



## Lorenza Alonso

December 7, 1959 - November 30, 2020

Lorenza Alonso, age 60 of Roswell, NM, passed away on Monday, November 30, 2020. A notification will be sent regarding a Celebration Of Life event/virtual gathering for Lorenza at a later date. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Lorenza's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

On December 7, 1959, Lorenza was born to Frank and Eva Martinez in Las Cruces, New Mexico. She graduated from Hatch High School in 1977 and worked as an ESL/GED Teacher for Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell for many years. Lorenza had a passion for teaching. She knew from an early age that teaching was her destiny. Lorenza worked at Job Corps as a math teacher from 2010-2012 and as a teacher's aide at Washington Avenue Elementary School from 2013-2014. In 2014, She found one of her greatest callings: teaching fourth grade at El Capitan Elementary with her fellow dream teamer Rubi Rascon and Kathy Blount. Lorenza loved all her students and would call them "My Millions."

PRECEDED: Lorenza was preceded in death by her father, Frank Martinez; brother-in-law, Encarnacion Cabrera; paternal grandparents: Nieves and Andrea Martinez; maternal grandparents: Julia and Francisco Contreras; Tio Carlos "Uncle Charlie" Contreras; as well as her and Tia Carmen.

SURVIVORS: Those left to carry on Lorenza's legacy are her mother, Eva Martinez; daughters: Monica Lopez and husband Oscar, and Patricia Martinez and partner David Phillips; son, Adrian Martinez; sisters: Patsy Soto and husband Eligio, Rosa Maria Cabrera, Gloria Bustamante and husband Robert; three grandchildren: Xavier Lopez, Adrianna Lopez, Felicity Lopez; great-granddaughter, Adelina Lopez; nephews, two nieces, many cousins, aunts and uncles; as well as a very special friend, Rudi Das, and many more friends and students past and present.

Lorenza's family would like to thank many friends and co-workers throughout the community who reached out and sent prayers, food and support to her family. We would also love to thank her second family at Alcoholics Anonymous who gave her inspiration and showed her sobriety for over twenty-six years.

In lieu of flowers, the family is asking for her many friends, co-workers, students and other's whose lives Lorenza touched to please send a letter or email of any memories or stories they may have of her to [lorenzaalons01253@gmail.com](mailto:lorenzaalons01253@gmail.com) or c/o Lorenza Alonso Family, 301 E Reed Street, Roswell, NM 88203.

Goodbye My Millions

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Just letting you know your are still missed. Some people still remember you and share great memories and moments.*

*AM*

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**AM** - January 28, 2023 at 06:56 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**AM** - January 28, 2023 at 06:51 PM



“ *AM lit a candle in memory of Lorenza Alonso*



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**AM** - January 28, 2023 at 06:41 PM



“ *Lorenza Alonso*

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December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM

SB

“ Lorenza was my hero. She touched everyone with her faith, strength, and kindness. She taught me the meaning of perseverance. I admired her greatly. Her passing is a great loss to me personally. I think of her every Sunday.

*Scott Bollinger*

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**Scott Bollinger** - February 23, 2021 at 11:11 PM

ND

“ I had the pleasure of working with such a sweet and lovely lady. She always had something nice to say. Her hard work and dedication shined bright..She will be missed dearly.

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**Natalie Duncan** - December 15, 2020 at 01:37 PM

  
Veronica  
Rocha

“ I'm so very sorry to hear about Lorenza. She was such a beautiful woman inside and out. Such a caring teacher and mother. She made you feel like if she was your dearest friend even if you just met her. I send my prayers to her children and family. She will be missed.

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**Veronica Rocha** - December 14, 2020 at 11:48 PM

AH

“ For thirteen years I was blessed to have Lorenza as my next door neighbor. I missed her and her family when they moved away but we remained friends and was overjoyed to meet unexpectedly and visit. She was a wonderful neighbor and a kind, dedicated teacher who loved everyone. I will miss her forever. My deepest sympathy to the family. Allene Hardcastle

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**Allene Hardcastle** - December 13, 2020 at 07:04 PM

AA

“ Mrs Alonso was my daughters teacher this year, although They didn't meet in person my daughter always said she was her favorite teacher because she was so nice, kind and patient with her students, we found out of her passing a day before my daughters bday, the last zoom she had with her she had promised to sing happy birthday to her in the morning, my daughter said she dreamed of her singing to her and that it felt so real, she cried so much for her, may she Rest In Peace it was a privilege to have known her this year

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**Aret Arellanes** - December 11, 2020 at 09:48 PM

ST

“ Ms. Alonso was my daughters math teacher last year but she has been at El Cap for a long time and in that time my family and I had the pleasure of getting to know her very well. She was always so nice to us and would always come up and say hi when we would see her. She genuinely cared about the students and their family's. My family and I will miss seeing her so much! Our prayers go out to the family. Rest In Peace Ms. Alonso.

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**Shauna Teran** - December 10, 2020 at 08:37 AM



“ Happy Birthday in Heaven Mrs Alonzo Leanna Rivera was your student she loved you so much as her teacher, You were so great and kind hearted we appreciated you so much for everything, You will be missed, Your Friends and Family will remain in my prayers.  
❤️ Leanna Rivera

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**Sonya Espinoza** - December 08, 2020 at 03:19 AM

GL

“ *Happy Birthday in Heaven.  
Will miss you.  
Aunt Gloria Sano*

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**Gloria** - December 08, 2020 at 01:47 AM

RD

“ *My deepest sympathy in the loss of your mother. I worked with her at El Capitan and enjoyed visiting with her at lunch many days. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Ruth D'Arezzo*

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**Ruth D'Arezzo** - December 07, 2020 at 10:48 PM

