



Estela Marquez

August 9, 1938 - June 8, 2025

Estela Marquez, age 86, of Roswell, New Mexico, passed away peacefully on the morning of June 8, 2025, surrounded by her loving family after a brief illness. Her life was a beautiful example of grace, kindness, and unwavering devotion to family and faith.

Estela was born on August 9, 1938, in Pecos, Texas, to the late Pablo Lara and Martha Montoya. She grew up in a close-knit home filled with laughter, love, and strong cultural traditions. Estela married her teenage sweetheart, Richard B. Marquez Sr., and together, they built a life rooted in mutual respect, hard work, and a desire to succeed. The couple lived in Roswell, where they raised their six children.

Estela dedicated more than 40 years of her life to bringing dignity and order into the homes of others as a residential housekeeper. Her employers affectionately knew Estela as “Miss Stella” and by the church staff as “The General.” She was often the first smiling face to greet families each morning and the last comforting presence at the end of the day. Her calm demeanor and organizational skills made her irreplaceable to her employers. Daily, she showed up and completed tasks thoroughly, which led to her becoming a trusted fixture in the households she served.

Outside of her professional life, Estela was a woman of deep faith and served

actively at Church on the Move. There, she volunteered with the prison ministry, served as an Usher and Door Greeter, and was part of the First-Time Visitor Ministry. She also loved crocheting and gathering the family together to celebrate a wide range of festive occasions. Estela hosted family dinners, where everyone knew to expect her famous enchiladas and deluxe green chile burritos made with homemade tortillas.

Estela's pride and joy were her 19 grandchildren, who lovingly knew her as "Gramma/ Nana". She was their biggest cheerleader, attending school functions, sports activities, and graduations at every level with enthusiasm, always ready with a sweet treat and words of encouragement. Her legacy of love, generosity, and quiet strength will live on through each of them.

Though she endured the unimaginable loss of her husband, Richard B. Marquez Sr., two sons, Danny Marquez and Roy Hector Marquez, and four grandsons, Jeremy Marquez, Robert Ray Marquez, Joshua Marquez, Frankie Vargas, Grandson-In-Law - Sam Sigala, six brothers and four sisters she continued to live a life filled with grace, love, and resilience. She now joins them in eternal peace.

Surviving children include Richard Marquez Jr.— Spouse Linda, Amy Garcia – Spouse Richard, Arturo Marquez – Spouse Brenda, Sammy Lara Marquez – Spouse Dallas; fifteen cherished grandchildren, Martha Sigala, Rick Garcia- Spouse Angelica, Greg Torres, Arthur Marquez Jr., Jeremy Vargas-Spouse Bianca, Mitzie Peralta- Spouse Ernie, Portia Marquez, Stephanie Marquez, Daniella Marquez, Monica Marquez, Jonathan Marquez, Antoinette Barela- Spouse Johnny, Brittany Starks, Adrian Marquez, Jared Marquez, her sister - Francis Caudillo, and numerous great-grandchildren, great-great grandchildren and dear friends.

Carrying her to her final resting place are Adrian Marquez, Elijah Garcia, Greg

Torres, Nehemiah Peralta, Rick Garcia and Sam Sigala Jr.

The family will host a viewing on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, from 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm at Anderson–Bethany, followed by a Funeral on Thursday, June 19, 2025, at 10:00 am at Church on The Move. Interment will follow at South Park Cemetery.

In honor of Estela's giving spirit, the family kindly requests that instead of flowers, donations be made to Church on The Move, which will forever be close to her heart.

Estela was the quiet force behind so many happy moments. Her memory will live on in the stories told around family tables, in the laughter of her grandchildren, and in the lives of those she touched with her gentle, steady love.

