



Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz

December 14, 1964 - October 9, 2016

Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz was born on December 14, 1964, and at 10:32 pm October 9, 2016, Heavens Gates opened wide to welcome her home. Lydia's prayers have been answered as God has healed her heart, body, and soul. She is walking on the Streets of Gold in Heaven alongside her mama and daddy.

Lydia was born in Roswell, NM, to Elias D. and Patricia Hernandez Guajaca. She attended school in Roswell and graduated in 1983, from Roswell High School. Lydia successfully obtained her Bachelor's Degree in Sociology/Criminal Justice from Eastern NM University in 1990. Since that time, Lydia has dedicated her professional career to child counseling at Counseling Associates, Chaves County Youth Services, CASA, Family Pride, Roswell Job Corps, and most recently at Wings for Life.

Lydia was married to Rosendo Saiz on September 11, 2004, in Roswell. While Lydia never had any children of her own, she was "Nina" to many. She loved all her nieces and nephews dearly and cared for each one of them as her own. Lydia attended St John's Catholic Church her entire lifetime. She dedicated many years to teaching Confirmation classes. She loved God. Lydia's dedication to her faith never wavered. Lydia was involved with other community projects over the years. As a child counselor, she worked very hard to help many young teenagers and children. She was a strong advocate

of Tessa Anderson's Suicide Prevention Project and Wings for Life. Lydia's hands touched and saved many lives.

Lydia is survived by her three sisters: Miquela Rue (Manuel), Frances Lucero (Bob), and Pat Kuemmerle (Tom). Her three brothers: Richard Guajaca, Freddie Guajaca, and Anthony Guajaca (Yvonne). Mother-in-laws: Juana Saiz and Judy & Jr Spangler. Brothers-in-law: Jack Saiz (Sally), Arturo Pacheco (Wrenn), Miguel Pacheco, Marcelino Pacheco (Vanessa), Scott Spangler, Brett Spangler (Sherie); Nieces: Melissa Rue, Camille Coronado, MaryAnn Lucero, Yvette Nguyen, Valerie Merryfield, Jessi Hernandez, Teresa Via, Leah Pacheco, Amanda Orr, Brittany Armijo, Kasie Armijo. Nephews: Mario Rue, Jeremy Ramirez, Jonathan Ramirez, Gabriel Lucero, Nick Guajaca, Richard Guajaca Jr, Christopher Guajaca, Matt Guajaca, Vincent Guajaca, Izaak Guajaca, Izaiah Guajaca, Dominic Pacheco, Rosendo Pacheco, Leo Pacheco, Anthony Armijo. Additional survivors include all her precious great-nieces and nephews.

Lydia was preceded in death by her parents: Elias and Patricia Guajaca, and father in law, Rosendo Saiz Sr.

Pallbearers will be her nephews.

Honorary pallbearers will be her remaining nieces and nephews.

Lydia's death has left a huge void in the lives and hearts of all who loved her. The community has lost a great advocate for children and teens especially to those who are ignored and don't fit into the criteria of other community projects.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made, in her memory, to Wings for Life at PO Box 640, Roswell, NM, 88202, and Tessa Anderson

Suicide Prevention Project at 1717 W 2nd, Ste 100, Roswell, NM, 88201.

A Viewing will be held on Wednesday, October 12, 2016, from 12:00 to 7:00 at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home. Rosary is set for Thursday, October 13, 2016, at 6:00 PM at St. John's Catholic Church. Funeral Service will be Friday, October 14, 2016, at 9:00 AM at St. John's Catholic Church.

Obituary was lovingly written by Lydia's family.

Please take a moment to share your love and support for the Saiz and Guajaca family in memory of Lydia in the online register at andersonbethany.com.

Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory is honored to be chosen to serve the Saiz and Guajaca family in their time of need.

In Every Breath

Strength is breathing

It is loving

It is holding on

Holding on with every breath

That is her

We speak her name and she is strength

Her will to hold on

Her selflessness

Her love

Her breath

Deep with love

Deep with emotion

Deep in connection

Shallow

Shallow is her breath

The breath that struggles to find more air

More life

More hope

More time

And More time

Her gift

It's here, so listen

It's in every breath

It's in every time she said I love you

It's in every embrace

It's in every time she fights to let you know she is here...

