



## Lily Marie Renteria

April 20, 1952 - September 25, 2018

### Obituary for Lily Marie Renteria

Lily Marie Renteria, 66, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 25, 2018, surrounded by her beloved family. She passed away after a brief re-occurrence with cancer, in which she fought hard until the end. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, October 5, 2018, 2:00 PM, at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home Chapel. Please take a moment and share a fond memory or kind expression of sympathy for Lily's family at [andersonbethany.com](http://andersonbethany.com).

On April 20, 1952, Lily was born in Roswell, NM, to Manuel R Renteria, Sr. and Trinity Aguilar. She was a hard worker at a young age. Being a single parent, providing for her one and only child, Tina, Lily did as much as she could. She always made sure her daughter was well taken care of, especially while she worked. Her strongest supporter was her oldest sister, Manuelita "Lee," who helped out whenever she was needed. They shared a special bond, which included the care and well being of their children, Rick and Tina. Tina was Lily's whole world. Lily guided her all the way through high school, college, marriage, and then with her grandchildren, Abrianna and Annalise. Her granddaughters were her pride and joy. She always made sure they had what they needed or wanted. Lily spent lots of quality time with them, teaching them how to read and write at a very young age.

Having a passion for babysitting her nieces and nephews, Lily worked with each of them, teaching them to read and write. She always made sure they

knew there was a safe place for them as they grew up. At times, Lily took a few of them in and gave them a place to stay when they needed. When they all grew up and began their own families, she sought out her next adventure. She reached out for the opinion of her daughter and son-in-law, whom both encouraged her to take the position as a tutor at a local literacy organization. Lily began there as an ESL tutor, helping people with reading, writing, and math. She had the pleasure of meeting many different people, with many different needs. Her students meant a lot to her, and she helped them in any way she could. Lily later became the office assistant, where she developed a special friendship with some of the directors and tutors, including Dore Luna-Gonzales, Jan Murrow-Bostic, Melissa Urban-Cobos, and John Grogan. Lily will be missed by all of those who knew her, and her memory and encouragement will live on in our hearts forever. "We love you Nans," Abri and Anny.

Those left to cherish Lily's memory are her daughter, Tina R. Galindo and husband, Jesse R. Galindo; brothers: Manuel Renteria, Jr. and Mike Renteria, Sr.; sisters: Elena Morones and Michaela Escobedo; a special brother-in-law, Israel Sanchez; mother, Trinity Aguilar Renteria; grand-daughters: Abrianna Jessmin Galindo and Annalise "Marie" Galindo; nieces and nephews: Rick "Nono" Contreras, Rosie Trujillo, Mari Trujillo, John Melendez, Jr., Lydia Boyd, Lorenzo Morones, Jr., Angie Morones-Harris, Julius Morones, Manuel Renteria III, Richard Renteria, Antonia Renteria, Camilo Renteria, Chris "Kiki" Renteria, George Quintero, Jr., Daniel Quintero, Jr., Jonathan Quintero, Bianca "BI" Escobedo, and Mike Renteria, Jr; numerous great-nieces, nephews; a few great-great-nieces and nephews; and the rest of the Sanchez family.

Preceding Lily in death were her father, Manuel Flores Renteria; grandparents: Alfonso and Sofia Renteria, Ejino and Encarnacion "Concha" Aguilar; sister, Manuelita Renteria-Melendez; brother, Robert Renteria; one niece; and two great-nephews; and a pet – her beloved Bronson.

Lily's tribute was beautifully written in her honor by her family.

## A LETTER FROM HEAVEN

When tomorrow starts without me,  
and I'm not here to see,  
if the sun should rise and find your eyes,  
filled with tears for me.

I wish so much you wouldn't cry,  
the way you did today,  
while thinking of the many things,  
we didn't get to say.

I know how much you love me,  
as much as I love you,  
and each time you think of me,  
I know you'll miss me too.

When tomorrow starts without me,  
don't think we're far apart,  
for every time you think of me,  
I'm right there in your heart.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lily Marie Renteria*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Teri Aguilar lit a candle in memory of Lily Marie Renteria*



**Teri Aguilar** - October 05, 2018 at 05:35 PM



“ *One of my fondest memories of my Tia Lily was when she looked after me one summer. When I gave her a hard time about taking a nap, she said "If you don't then you'll have to watch Days of our Lives." Had to be better then a nap was my thought. I was right, but most importantly because it turned into our time together. You always made me feel special Tia. I will always love and miss you. - Lorenzo R. Morones, Jr.*

**Lorenzo R. Morones, Jr.** - October 03, 2018 at 10:37 PM



“ *I have so many special memories of the time when Lily and I worked together, and of the lovely friendship that grew out of that time! Lily was so quiet, and took her work so seriously, that when her humor twinkled it was a gift! Lily was the friend you could always count on - in good times or bad. Love you, Lily!*

**Jan Bostic** - October 03, 2018 at 08:03 PM

BB

“ Sorry for your list.

Bianca Bouslaugh - October 03, 2018 at 02:08 AM

CL

“ God bless family and friends of sweet Lily. Each time I saw her I always sang the song “Lily, Lily, Bo Billy, Fee Fi Fo Billie, Lily...and she would grin and giggle a little. It was our little bond when at the literacy council. What a treasure she was to us all.

Cindi Lucero - October 01, 2018 at 02:50 AM

JR

“ Joann Renteria lit a candle in memory of Lily Marie Renteria



Joann Renteria - September 30, 2018 at 06:13 PM

LM

“ LORD please comfort the hearts of my friend Tina and her family..LORD I ask that you wrap them I your arms..Rest in heaven Ms. Lily



Lisha Mayo-Aragon - September 30, 2018 at 09:37 AM

LG

“ Rip my neighbor, God give this family especially her daughter my childhood friend of many years the strength and guidance to get through this difficult time. God Bless you Tina and family.

Lisa Garza - September 29, 2018 at 07:46 PM

JF

“ *Janice Fleming lit a candle in memory of Lily Marie Renteria*



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**Janice Fleming** - September 29, 2018 at 07:19 PM

GQ

“ *George & Angelina Quintero lit a candle in memory of Lily Marie Renteria*



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**George & Angelina Quintero** - September 29, 2018 at 05:06 PM