Previous Events

Viewing

JUN 18. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
2609 South Main
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5888
abfh@andersonbethany.com

Funeral Service

JUN 19. 10:00 AM (MT)

Church on the Move
901 W Brasher Rd
Roswell, New Mexico 88203
(575) 622-7011

Tribute Wall

AS

“ I just want to say to the Marquez & Garcia family, I am so sorry for your alls loss. She was a great person, and a strong woman. She was never afraid to tell you how it is, but at the same time have a message of love behind it. She was Wise, she was faithful, and she was always ready to tell everyone about Jesus. She was definitely the boss, and also dynamite in a small package. I will always cherish the time you took to sit me down and give me guidance when I was lost, your words and wisdom never fell on deaf ears, but continue to inspire me to this day. You will always be loved and missed, and your memories will always live on in our hearts. Love you grandma Stella.

Anthony Sosa, Christina Tegeda-Sosa and our Girls.

Anthony Sosa - July 13, 2025 at 10:27 PM

SF

“ Smolky Family purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of Estela Marquez.



Smolky Family - June 17, 2025 at 10:07 PM

TJ

“ *Estella Marquez Family:*

On behalf of the Jennings' families, we are saddened to learn of Mrs. Estella's passing. During this time of bereavement please know Estella and her family and friends are in our thoughts and prayers.

Estella is a life-long dear friend and it is hard to imagine life without this beautiful woman and caring friend. We all were fortunate and blessed to have such a friend to love, nurture and guide us in life. Mrs. Estella's smile, friendly nature, enduring comments, and many generous deeds will always be remembered and cherished. Estella enjoyed a long, productive, and healthy life filled with family, friends, and parish members of the Church on the Move. Those fond memories should provide each of us in our own way comfort during the bereavement.

Please know our family have many special memories of your beloved mother, from Church on the Move and being there with our parents, Jim and Frances Jennings, your mother was respected, revered and most of all loved in our family, church and community.

Estella was a pillar in her church where she loved to worship her savior, tend to the needs of fellow parishioners and a special friend to all. We all were fortunate and blessed to have known, admired and shared love with your beloved mother. Those memories will last forever and hopefully provide us all comfort during this time of bereavement.

With kind thoughts, prayers, and deepest sympathies on behalf of the Jennings and Maloney families.

Respectfully,

Thomas E. Jennings

Thomas Jennings - June 17, 2025 at 12:57 PM

AV

“ *Andrew Valadez lit a candle in memory of Estela Marquez*



Andrew Valadez - June 15, 2025 at 03:00 PM

JA

“ *Prayers for the family*



Josephine Arias - June 13, 2025 at 01:42 PM

LS

“ *Louise Sigala lit a candle in memory of Estela Marquez*



Louise Sigala - June 11, 2025 at 09:00 PM

KD

“ *Kelly Diomede lit a candle in memory of Estela Marquez*



Kelly Diomede - June 11, 2025 at 03:39 PM

DF

“ My most sincere condolences to all the family, may our God comfort your hearts.

Oh, my beautiful Sister Stela, I am so sad you went home before I got to see you again. I thank GOD that I had the opportunity to know you for all these years. I am grateful for your boldness and love and for always speaking the truth into my life. I know that you will be missed by many. Thank you for always telling everyone you met about Jesus. I know that your crown in Heaven is so big and full of gyms. I am sad you left but I am happy that you are home with our Lord and Savior. I will always remember you dearly my beautiful Sister Stela. I know this is not a good by but a until we met again my sister.

Debbie Fresquez - June 11, 2025 at 03:35 PM

DM

“ *Danielle,Azyleah,Uyriah,Izaac Marquez lit a candle in memory of Estela Marquez*



Danielle,Azyleah,Uyriah,Izaac Marquez - June 11, 2025 at 01:58 AM

DC

“ *Delia Casillas lit a candle in memory of Estela Marquez*



Delia Casillas - June 10, 2025 at 08:52 PM

RF

“ My heart breaks along with everyone who knew my Tia Estella. She was a kind, loving soul who opened her heart and her home to anyone who needed it. I remember the very first time I got to visit her. She made me fall in love with the music of Amy Grant and we would ride around in the car listening to "My Fathers' Eyes." To this day, every time I hear that song it makes me think of her. I could spend everyday listing the memories I have with her, and it would still take me a lifetime. From her favorite sayings to her contagious laugh, her memory will stay with us forever. I am sure she is up in Heaven telling people that they have "No Class!" We love Tia Estella, and we will miss you so much. Our family sends our deepest condolences and prayers to the entire Marquez family. We love you very much and we hope that God wraps his arms around you can comforts you during this difficult time.