Still

With every breath she takes we feel

Life

Love

Strength

And a deeper closeness to God

It's in every breath....

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12**. 12:00 PM - 7:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
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Roswell, NM 88203
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Tribute Wall



“ Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ To Lydia's family. I am so sorry for your loss, for our loss, of Lydia. We all know how wonderful she was, but I think she touched us all individually. I will think of her always. God bless you all and ease your pain.

Jeannie and Bob Davis

JEANNIE M DAVIS - October 21, 2016 at 03:44 PM



Thank you Jeannie and Bob.... love you guys.

Pat Kuemmerle - October 24, 2016 at 08:15 PM



“ Melissa Vegara lit a candle in memory of Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz



Melissa Vegara - October 21, 2016 at 11:01 AM

KV

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kathy Vegara - October 20, 2016 at 05:35 PM

PG

“ Well sister, it's been a week and I'm so sad. I just want to say I've loved you my whole life. We have had the greatest time together laughing, crying, talking shit, and just sharing our dreams. We shared a million good days and a few bad ones. When you had me promise not to leave you and take care of you, it was a true honor and privilege. When you had me promise to help Larry, I promised and I will do my best to help him get everything settled and moving forward. He's doing okay so don't you worry. He is trying very hard to accept things as God planned.

Thank you for trusting me and for loving me all of your life. I know you are resting in peace and in the arms of mom and dad. I love you Lydia. Forever and for always.... ❤️❤️❤️

Pat Guajaca-Kuemmerle - October 19, 2016 at 12:44 AM

SB

“ My husband and I are very blessed to have met and know Lydia. I met Lydia when she was my first roommate in college. She invited me to her house in Roswell on Thanksgivings and one Christmas where I met and absolutely loved her family and her dad's chile. I can hear her laughter now as I mention his chile as I loved to put it on everything. I can also remember Lydia's dad singing with his guitar, her mom's joyful spirit and giggles and meeting her siblings. I am so thankful that my parents got to meet Lydia and her parents in Roswell in 1994 and then again when Lydia came to WA state to visit us. She always told me she loved Washington (Seattle area). She was my beautiful Maid of Honor at Greg's and my wedding where Greg met her and her mom. I remember Lydia telling me about Larry and meeting Larry soon afterward, falling in love, and getting married. Their wedding was beautiful and she was the most beautiful bride. She and Larry came to WA to visit, and I took them to Vancouver, B.C. because Lydia wanted to say she had been to another country. We will forever remember Lydia's beautiful smile, laughter, faith and her love toward people and helping others. She touched so many people's lives, and her heart will live on in those people. I learned from the best and want to keep my heart open with laughter, faith, smiles, and giving/showing love to others-in remembrance of Lydia. Continued prayers are being sent for Lydia's family and friends. ~Stacey

Stacey Barber - October 14, 2016 at 11:33 AM

PK

We love you Stacy. Thank you so much for surprising Lydia when she came home from Lubbock and for being her forever friend. ❤️

Pat Guajaca Kuemmerle - October 15, 2016 at 11:27 PM

SB

“ *Stacey Barber lit a candle in memory of Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz*



Stacey Barber - October 14, 2016 at 11:04 AM

VL

“ *My deepest & most sincere condolences to Pat, your family & friends. My thoughts & prayers are with you all. May God comfort you knowing that she's walking beside Him now.*



Vickie Logan - October 14, 2016 at 01:32 AM

LF

“ *MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO LYDIAS FAMILY.WE WENT TO ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER AND THEN ALL THESE YEARS LATER I MEET UP WITH YOU AGAIN MY DEAR FRIEND AT WINGS FOR LIFE. I'M SORRY SUCH A GREAT AND AWESOME PERSON HAD TO GO THRU WHAT YOU WENT THRU. NOW WALK THE GATES OF HEAVEN WITH NO PAIN.....LOVE N RESPECT LYNDA FRANCO AND THE ENTIRE FEANCO FAMILY.*

Lynda Franco - October 14, 2016 at 12:21 AM

TD

“ *The Village Church at Northway Dallas purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz.*



The Village Church at Northway Dallas - October 13, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz.*



October 13, 2016 at 11:37 AM

KP

“ *Here on earth you are missed, but someday I will see you again my friend, you and that radiant smile. Prayers for you and your family....condolences to your loved ones. May God watch over each and everyone of you till you are reunited!*



