August 8, 1957. Soon after marriage they moved to Spokane, Washington where Tony served in the Air Force. In the early 60's they returned to La Jara to raise their 6 children at their farm and ranch. Tony and Q enjoyed watching their children participate in sports, 4-H, and other various activities. Querina was a devout member of the St. Joseph Catholic Parish in La Jara, she played the organ, piano, guitar and sang for many celebrations. She participated in the La Jara Rotary Club for over 20 years as the club's musician. After raising the children, she went to school and earned a degree in Education, and later a Master's degree. She taught school in Espanola, New Mexico for several years then accepted a position as elementary music teacher in Alamosa. Tony and Q enjoyed many adventures, going to horse races, and travelling to see children and grandchildren for all their activities. She retired from teaching and continued her work with the church choir playing for services, weddings and funerals. Over the years, she enjoyed going to the opera in Santa Fe, meeting with her girlfriends, the "Mis Amigas", and spending time with family and grandkids. You may have found her filling the house with music as she played piano or with delicious smells from baking. She enjoyed visiting with family and friends and recounting history, she never knew a stranger.

Querina is survived by her loving family including her dedicated husband Tony, children Marty (Melissa) Martinez, Mark (Scott) Martinez, Valerie (Chuck) Finnegan, Naomi (Randy) Keys, Tiffany Martinez, and Mario (Moria) Martinez, eleven grandchildren and fifteen great grand-children, also her brother Orlando (Amanda) Martinez, Bonnie Martinez and Vickie Martinez. She was preceded in death by her parents, son Anthony, and brother Nickie.

She will be greatly missed by all who loved her, especially her husband Tony. There will be a viewing on Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 3 PM at our Lady of the Valley Church in Lara Colorado with a rosary following at 4 PM. Also at our Lady of the Valley Church in Lara Colorado mass of the resurrection will be held on November 16th 2023 at 10 AM at Our Lady Of Valley Church in the hair Colorado with interment to follow at the Lajara cemetery. to leave online condolences please visit [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://romerofuneralhomes.com). Romero Funeral Home is in care of the arrangements

# Tribute Wall

DM

“ Tom and I want to express our sadness for the loss of Querina. She was a kind and spiritual lady. Our prayer for you all: Lord, carry Querina's family through this season of mourning and deep sadness. May Your presence bring them comfort as they embark on this journey of healing. As they process their grief, help them to cling to the hope of seeing their departed loved ones again in the glory of Your presence in our home in heaven. Tom and Darlene Medina

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**Darlene Medina** - November 19, 2023 at 11:52 PM

BR

“ I would like to express my sincere sympathy to you all for the loss of your beautiful wife and your children's mother! I have the fondest memory of all our wonderful conversations and respect for Querina. I am sad to be so far away to be able to attend her memorial! God bless you all with peace and strength for your tremendous loss.

*BeckyRivera*

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**Because Rivera** - November 16, 2023 at 04:59 PM

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“ Tony and Family,

*Donna and i send our deepest sympathy to you all. May she rest in peace.*

*Pat and Donna Martinez*

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**Pat Martinez** - November 14, 2023 at 02:30 PM

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“ Was very sad to hear that such a beautiful soul has left us. Mrs. Martinez was a very large part of our lives growing up and will forever remain in my heart and memory. May the Lord welcome her with open arms and provide her family with the comfort they so need during this time. May she rest in eternal peace. Nadine Valdez-Horne and Family.

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**Nadine Valdez-Horne** - November 14, 2023 at 12:31 PM

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I am sorry for your loss! I love her and all her family. A beautiful woman and was a wonderful friend! May she RIP! 🙏❤️🙏

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**Vangie Archuleta** - November 14, 2023 at 12:57 PM

SF

“ I never really met Mrs. Martinez but I know that she and her husband raised one of the best persons in the world, their son, Mark Martinez. I can tell that they have been the most loving parents as Mark is one of the kindest, most caring persons I've had the privilege of knowing. I send my love to the entire Martinez family! What a loss to lose your mother!

Sincerely,  
Steven Feldewerh

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**steven feldewwrth** - November 14, 2023 at 11:24 AM