



## Bonnie (Orona) Gomez

September 16, 1930 - June 27, 2019

A long-time resident of Hagerman, New Mexico, Bonnie (Orona) Gomez, 89, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 27, 2019, surrounded by her family at Casa Maria Healthcare Center. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Bonnie's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

Born on September 16, 1930, Bonnie grew up in Artesia, New Mexico, and graduated from Artesia High School. She married Levi Gomez in 1952 and made her home in Hagerman, New Mexico. Together they shared a magnificent life until his death. During her lifetime, Bonnie was known for her giving heart and strong faith. She was an active member of St. Catherine's Catholic Church, where she taught catechism for several years. Bonnie also worked at The Peoples Family Dry Good Store, where she was recognized for her warm and welcoming spirit to all that would visit the store.

Bonnie's life was filled with much joy as she loved crafting, dancing, cooking, and going to the casinos across New Mexico. Her favorite restaurant was Golden Corral, where she often requested to be taken for lunch or dinner. Bonnie looked forward to attending all family parties and participating in activities hosted by Casa Maria. This past February, she was crowned Valentine's Queen. Bonnie's greatest passions were sports and fashion.

An avid sports fanatic, Bonnie particularly liked baseball, as she was a die-hard New York Yankee fan. She faithfully followed baseball and knew the game better than anyone else in the family. Additionally, Bonnie had an incredible taste for fashion and rarely wore the same outfit twice. She was always the best-dressed female in any room, and even at her age, she made heads turn.

The happiest moments Bonnie spent were with her family and friends. After Levi died, she was cared for by her nieces and nephews to include: Judy (Langenegger) Sanchez, John D. Langenegger, Jared Langenegger, Leah (Langenegger) Bradfute, Jaylene (Sanchez) Hopkins, and Jennifer Gomez-Chavez. Bonnie often went on outings to be with her family, which she adored. Just a month and a half ago she traveled to Modesto, California, to visit

with her family who lived there. Bonnie will forever be remembered by her smile, warm hugs, and nicknames she gave to many of her family and friends. She shared many unforgettable moments with numerous people that will be cherished for a lifetime.

**SURVIVORS:** Bonnie is survived by her siblings: Toni Galvan of Modesto, CA, Nellie Fulmer of Merced, CA, Mary Morones of Modesto, CA; brother, Lee Orona of Las Vegas, NV; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**PRECEDED:** Preceding Bonnie in death are: her parents, Eziquiel Orona and Lucinda (Cota) Orona; husband, Levi Gomez; and sisters: Dora McMillan, Elmira Jones, and Melva Cruz.

**SERVICES:** Graveside services will be held on Friday, July 12, 2019, 10:00 AM, at the Hagerman Cemetery located just outside of Hagerman, NM, on the corner of Morgan Road and Shoshoni Road. A reception will be held immediately after the services at the Hagerman Community Center.

Bonnie's tribute was lovingly written in her honor by her family.

# Comments

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“ The times I spent with Aunt Bonnie I will always carry with me ~ when I visited her at age 12 she had saved a pair of mittens that were mine when I was 5 she saved them just for me she was so loving and caring and her smile - she will be missed and is much loved

**audrey** - July 01 at 11:06 PM

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“ Ah, my auntie. The memories I have with you. I have many, I remember when I would go over to your house and eat quesadillas made with fresh tortillas, and you would tell Uncle Levi and I to quit laughing, because he would choke. I can go on and on with all memories, but our last time together was the best. Leah and I picking you up to go to moms for Easter, we were so excited because you got to stay the night, putting makeup on you that day, I never thought it would be the last time. When I left you off, i remember you saying a prayer for me and for the Virgin Mary to watch over me and the family always. Our little girl(J'Adyson) would say she missed you when she was here, I thank God her last day with you was full of shopping. I love you and thank you for being a Great Aunt. Siempre, Tu Reina

**Jalyne Hopkins** - July 01 at 09:42 PM

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“ Loved Aunt “Monkee”...she was delightful..I will miss talking to her and hearing her laugh and say “O! Goshes Tootchie!”

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“ My Aunt Bonnie use to baby sit me when I was young, may she Rest In Peace. Love Virgie Gomez



**Virgie Gomez** - July 01 at 09:13 PM