Katrina Pierson - October 13, 2016 at 11:15 AM

HE

“ *Holly O'Malley English lit a candle in memory of Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz*



Holly O'Malley English - October 13, 2016 at 10:31 AM

TS

“ *Who ARE you?? With wide eyes and a polite tone, Lydia asked me this after I helped her wash her face and hands then helped her get up out of that hospital bed. This is how we really met. All I knew was I immediately admired her for all she had gone through. Of course we all know how much more she would endure with such strength. I'm grateful for brief experiences with her. Because of her journey, I am reminded of great family love and how much it fills us. Angels are among us...now she flies but always near. My heart is with her family and friends, especially her husband Larry and Pat. God's peace to you in the days ahead.*

Tina Sanchez - October 13, 2016 at 02:52 AM

PK

I love you Tina. Thank you for visiting her and loving her as much as you love me.

Pat Guajaca Kuemmerle - October 15, 2016 at 11:29 PM

GR

“ *My condolences to the family of Lydia Guajaca. Your sense of humor and laughther that would light up the room and make us all laugh, will be truly missed. I am glad we were able to see one another during our trip out to Roswell. My memory of you will be cherished with all our other loved ones that have passed. Rest in Paradise! Love Cousin, Genevieve Romero in Long Beach, CA*



Genevieve Romero - October 13, 2016 at 02:14 AM

PK

We love you too...

Pat Guajaca Kuemmerle - October 15, 2016 at 11:30 PM

IG

“ Words cannot describe what I am feeling. I give my condolences to the entire Guajaca family. God rest her soul.

I met Lydia at Pecos elementary school where she was surprised to learn there was another Guajaca girl in the school. I loved how she told the story! We got along great, and although I didn't stay long that year in Roswell, a relationship with my cousin as a pen-pal started, then fizzled as we went on our own way. Many years later we find each other on social media. I was glad to come back to Roswell and visit you and your husband and laugh and talk. Your spirit was beautiful and happy all the time and you remind me so much of my Tio Elias. I was proud to know and love you. You will be sincerely missed Lydia Guajaca-Saiz.

Irene Guajaca - October 13, 2016 at 01:51 AM

PK

WE love you prima.

Pat Guajaca Kuemmerle - October 15, 2016 at 11:32 PM



“ Lydia. ... you will truly be missed. You were always smiling and had a caring heart. You always brought a ray of sunshine wherever you went. Thanks for being a friend to me.



Denise Latson - October 12, 2016 at 10:35 PM

PK

THanks Denise.... love and hugs.

Pat Guajaca Kuemmerle - October 15, 2016 at 11:31 PM

HF

“ *Harriett Toon And Family lit a candle in memory of Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz*



Harriett Toon and family - October 12, 2016 at 08:12 PM

HF

“ *I am stacey barbers "momasitta" and gregs mom in law. so glad they could visit lydia and family. Staceys Dad and I met lydia and family when they were college roommates. stacey and lydia could not have been more blessed by God. then we went to larry and lydias wedding. lydia and her mom were out here for stacey and gregs wedding. loyoodia in her red dress and she was beautfull inside and out. we had fun after the wedding showing the m around washington state. lydia kept me and her mom out of trouble. she is a flower in Gods garden and will be everyones angel. she will be missed but as her brother said "God takes the best". thanks for the memories from harriett and my family. God ;has another star in His Universe.*

Harriett Toon and family - October 12, 2016 at 08:03 PM

PK

Thank you so much for sharing. Stacy is a beautiful young lady and will always be part of our family. God bless you and thank you for loving my sister.

Pat Guajaca Kuemmerle - October 13, 2016 at 01:22 AM

AA

“ I still cant believe it. I just seen your picture at st. Peters buliding n cried. You always made my day n always reminding me of,how I was when I was around Martin n your Tia Lala when I was little. You will always have a special place in my heart. For always love you an will miss you. Glad you got to meet my mini me. She as well is sadden to hear you are not here.



Apollonia Andazola - October 12, 2016 at 07:08 PM

PK

Be blessed sweet girl. You are loved.

