



Diana Gonzales

January 19, 1945 - December 28, 2023

Diana Gonzales, 78, passed away peacefully at her home in Roswell, New Mexico on Thursday, December 28, 2023. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with the Gonzales and Barela family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Diana “Diamantina” was born to Joe D. and Praxedes “Peggy” Barela on January 19, 1945, in Roswell, New Mexico. She attended Roswell High School where she met her high school sweetheart, Benjamin Gonzales. They were married on August 17, 1963, at Saint John's Catholic Church in Roswell, New Mexico. At the age of 18, she became a beautician. During her career, she served as a New Mexico Cosmetology Association President, Vice President, Trustee, and an Ambassador for Wella Hair Color, participating in numerous hair shows across North America. After 60 years of working as a beautician, Diana retired from “From Hair On” at 78-years-old. Her love for the Lord and her family was evident in how she lived her life. She attended Church on the Move and Grace Community Church regularly and had formerly attended Living Waters Church, where she sang for many years on the praise team. Diana was involved in “Las Pacerettes”, as a singer; served as a Boy Scout Den Mother and was a joint founder of “Las Chismosas.” She was awarded as being the best Mom and Mamo in the world to many. Her favorite pastimes were cooking, hosting, decorating, shopping, and most importantly, spending time with family. Her memory will forever be cherished

by those who knew her, and her spirit will continue to inspire all who were fortunate enough to be touched by her love.

Those left to eternally treasure and cherish memories of Diana are her husband, Benjamin Gonzales; children: Inez Flores, Michael (Cindy) Gonzales, Candace (Bobby) Barela, and Israel Barela; grandchildren: Wesley (Erica) Flores Jr., Michael Flores, Gabriel (Felisa) Flores, Stephanie Gonzales, Samantha Gonzales, Raylynn Barela, Donivon Barela, Jenelle Barela, Ethan Barela, and Marysa Barela; nine great grandchildren; two great great-grandchildren; siblings: Carlos "Charlie" (Terri) Barela, Elia Barela, and Joyce Barela; extended family: Lionel, Rae Lynn, Monica, Rebecca, Gilbert Joe Jr., Yolanda, Robert, Holly, Gabriel, Anna, and Elianna, the Gonzales family, Padilla family, Suarez family, Martinez family, Marquez family, Flores family, Dominquez family, Torrez family, Varela family, and Garcia family; God children: Robert Tynes, Nicole Neeld, Marcos Guzman, Ethan and Marysa Barela.

Diana is preceded in death by her parents, Joe D. and Peggy Barela, brother, Gilbert J. Barela Sr., and godson, Adam Suarez.

Diana's family wishes to extend sincere thanks to Dr. Feroze, Dr. Bruce Andrews, Fresenius Kidney Care Center, Interim Health Services, Gentiva (Hospice), ENMMC and all of their staff that treated Diana with such care and kindness. They would also like to thank lifelong friends, the Montoya Family: Ernie and Rita; the Baiza Family: Dan and Nora; the Marrujo family: Leo and Lillian; and neighbors: Antonia and Delma for their many years of friendship and prayers.

A memorial service will be held at Grace Community Church on Saturday, January 6, at 10 a.m. with Pastor Barry Anderson officiating. In honor of Diana, a Celebration of her Life will be held from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Fraternal

Order of Eagles.

Tribute Wall

LS

“ *DIANA was a great friend and hairdresser to my mother, Jimmie Lee Reinecke, for many years. I'm saddened to know she has left us here but know heaven has grown sweeter with her arrival. I always appreciated the care she took with Mom each week when she'd fix her hair. She was the ultimate professional and served her Lord daily. I'm sorry I won't be there to celebrate her life and to give hugs to her family. With my condolences and prayers for your peace.*

LeeAnn Reinecke Sandoval

LeeAnn Sandoval - January 06, 2024 at 12:20 AM

BC

“ *I LOVE YOU MAMO! Thank you for all the amazing times and precious memories you have given us. Memories that will forever be imprinted in our hearts. Your legacy will forever live on! ❤️*



Bobby C. - January 05, 2024 at 09:54 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diana Gonzales.*



January 05, 2024 at 08:22 AM

AQ

“ Angelina George Quintero lit a candle in memory of Diana Gonzales



Angelina & George Quintero - January 04, 2024 at 10:46 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Diana Gonzales.



