



## Lucy Barela

December 31, 1942 - December 9, 2016

Luz “Lucy” Leaton Barela went to see her maker on Friday, December 9, 2016. Lucy, 73, was born in Roswell, New Mexico, on December 31, 1942, to Juanita Leaton. She was raised by her mother and step-father, Desiderio “Joe” Apodaca. She was a life-long resident of Roswell.

Lucy married the love of her life, Cruz Barela, in 1959, and was married for 57 years at the time of his passing, in August 2016. Lucy is survived by her children: Debbie Escobar and her husband, Daniel of Bakersfield, California, Cruz Barela Jr. of Bakersfield, California, Greg Barela and wife, Kelly of Roswell, and Corina Gonzales of Roswell. She is also survived by her grandchildren: Brian Escobar, Kristian Chavira, Danielle Escobar, Stephen Barela, Brianna Barela, Arielle Gonzales, Mikaela Barela, Rayven Gonzales: and her great-grandchildren: Jose Jr., Amari, Thiago and Alonzo Chavira.

Lucy loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lucy is survived by her bother, Ernesto De Los Santos and wife, Mary of Roswell, and her sister, Ernestina Candelaria and husband, Edward Sr. of Roswell. Lucy wanted to give a special goodbye to Connie Sedillo, her niece and best friend, and her lunch buddies: Corinne, Priscilla, and Ramona.

Lucy was a teacher’s assistant with the Roswell Independent School District for over 28 years. She loved working with children, and in her time teaching she was able to mold hundreds of young minds. Upon retirement, she decided she could not stray far from working with children, and worked another 14 years in the after-school program. She was a very loving person and the one

many turned to in times of trouble and when guidance was needed. Lucy was strong-willed and fought up until the end. She was loved by all who knew her. She was known for her sense of humor, quick wit, and the pranks she played on her friends. With Lucy around, there was never a dull moment.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Cruz Barela, mother and step-father, Juanita and Joe Apodaca, sister Delia Urquides, brother, Oswaldo Navarette, nephew, Fernando Urquides, and daughter-in-law, Tonya Kay Barela.

Viewing will be at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home Chapel, December 14, 2016, 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM with Funeral Service following immediately after viewing at 1:00 PM. Burial services will follow at South Park Cementary.

Footprints in the Sand:

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him, and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord, you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand when I needed you most, you would leave me."

The Lord replied, "My son, My precious child, I love you and I would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you."

-Author Unknown

Lucy will be missed by all who knew her. Those who were lucky enough to have known her, knew what an amazing and loving person she was.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 14. 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM (MT)

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

## Service

DEC 14. 1:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Lucy Barela*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Corinna Duran lit a candle in memory of Lucy Barela*



**Corinna Duran** - January 04, 2017 at 05:25 PM



“ *Corinne lit a candle in memory of Lucy Barela*



**Corinne** - December 19, 2016 at 05:52 PM



“ *My condolences to the Barela family, I'll continue to keep all of you in my prayers. RIP Lucy.*

*Monica "Acevedo" Garcia*

**Monica Garcia** - December 13, 2016 at 03:09 PM

DA

“ Greg, Your Mom was a strong woman and loved deeply. I always respected her. You and your family remain in my thoughts and prayers. Dalene

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**Dalene** - December 13, 2016 at 02:51 PM

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“ Debbie, Cruz, Greg and Corina. with heartfelt condolences to you all, my heart is very saddened to hear about the passing of such a precious jewel your mom to whom I loved and admired all these years. I know your mom is in a much better place with our Heavenly Father free of pain and suffering. How I know how much she loved her children and grandchildren. One day we will all be together with our loved ones when the Lord calls us all home. Lucy loved unconditionally, and genuinely cared for people she came in contact with. She was quick witted and could make anyone laugh. The memories I have of you "mom" will forever be tucked away in my heart. I truly loved you and forever will miss you. I know you fought a good fight. Your in God's hands now. Until we meet again... RIP



With Much Love,  
Becky

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**Becky Archuleta Aguilar** - December 13, 2016 at 12:42 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lucy Barela.



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December 12, 2016 at 09:05 PM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lucy Barela.*



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December 12, 2016 at 06:14 PM



“ *I treasure the years that I got to work with Lucy at Pecos Elementary. She had a great sense of humor and was devoted to the students and staff. She will be missed . My late mother always got a laugh about what she had done or said, when I came home laughing about what happened that day. My prayers and thoughts are with her family. Judi Ward {Pecos Elementary.*



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**judi Ward** - December 12, 2016 at 09:22 AM



“ *I was so sorry to hear about my friend, Lucy. I was so lucky to have worked with Lucy at Pecos elementary. She made every day so full of fun. I know that she loved her family so much and talked about them all the time. I will miss her so much ❤️ My condolences go to all her family and friends.*  
*Betty McDonald*  
*Las Cruces, NM*

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**Betty McDonald** - December 11, 2016 at 09:03 PM

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“ I am thinking of the family as you celebrate Lucy's remarkable life. It was always a pleasure working all those years with Lucy at Pecos. She will always remain alive in the memories of her friends who loved, respected, and treasured her and will miss her smile, her quick wit, and her "fun" side. I am sending healing prayers and comforting hugs.

Annette Marr  
Idaho Falls, Idaho

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**Annette** - December 11, 2016 at 08:14 PM

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“ Debbie, Cruz, Greg and Corina, I extend my deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to you all. Aunt Lucy was an absolute ray of sunshine. May our Lord bless and comfort you in this difficult time.

Christie Candelaria  
Albuquerque, NM

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**Christie Candelaria** - December 11, 2016 at 10:59 AM

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My deepest sympathy goes to Lucy's family. May God be with you all as you mourn and grieve and go through your healing process. Connie, I am so sorry. I know you were very close to your aunt. I met Lucy in junior high. We were very good friends. We lost track through the years. Would run into her every one in a while. She was a sweet heart. She is now in a better place.

May our Lord be with you all.  
Sincerely,  
Irene Garcia

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**IRENE GARCIA** - December 14, 2016 at 07:28 AM