Pat Guajaca Kuemmerle - October 15, 2016 at 11:33 PM



“ Since elementary. .you entered into my heart and never left. ..thank you for sharing your beautiful smile. .thank you for being my friend. ..love you always



Fina Gamboa - October 12, 2016 at 01:43 PM

PK

Thank you Fina.... I remember hearing your name often. Hugs from me to you ❤️

Pat Guajaca Kuemmerle - October 12, 2016 at 06:03 PM

RN

“ My condolences to the family and our hearts and prayers to auntie Miquela.....💕💕💕🌸🌸

Roberta Niavez-Rue - October 12, 2016 at 11:32 AM

TK

“ I've had the privilege to personally get to know you Lydia, over the last 5 years. You were a beautiful lady inside and out. You had the most giving intentions, especially when it came to kids. You will leave a huge void in our community and all of our hearts. I always called you (The Girl with the Million Dollar Smile). You could really light up a room! I know many will grieve and I will as well, but for me, only for a little while. After that will I will celebrate your life, and always tell fond and funny stories of you. May you rest in peace Lydia. Give your mom and dad a hug for all of us. May God bless you.

Forever in my Heart,
Tom Kuemmerle

Tom Kuemmerle - October 12, 2016 at 07:34 AM

PK

I love you Tom. She is our million dollar girl.

Pat Kuemmerle - October 12, 2016 at 08:09 AM

MP

“ I didn't know you personally, but knew who you were, I never knew you without a smile and a quick giggle. But through your last journey I can say you touched a multitude of hearts. I can recall when we had jury duty together you would study the evidence thoroughly before making a comment you were just a pleasure to be around, just remembering all the laughs we had. Your now free and whole again without pain, I know your family and friends had a great loss but note how many people you impacted in your life here on earth. May our mighty God wrap his holy arms around your family and friends in this time of need.

Merlinda Padilla - October 12, 2016 at 03:48 AM

PK

Thank you Merlinda. Lydia was a gem. A diamond I would say. 😊

Pat Kuemmerle - October 12, 2016 at 08:12 AM

CH

“ I only got to meet this beautiful soul one time but in that time she extended love and grace! I'm so very sorry for your greaving and heart ache, may the lord help u remember her in the good times and comfort u in the long lonely moments! Sending prayers from Charlotte (Jacks sister in law) Liz and Matthew



Charlotte - October 12, 2016 at 12:04 AM

PK

Thank you for sharing and for thinking of us.

Pat Kuemmerle - October 12, 2016 at 08:14 AM

DT

“ To my friends the Guajaca family. Sorry to hear for the lost of your sister. She is now with all the angels and is no long suffering. She left all of us who knew her with good memories of her. I will be saying a prayer for her. Rest in peace Lydia

Delphina Tegeda Tovar

Delphina Tegeda Tovar - October 11, 2016 at 11:27 PM

PK

Thank you Delphie..... we were talking the other day about our neighborhood families and how we all belonged to each other. She is resting. And for that I am thankful. Love you my friend. God bless you.

Pat Kuemmerle - October 12, 2016 at 08:16 AM

PM

“ *Patricia Martinez lit a candle in memory of Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz*



Patricia Martinez - October 11, 2016 at 11:24 PM

LH

“ *Lydia...sweet sweet person!!!*



Laurie Hughes - October 11, 2016 at 11:12 PM

IM

“ *Mrs. Lydia as knew her, was a wonderful person who was there to guide me as a teenager and without judgement. Her heart was beautiful, may she Rest In Peace.*



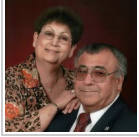
Imelda

Imelda - October 11, 2016 at 10:33 PM

PK

Thank you for sharing Imelda. I'm so happy Lydia made a forever difference in your life.

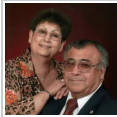
Pat Kuemmerle - October 12, 2016 at 08:17 AM



“ *Esperanza N Raymond Otero lit a candle in memory of Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz*



Esperanza N Raymond Otero - October 11, 2016 at 09:22 PM



Sorry for your loss.

Esperanza N Raymond Otero - October 11, 2016 at 09:22 PM

PG

Thank you so much for thinking of Lydia.