PF

“ *My condolences to Ms. Alonzo's family. My son Jack was in her fourth grade class in about six years go. She was such a kind soul who really cared about her students.*

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**Paddy Forrester** - December 07, 2020 at 04:48 PM

SF

“ *My deepest, most heartfelt condolences are with you and your family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Lorenza was an amazing person. I enjoyed working with her, and working for her. I will miss her beautiful smile. Adrian and Patricia my love and prayers.*

*Sheila Flowers*

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**Sheila Flowers** - December 07, 2020 at 10:41 AM

GM

“ *Ms. Alonso was a great teacher and more importantly, a great person. She was always so kind to me and my family. I will always be grateful for her and how well she treated my son. She will be missed.*

**Gina Mendoza** - December 07, 2020 at 02:31 AM

GM

“ *Gina Mendoza lit a candle in memory of Lorenza Alonso*



**Gina Mendoza** - December 07, 2020 at 02:25 AM

GM

“ *Hello, I am a former student of Ms Alonso from the 2018-19 School year at El Capitan Elementary School. She was my favorite teacher ever and by far the smartest and most kind. This is the first time someone I really cared about has passed. She was amazing and one of a kind. She was my favorite teacher of all time because she was very nice, smart, and always cared and treated everybody equally. I will always remember Ms Alonso and what she taught me.*  
*Giovanni Mendoza*



**Giovanni Mendoza** - December 07, 2020 at 02:23 AM

G"

“ Lorenza was my oldest sister I remember her as the school mascot "The Bear" I also remember her passion for teaching the younger generation I will miss her

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**Gloria "Pebbles" Bustamante** - December 06, 2020 at 06:41 PM

AD

“ Happy Birthday in Heaven Mom. I still cannot believe you are no longer here because everything happened so fast. We all miss you and I hope you know how many people cared about you and loved you. You always put others before yourself and always checked on everyone. I know you accomplished a lot and lived a full life and I'm sorry we have to wait on a service for you. I can picture you up there teaching little Angels Math and Science and I bet your are living it up with family. I didn't get to say goodbye and hope I can get the closure I need one day.

*I Love you*

*Adrian*

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**Adrian** - December 06, 2020 at 10:35 AM

CB

“ I will always remember Lorenza's great sense of humor, laugh, and kind spirit. ! She was a gifted, respected educator who will be sorely missed by her students, as well as her peers. She will be missed here on Earth, but heaven has gained a beautiful angel!

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**Crystal Bethea** - December 05, 2020 at 11:33 PM

MS

“ Lorenza was a beautiful, kind, caring person who inspired all who knew her. I worked with her for many years and she was so dedicated to her job, her students and her family. I am so proud to have known her and called her my friend. Sincerest condolences and prayers to the family.

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**Mary Salyards** - December 05, 2020 at 06:50 PM

SD

“ Shauna & Troey Daffern lit a candle in memory of Lorenza Alonso



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**shauna & Troey Daffern** - December 05, 2020 at 04:05 PM

DK

“ Lorenza was such an amazing person in high school. Always kind and friendly. I'm so happy to have reconnected with her on Facebook and find that she had such a wonderful life and family. Her recovery life is such an inspiration, I love that she was so open and sharing. Rest In Peace Lorenza

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**Debbie Russell Kight** - December 05, 2020 at 09:47 AM

JH

“ Jay Hauck lit a candle in memory of Lorenza Alonso



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**Jay Hauck** - December 05, 2020 at 06:23 AM

JH

“ Lorenza Alonso..My colleague, comforter, best friend, my sister.Thank you for letting me enter to your home and be part of your family..You're one of the best part why I chose to stay in Roswell as my home. Thank you for your untiring kindness, care and love. I love you and I will miss you always.

Jay Hauck - December 05, 2020 at 06:22 AM

JS

“ I had the privilege of working with her at Washington ave. During that time she gave us her friendship and showed us how to be kinder to one another. I will always treasure that time. I will truly miss her. My prayers are with you. May The Lord provide you with comfort and strength.

Josie Silva - December 05, 2020 at 01:32 AM

KF

“ Mrs. Alonso was my son's teacher. She was always so kind to him. She was always looking out for him. She always had a bright smile and a kind word for everyone. The world is a little bit dimmer without her light. She will be dearly missed by my family.



Karolyn Frazier - December 04, 2020 at 10:35 PM

BG

“ She was so precious and so very good to me. She was always shining with a sweet smile. Thank you for always being so kind and loving. I loved working with you. You are going to be truly missed. Much love always. Betty Graham

Betty Graham - December 04, 2020 at 10:23 PM

OL

“ Will be greatly missed, I would always see her in conferences. She was passionate for teaching students. Her smile and motivational personality was contagious. We went to high school together and she never got mad, she was always happy 🙏

Olgs - December 04, 2020 at 09:23 PM

CO

“ I always enjoyed visiting with her in the teacher center or at trainings. She was always laughing, happy, and had a heart for her students. She will be missed.

crystal oconnor - December 04, 2020 at 09:22 PM

SC

“ She always had a kind word to say, always asked about how you were doing. I remember she would always talk about her students wanting them to always to succeed. I will always remember her amazing heart.



Sam Carey - December 04, 2020 at 09:03 PM



“ Thank you for your experience, strength, and hope. You are missed, God bless you and your family. Love, Lucia 🙏❤️

Lucia Herrin - December 04, 2020 at 08:16 PM

DD

“ Lorenza was the corresponding secretary of the Roswell Education Association. She loved working with children and was passionate about the rights of educators. She was a valued colleague and a great friend. I will miss her greatly.

Denise Dawson - December 03, 2020 at 08:26 AM

SV

“ *Sylvia Vargas lit a candle in memory of Lorenza Alonso*



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**Sylvia Vargas** - December 02, 2020 at 05:05 AM