



## Margaret Louise (Barela) Greenhill

November 18, 1945 - May 18, 2020

Margaret Louise (Barela) Greenhill

Margaret Louise Greenhill, age 74, went home to be with our Lord on Monday, May 18, 2020. Oh, What rejoicing there will be when she's reunited with her darling Bob and her mother once again! Margaret was born on November 18, 1945, in Trinidad, CO, to Edith Martin and Harold Goodyear. She graduated with her nursing degree from Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) in 1978. Margaret went on to earn her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of New Mexico (UNM). She was a member of the UNM Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society and graduated in the top 10% of her class.

Following graduation, Margaret worked in many areas as a registered nurse. Some of those areas include the Emergency Room, Nursing Instructor, and finally, School Nursing. She dearly loved her profession and was civic-minded, holding leadership positions in the community. Margaret served as Vice-President of the Community College Board at ENMU, Vice-President of the Dexter School Board from 1981-1987, and served on the Board of Directors for the Roswell Refugee Board from 1991-1994. She was Past-President of one of her favorite organizations, the Altrusa International of Ruidoso, and had fun as the Vice-President of the Spencer Auxiliary Board.

She loved being an advocate for health care. Margaret was a member of the Advisory Council Maternal Child Health of Chaves County, Eastern New Mexico Advisory Council, Reach 2000 Health Campaign, and the Department of Health School Nurse Task Force. She was an active member of the School

Nurses Association as well as the National Association of School Nurses. Margaret was blessed by being a member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization Chapters of both Lubbock and Ruidoso. She was proud to receive the Outstanding Contribution to Public Health Care for the state of New Mexico in 1990 and the School Nurse of the Year Award in 1995.

Margaret married the love of her life and soul mate, Bob, on May 21, 2005, in Roswell, NM, at the Grace Community Church. Combined, they have seven children, eight grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. They traveled and two-stepped the world together. Margaret felt her greatest accomplishments were her children, and her devotion to her Lord and Savior.

**SURVIVORS:** Those left to cherish beautiful memories of Margaret are her sons: Lionel Barela of Seminole, FL, Bobby Greenhill of Lubbock, TX, and Jeff Greenhill of Alto, NM; daughters: Monica Kellam of Round Rock, TX, Rae Lynn Barela-Inselman of Alto, NM, Lori Ewing of Lubbock, TX, and Rebecca Barela of Albuquerque, NM; grandchildren: Nicole Mahan of Albuquerque, NM, Raegan Cox of Portland, OR, Skyler Barela of Seminole, FL, and Spencer Barela of Miami, FL; great-grandchildren: Zander and Ryder Barela; sisters: Katrina Holguin of Albuquerque, NM, and Gretchen Jaramillo of Roswell, NM; as well as her brother, Joseph Haywood of Phoenix, AZ.

**PRECEDED:** Margaret is preceded in death by her spouse, Robert Doyle Greenhill; mother, Edith Louise Holguin; father, Harold Goodyear.

The family will be hosting a public memorial service at a later date. In honor of Margaret's memory, and in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to either these two charities which she dearly cherished and championed. Altrusa International Foundation of Ruidoso Inc., PO Box 1143, Alto NM 88312 (memo: Margaret Greenhill Memoriam, LowCost Mammogram Program). Or, Lincoln County Medical Center Foundation, 211 Sudderth Drive, Ruidoso NM 88345 (memo: Margaret Greenhill Memoriam)

Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Margaret's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).



# Tribute Wall



“ *Margaret Louise (Barela) Greenhill*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Margaret was a very sweet, giving, friend, and I loved her dearly. She had such a fun personality, great sense of humor, loved her family and friends. She was always there when you needed her, and always ready to sit down, with you, to have a glass of wine and discuss whatever was on your mind. She loved her Bob SO much, and the two of them were always together. I miss her every day, think of her, pray for her, and now she is in heaven, with Bob, and all of the people that meant so much to her. She will always be in my heart, loved, and thought of with deep respect. We send our love to her family, JoAnne and Frank Richardson Lubbock, TX*

**JoAnne Richrdson** - June 01, 2020 at 11:57 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss. Margaret came into my life a couple years ago, she was so sweet and kind. We clicked right away maybe because we are both nurses but most likely because she had such a big heart. She loved everyone, she is the definition of the perfect nurse, always having empathy and compassion. I aspire to be like her, to show appreciation and give back. Thank you Margaret for everything you've done for us. I will never forget you. Rest easy friend. Christel Dalton-Griego*

**Christel Dalton-Griego** - May 27, 2020 at 12:03 AM

CA

“ I knew Margaret through P.E.O. Chapter AR in Ruidoso. I always found her delightful and enjoy her immensely. She will be missed by all who knew her.

Catherine Clemens Alred - May 26, 2020 at 05:32 PM

JC

“ Sorry to hear the sad news of Margaret's passing. We stand beside you all in your grief, with supporting thoughts and prayers from Portland. Many wonderful memories of Margaret - chief among them, i learned to make posole from her. Still use her method every time; it's a cherished experience. Special lady indeed!

Jody Cox - May 25, 2020 at 11:24 PM

AS

“ I loved her so much! After Bob passed, I had the privilege of taking one of her favorite shirts he wore when they would dance ( Faded Love was their favorites) and I had it made into a pillow Made by Retha Pittman , she cried and so did I 😭😭😭 she was so much fun and such a good friend❤️❤️❤️ I love you dear friend, and I know your Savior received you with open arms hugging you tight and that you are dancing with Bob and with your family now and out of pain🙏🙏  
Andra Solomon

Andra Solomon - May 25, 2020 at 01:38 PM

SH

“ Alto was so fortunate when Margaret and Bob moved here. They were a delightful couple and contributed so much to the community. We count ourselves lucky to have known them. Margaret was so positive, even in the face of her illness. We will miss her. Our sympathy and condolences to her family. Susan and George Holmes

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**Susan and George Holmes** - May 24, 2020 at 03:20 PM

MD

*Thank you so much.*

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**Monica Kellam, Daughter** - May 24, 2020 at 09:55 PM

PM

“ Hi, Family~  
*I'm so sorry to hear of our loss.*

*I want to share this funny memory with y'all...  
The last time that I saw Bubbles we were playing the game, Mexican train with family. She decided to christen my brother-in-law into the family with her own (surprising 🤪) Bubbles way of doing things. Just visualizing her gesture now makes me laugh! She was hilarious!*

*She nicknamed me Pauletta in my later years, which I think is adorable. It is much better than the name she gave me when I was younger, which was...Skinny Minnie with the meatball eyes! 🙄*

*She was a beautiful person with a beautiful voice. 🕊️*

*Sending our love with deepest sympathy,  
Pauletta and Charlie*

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**Paulette Morelli** - May 23, 2020 at 02:55 PM

GR

*Thanks for the memories!*

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**Gretchen** - May 24, 2020 at 01:46 PM

MD

*Aww, such a sweet memory, "Pauletta", Thank you for sharing..*

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**Monica Kellam, Daughter** - May 24, 2020 at 09:57 PM

RH

*I had a rare opportunity of knowing both Bob and Margaret. The smiles on both of their faces brightened up any room. Always cheerful and full of life. The trumpets were blowing welcoming another Angel home to be with Bob and other family members. A cherished memory!*

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**R B. Holmes** - May 25, 2020 at 02:28 PM