Pat Guajaca-Kuemmerle - October 11, 2016 at 10:18 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz.*



October 11, 2016 at 05:39 PM



“ *Vivian WILLIAMS lit a candle in memory of Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz*



vivian WILLIAMS - October 11, 2016 at 05:38 PM

AM

“ *Your smile, your laughter...and then we found out we could be primas! We became primas and I will cherish the memory.*
Annie Guajaca Montoya



Annie Montoya - October 11, 2016 at 05:27 PM

MI

“ *Michelle lit a candle in memory of Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz*



Michelle - October 11, 2016 at 04:55 PM

GS

“ *A precious woman. A heart filled with love and given freely to the ones society didnt want. Lydia, you will be missed dearly but your love for others will carry on.*

Greg Shamas - October 11, 2016 at 04:46 PM

PG

Love you Greg. Thank you.

Pat Guajaca-Kuemmerle - October 11, 2016 at 05:25 PM

DD

“ So very sorry for your loss cousin Larry. Lydia was one very special lady and will be missed by all...
Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family at this difficult time.
Debbie, Larry, and Julie



debbie dean - October 11, 2016 at 03:57 PM

PS

“ Lydia- you were one of the kindest people I have ever known, and your smile will light up the heavens as it lit up our lives- I will miss you, my friend.



Patti Sawyer - October 11, 2016 at 03:19 PM



“ Valerie Rodgers lit a candle in memory of Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz



Valerie Rodgers - October 11, 2016 at 02:45 PM

SM

“ Shannon L. Mirer-Williams lit a candle in memory of Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz



Shannon L. Mirer-Williams - October 11, 2016 at 02:10 PM

SW

“ *Your smile and kind heart were a light to many here on earth. Now you shine amongst the Angels in heaven Lydia.*



sylvia warner - October 11, 2016 at 01:47 PM

DE

“ *Rest in peace precious lady. It was a blessing and a pleasure to have known you. I'm not saying goodbye. But saying see you later When we will never part.*



debbie - October 11, 2016 at 01:41 PM

MA

“ *Monica Aragon lit a candle in memory of Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz*



Monica Aragon - October 11, 2016 at 01:30 PM

CC

“ *May your Beautiful Angel find peace and comfort in the arms of our Lord, our thoughts and prayers are with you Larry and all your family. With Sympathy, Tony and Crystal Chavez.*



Crystal Chavez - October 11, 2016 at 01:20 PM

BM

“ Our dear, sweet, smiling Lydia will be dearly missed. She was loved by anyone that ever met her. I had such fun reconnecting with her while working on our last class reunion. I'm truly going to miss her beaming smile and bubbly personality. Fly with angels dear one...til we meet again!

Brenda Morrow - October 11, 2016 at 01:16 PM

Rosa Guajaca

“ Rosa Guajaca lit a candle in memory of Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz



Rosa Guajaca - October 11, 2016 at 01:03 PM

JS

“ Will miss all the fun ladies nights and all the laughs! My condolences to Larry and all of Lydia's family. She was such a light in this community and will be missed by so many!

Jennifer Smith - October 11, 2016 at 12:46 PM



“ Charity Zarazua lit a candle in memory of Lydia Martha Guajaca-Saiz



Charity Zarazua - October 11, 2016 at 12:25 PM

Dani
Howling

“ *Dani Howling lit a candle in memory of Lydia
Martha Guajaca-Saiz*



Dani Howling - October 11, 2016 at 12:10 PM

Dani
Howling

Lydia became a friend when I had none. She is one of a kind and now a special angel. Prayers and love to all the families and friends who she touched..... <3

Dani Howling - October 11, 2016 at 12:12 PM

CC

I didn't know you, Lydia but with seeing your sister's posts, I felt like I did. I know you are with our awesome Lord and Savior and flying with the angels. No more pain or suffering. I will be praying for comfort for your family and friends. Beautiful lady RIP.

Cindy Charles - October 11, 2016 at 02:25 PM

KD

“ *Kaylin Dross lit a candle in memory of Lydia
Martha Guajaca-Saiz*



Kaylin Dross - October 11, 2016 at 12:06 PM

KD

Prayers & much love to all the families💜

Kaylin Dross - October 11, 2016 at 12:09 PM

PG

She looked beautiful.

Pat Guajaca-Kuemmerle - October 11, 2016 at 05:29 PM

JM

God Bless you Lydia. May you rest in peace dear friend.

Joe Mendoza - October 16, 2016 at 10:28 PM