



## Isabel Padilla Baca Acosta

March 18, 1942 - November 28, 2025

Isabel Padilla Baca Acosta passed away peacefully in her home at the age of 83. She was born on March 18, 1942, in Artesia, New Mexico, delivered by Dona Rosalia Muniz to Juan Cordova Baca and Ana Arguello Padilla. She graduated from Artesia High School in 1961, where she was part of the drama and choir clubs. Shortly after, she married her high school sweetheart, the late Cruz Lopez Acosta, on April 18, 1962. They were married for 53 years.

As a child, Isabel grew up in the barrio of El Ojito. She viewed everyday as an adventure, a spirit that carried into adulthood. Her love of stories and attention to detail led her to become a technical writer for the Community Action Program and later the Senior Nutrition Program. She also served as director for the Eddy & Chaves County RSVP program, and the Foster Grandparent Program, she was supervisor for the Summer Youth Program. Isabel eventually retired from the Income Support Division of New Mexico at the age of 65. She could use words to illustrate experiences like no one else. She was the aunt who never said no. Isabel had many nicknames, but her favorites were “Aunt Chata” and “Silly Grandma”. Her hobbies included gardening, crosswords, writing stories, and watching hallmark movies. She was a devoted member of Our Lady of Grace and the Good Shepherd Choir. Isabel always represented those who had lost a voice.

Isabel was preceded in death by her parents: Juan and Ana Baca; husband, Cruz Lopez Acosta; son, Howard Acosta; daughters: Judy and Ginger Acosta; brothers: Reuben and Johnny Baca.

She is survived by her daughter, Lorraine (Celestino Hernandez); granddaughter, Ava Acosta; grandson, Matthew (Aimee Hernandez); grandson, Cilio Hernandez; great-grandchildren: Zachasya, Makayla, Mila, Taevian, and Marah; sisters: Petrita Baca of Rio Rancho, Helen Salgado of Las Cruces, and Erlinda Briseno of Artesia; beloved pet, Milo.

Isabel's legacy lives on through her family, her story telling, her kindness, her famous tamales, her thanksgiving dressing, and the countless lives she touched.

The family would like to thank Enhabit Home Health, Artesia Meals on Wheels, and our neighbors.

My favorite inspiration:

"To laugh often and love much...to find the best in others...to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition; to have played and laughed with enthusiasm; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived is to have succeeded." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

A Rosary will be held at Our Lady of Grace Church on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 9:30 am in Artesia, NM, with a Memorial Service to begin at 10:00 am. Interment following the Memorial Service at Woodbine Cemetery in Artesia.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

DEC 16. 9:30 AM.

Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church  
1111 N Roselawn Ave  
Artesia, NM 88210-1443

## Memorial Service

DEC 16. 10:00 AM.

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1111 N Roselawn Ave  
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# Tribute Wall

KR

“ *Our condolences on the loss of your loved one. May she rest in peace.*

*Adam & Kathy Ramirez*



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**Kathy Ramirez** - December 17, 2025 at 02:33 PM

LH

*Thank you*

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**Lorraine Hernandez** - December 18, 2025 at 05:23 PM

TM

“ *Prayers and Condolences* 🙏



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**Tony Morales** - December 15, 2025 at 09:16 PM

LH

*Thank you*

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**Lorraine Hernandez** - December 18, 2025 at 05:23 PM

LS

“ *My condolences to family, extended family, and friends. Isabelle will be missed and not forgotten. May the Holy Spirit and your wonderful memories comfort you during this difficult time!*

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**Linda Starling** - December 15, 2025 at 05:15 AM

LH

*Thank you Linda*

Lorraine Hernandez - December 18, 2025 at 05:22 PM

PC

“ Penny & Jason Calderon planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Isabel Padilla Baca Acosta.

Penny & Jason Calderon - December 12, 2025 at 10:16 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Isabel Padilla Baca Acosta.



December 12, 2025 at 10:16 AM

ES

“ She was an excellent writer ,she wrote a wonderful eulogy for my sister.She was a Good friend always with a smile .My condolences to the family! Lost for words.

Elma Samora - December 08, 2025 at 10:47 PM

LH

*Thank you Elma*

Lorraine Hernandez - December 10, 2025 at 01:33 PM

EA

“ I write with a heavy heart. Isabel was the most wonderful woman in my life at a tender age. She was there for me at my least wonderful time in my life. Offering her quiet strength, kindness and inspiring spirit and asking nothing in return. Rest easy sweet friend, your work here is done. Your love remains carried in the hearts of those you touched. My deepest condolences to her family.

Estella Dominguez Acosta - December 04, 2025 at 03:39 PM



Thank you Estella she always thought of you ❤️

Lorraine Hernandez - December 08, 2025 at 08:34 PM

MB

Our love and condolences to the family and loved ones. May God Bless and Protect each of you at this difficult time.

Maggie Buendia - December 08, 2025 at 08:51 PM

LH

Thank you Maggie

Lorraine Hernandez - December 10, 2025 at 01:32 PM

LH

Thank you Maggie

Lorraine Hernandez - December 10, 2025 at 01:34 PM