January 04, 2024 at 08:45 PM

SG

“ Sheila Glass lit a candle in memory of Diana Gonzales



Sheila Glass - January 04, 2024 at 07:34 PM

CG

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Cindy Gonzales - January 04, 2024 at 05:07 PM

BO

“ *My Nina, thank you for all the Blessings and love you shared with me and many others. Your soul was full of Love for All. You inspired so many and gave so much unconditional Love. Your Heart and Smile warmed us All. We will miss your laughter and Hugs but never will forget you. I know you are with the Angels singing in the Choir.*



Bob - January 04, 2024 at 02:33 PM

FM

“ *My condolences go out to the Gonzales and Barela families. Diana was always a very nice person and part of the family through my sister, Virgie. They were so close. She is resting in God's Hands now. God be with you Ben and extended families. Much love!*

Frank N. Montoya - January 04, 2024 at 01:15 PM

CB

“ *The absolute Best Mamo and Mom anyone could ever ask for. We love you forever ❤️. Until we meet again...always in our hearts and memories.*



Candace B - January 04, 2024 at 12:36 PM

RE

“ My sweet Aunt Diana, what a blessing you are to me. So many wonderful memories of our time with you, all the family gatherings you hosted, and what beautiful flowers arrangements you did. I will always remember your love and laughter, how you held our family together, and how much you loved every single one of us. Rest well, Tia, I will forever cherish my memories of you.

Rebecca - January 04, 2024 at 11:34 AM

LB

“ Lidis B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diana Gonzales.

Lidis B. - January 04, 2024 at 10:43 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Diana Gonzales.



January 04, 2024 at 08:59 AM

VP

“ Rest In Peace my beautiful lady!!!



Veronica Prudencio - January 03, 2024 at 08:25 PM

SG

“ Diana was my Mamo. The best memories that I have with her is every summer since I was a little girl my parents would take me to Roswell and I would stay with her the whole summer. And man was I spoiled by her. We would go and eat places, go shopping at circle and the dot (target) basically anything we wanted to do. I also remember she was the first person to give me a perm. That was a fun day! I'll cherish every moment I had with her. We were never in Roswell until we were at my Mamo's ❤️ I love you so much Mamo! My forever guardian angel! 😊



Steph Gonzales - January 03, 2024 at 07:55 PM



“ Diana was always so sweet to my Mom(Tia Carmen) over the years. I always enjoyed her smile. Sympathy & prayers to my cousin Benjie and his family. Cousin Linda(Baton Rouge,La)

Linda Poor - January 03, 2024 at 07:37 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Diana Gonzales.

January 02, 2024 at 06:07 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Diana Gonzales.



January 02, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ Brazel V. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diana Gonzales.

Brazel V. - January 02, 2024 at 12:32 PM



“ Diana was my grandma “Mamo,” and my favorite memory of her was being driven around in her blue PT Cruiser when I was a child. She’d take me everywhere and I will never forget the time we spent together, all day every day, after school and on the weekends. Thank you for everything Mamo, I will love you forever and grateful you are no longer in pain anymore.

Raylynn B - January 02, 2024 at 12:15 AM



“ My deepest condolences to the family



Cathy Mendiola - January 01, 2024 at 10:21 PM



“ *Rest in peace my beautiful cousin. You will be missed. Until I see you again know we are blessed to have shared so much love with you. Patricia Roberts*

Patricia Roberts - January 01, 2024 at 05:11 PM



“ *Ben Gonzales, and to all your family ,Diana sisters, so sorry for your loss. I could say so many amazing things about Diana. I was blessed when I met her over 40 yrs ago and we became good friends , she was also the Best Hair Dresser! She will be greatly missed and will have a close place in my heart. This is a great loss to her family and many dear friends, but such a gain to Heaven!!*

Betty D.L.S.

kristi de los santos - January 01, 2024 at 02:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Diana Gonzales.*



December 31, 2023 at 04:36 PM



“ *From niece, with Love, Monica Kellam. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Diana Gonzales.*

From niece, with Love, Monica Kellam. - December 31, 2023 at 04:36 PM

KA

“ Our sincere condolences to Ben Gonzales and family during this difficult time, May Dinah rest in peace 🙏 she'll be dearly missed. 🌹
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Kathy - December 29, 2023 at 05:50 PM

TE

“ I will miss my Dinah, so beautiful inside and out. Heaven received a wonderful prize!
Love Terri

Terri - December 29, 2023 at 04:36 PM

LB

To my wonderful Tia who cared for us as young children within the Barela household. We will miss your caring smile and your endearing spirit. May you rest peacefully now with our beloved family. Love, your nephew Lionel and the rest of the Barela family in Florida..

Lionel Barela - December 31, 2023 at 11:47 AM

MW

Dinah was a very sweet lady to us and especially to my grandmother were best friends for a very long time when she works hair on beauty salon love visiting with her. I'm going to miss her so much and I'm sending my love and prayers to her daughter Inez and entire family during this difficult time. We love you Dinah May rest in peace.

Michael Waide - January 02, 2024 at 10:36 AM

SD

To Ben and family, Diane was a wonderful person always there when you needed her. Full of life,her light shined and she was hesitant share Gods word. Rest in peace my friend in paradise. Sylvia DLS

sylvia DLS - January 03, 2024 at 09:30 PM

JE

Mamo I miss you so much . I should never ask for a better mamo I love you your dancing in the sky. you my diamond in the sky. MY favorite memory with you was making tortiles in the morning. You should spoil me so much. Until we meet again i love you forever MY mamo

jenelle - January 20, 2024 at 02:16 AM