



Avarista "Eva" Gomez

January 30, 1949 - August 24, 2015

Avarista (Eva) Gomez, 66, passed away on August 24, 2015. She was born on January 30, 1949, to Victor Gomez and Betty Lou Morro, in Portales, NM. After graduating from Portales High School in 1968, she earned her Associates Degree in Education in 1984. Eva was an active member of the NEA from 1993 to 2015, and the first support personnel to hold the Presidency in the NEA. She was a teacher for thirty years before retiring. Eva was headstrong, an activist and democratic. She enjoyed music, dance, arts and crafts and going to casinos. She enjoyed eating popcorn with ranch dressing along with her margaritas. Eva loved spending time with her family and friends.

Preceding Eva in death were her parents, sisters, Debbie Gomez and Judy Gomez; brother, Dennis Gomez; and son Raymundo Cereceres.

Those left to carry on her legacy are her husband, Manuel Cereceres, "The love of her life"; daughters: Cruzita Cereceres-Medina, Michelle Escamilla-Nunez, Ruth Ann Escamilla-Orosco and Evette Cereceres-Contreras; sisters, Ruth Ann Mulfred and Beverly Gomez; brothers, Robert Gomez and Donald Gomez. Eva is also survived by numerous grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A mass will be held on Friday, August 28, 2015, 10:00 AM, at St. Peter's Catholic Church. Fr. Charlie Martinez will officiate.

Pallbearers will be Michael AD (Monkey Pie) Nunez, Alfred Velasquez, Greg Maxie, Fred Muran, Santiago (Chago) Herrera and Victor Orosco.

Knowing the countless lives that live in darkness, I give attention to His command. I assert my allegiance to Jesus Christ and His church. Attempting with God's help to abide in Him through prayer. I pray to You dear Lord my Savior, please hear my prayers.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories of Eva with her family in the online register at andersonbethany.com. Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ *Avarista "Eva" Gomez*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. It is evident that she was a good and kind person, loved and appreciated by many. I recently lost someone close to me and can appreciate the heartache words cannot describe. With that in mind, I am moved to share with you a thought that helped me through the pain. That is the words of Jesus himself in the book of John, chapter 5 and verse 28, 29. He said 'Do not be amazed at this. For the hour is coming in which all those in the memorial tombs will hear his voice, and come out.' I was so relieved to know the bible talks about an earthly resurrection; a time of peace when we will see our loved ones again in perfect conditions according to God's own will. I encourage you to hold on to that hope and learn more. It is my sincere wish that learning of this will give you the comfort it gave me.*

Isabel - September 01, 2015 at 07:05 AM



Thank you for your words bless you

Evette Contreras - December 04, 2015 at 09:47 AM

LS

“ I remember Eva being nearly tireless working for education, or for the Democratic party. I know she was strongly committed to improving life for all. She will be missed.

Lee Sides

Lee Sides - August 28, 2015 at 05:10 PM



Evette Contrera

Yes she did and was always a go getter if she saw something to be fixed she would get it done.

Evette Contreras - December 04, 2015 at 10:09 AM

JB

“ I knew Eva professionally and more importantly as a friend. Eva made our world better and happier. I like to think that right now she is doing the same for heaven. I miss Eva. I pray for Eva's family and all who knew her and who are feeling like a part of us is missing. Jeff Boyer

Jeff Boyer - August 28, 2015 at 05:03 PM

AF

“ We can't begin to imagine what you are feeling, but let us share our heartfelt condolence. You are in our hearts and prayers.

Alicia Gomez and family - August 28, 2015 at 10:18 AM

KV

“ *Kathy Vegara sent a virtual gift in memory of Avarista "Eva" Gomez*



Kathy Vegara - August 27, 2015 at 04:43 PM

KV

Comadre Eva was a wonderful lady we have good memories of her and my compadre Manuel she will be greatly missed.

Kathy Vegara - August 27, 2015 at 04:44 PM

HG

“ *Eva was a strong advocate, and union leader. My condolences to her family.*

Henry Gonzales - August 27, 2015 at 04:42 PM

DF

“ *Our hearts and prayers to you all from Debra and Virginia Fleming*

Debra Fleming - August 27, 2015 at 12:00 PM

SM

“ *Eva was an amazing woman! She was such a strong advocate for public education, for reading, for kids and employees! I met Eva many years ago through NEA-NM and she always reminded us to keep the needs of our Education Support Professionals in mind. She was so excited when some of her grandkids were featured in the NEA-NM Read Across America poster! That brought together many of her passions. She will be missed.*

sharon morgan - August 27, 2015 at 11:51 AM

EC

“ *Evette Contreras lit a candle in memory of Avarista "Eva" Gomez*



Evette Contreras - August 26, 2015 at 10:53 PM

EC

“ *Mom, I will always remember your passion for whatever you did. IF IT WAS WORTH DOING DO U RIGHT...and IF YOU WANT IT DONE RIGHT YOU GOTTA DO IT YOURSELF. are words to live by thank you mom for making me the person I am today I LOVE YOU and will forever miss you. <3*

Evette Contreras - August 26, 2015 at 10:45 PM

AM

“Michelle, Ruthie, and Evette,
My prayers and my deepest sympathy are with all of you and your families in your loss. I have known the three of you since you were small. Your mom and I worked together starting in 1977. She was the librarian at that time and a very good one.

Your Mom was very smart, a little stubborn, full of energy, laughable, and always gave 110%. She enjoyed her different positions throughout her working career and worked very hard to make everyday the best it could be.

She did awesome work with the support personnel and teachers because she loved "the fight" for what she believed would improve their positions and their rights through NEA. She also loved going to the conferences to learn what she could do to continue her support.

I will miss my friend, her laughing ways, and her smile!

Annette Marr
Idaho Falls, Idaho

Annette Marr - August 26, 2015 at 09:04 PM

BP

“Eva was so full of energy! She always made everyone laugh but she was such a hard worker. Thank you for sharing Eva with us.

Betty Patterson
NEA-NM

Betty Patterson - August 26, 2015 at 03:35 PM

EM

“ You have my deepest sympathy over the passing of Avarista (Eva). I met her through NEA-New Mexico. Eva was always so full of positive energy. She was always so cheerful and I'll always miss her phone calls. She'd call and say, "Hello, pretty lady!" She had a beautiful spirit and was so firm and active in her advocacy for her fellow NEA-NM members and I was blessed to know her--Elizabeth Martinez



Elizabeth Martinez - August 26, 2015 at 10:05 AM