Raul Caudillo and Family - June 10, 2025 at 04:18 PM

CG

“ Our sincere condolences to all the family we haven't seen Stella for a long time but she was one of the kindest people and was the definition of Good and Faithful Servant Rest In Peace
Doreen and Chris Graham

CHRISTOPHER GRAHAM - June 10, 2025 at 04:01 PM

CR

“ My sincere condolences to the Marquez Family. I always enjoyed and will always remember our visits on Friday's. The lifetime of memories we shared will remain in my heart forever. Mama Marquez always made my family feel like part of her family. You will always be an inspiration from your words and love you gave me and I am sure many others. May God bless you and your family always and forever. With love always. Cissy

Cecilia Romero - June 10, 2025 at 12:45 PM

VR

“ My deepest and sincere condolences to the family. I have known Ms. Stella for a very long time and she was always loving and kind to me. I will never forget her for all she has done for me. My love to all the family.

Valerie Soliz Ramirez - June 10, 2025 at 12:44 PM

SM

“ Neighbors on Bonney Street for 49 years! Estella was one of the first people to come and check on us when we got back from Lubbock after Sam's surgery. She prayed with us and held a prayer session at the church. Such a wonderful and loving mother, grandmother and friend to all. Our sincerest condolences to the entire Marquez family and may she rest in eternal peace 🙏

Sam and Bernice Martinez - June 10, 2025 at 11:41 AM

J(

“ My deepest condolences to all of Estella's family. May all your fond memories of her comfort you. She always had a bright smile.

Jessie Carabajal (Montoya) - June 09, 2025 at 11:50 PM

AM

“ My Tia Stella I'm so thankful that I had some time with you in February. I'm so glad I stopped and reminiscing with you gave me Joy. You gave me so much in life my lessons, memories, family traditions. I still carry so much of you with me. My heart is broken I was excited to see you at Reggie's wedding. You will be there in spirit. I love you and will carry you with me always.

My condolences to all my cousins, and family. I love you all. See u soon

Annette Armendariz Mancillas - June 09, 2025 at 07:37 PM

TO

“ *Tammie & Raymond Ortiz lit a candle in memory of Estela Marquez*



Tammie & Raymond Ortiz - June 09, 2025 at 07:37 PM

GC

“ *I remember Stella being so kind and generous to me and my son! I pray that God and His loving son, Jesus Christ comfort and bless all of her family today and in the days ahead. I send each of you my Christian love. We will miss her so much.*

Gloria (Torres) Chavez

Gloria Chavez - June 09, 2025 at 07:23 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to the Marquez family, Sister Stella was such a beautiful person. She will be missed immensely by everyone, I know my family loved her so. Till we meet again Ms Stella.*



Roni Soza - June 09, 2025 at 05:38 PM

AQ

“ *Angelina & George Quintero lit a candle in memory of Estela Marquez*



Angelina & George Quintero - June 09, 2025 at 05:29 PM

CC

“ *Tia Stella you will be missed! I'm glad I was able to spend a Thanksgiving with you and got to eat your delicious burritos one last time. You and my grandma Darlene and Tia Frances were 3 wild ladies together! I'm sending all my love to my family in New Mexico.*



Crystal Diaz Cabrera - June 09, 2025 at 05:01 PM

NL

Beautiful picture of three sisters, memories are beautiful, thank God they were able to take ❤️ this loving picture.

Nancy Lara - June 10, 2025 at 11:00 PM