



## Maria Lucero

February 26, 1931 - February 25, 2025

### Obituary for Maria F. Lucero

Maria F. Lucero, 93, passed away peacefully at home on February 20, 2025, surrounded by her loving Daughters Lupe Mendoza and Cecila Gomez and son-in-law Tommy.

Memorial Services will be held on March 8, 2025, at 10:00 am at Anderson Bethany funeral home and will be Led by Paster Chris Lethgo.

Maria was born on February 26, 1931, in Acala Texas in Hudspeth County, to Valente and Pime Franco. The Franco family moved to New Mexico in the 1940's where Maria worked at a farm with her family and did household duties for the owners. She mended and made her sister's clothing.

On June 19, 1948, Maria married the love of her life, Abselin Lucero. Together they raised four children in a loving home and were happily married for 68 years. Maria worked at Levis Strauss & Co. Maria retired from Levis Strauss & Co. after 26 years of service. Maria was happy to be around with the love of her life fishing, hunting, camping and while supporting Abselin with the Lincoln County Sheriff's Posse, Maria also became a member. Together they would work at the Corn ranch during sheep shearing time where she would work as the ranch cook, she loved to cook especially for all her children and

grandchildren. During Christmas time she would make her best Tamales. In the Fall she canned fruits and jalapenos and made everyone's favorite tomato jelly. Maria was also there for her grandchildren, she would shower them with love and kisses and always made sure they were fed before they left her home.

Maria leaves behind her two daughters: Lupe Mendoza of Roswell, Cecilia and husband, Tommy Gomez of Dexter; grandchildren: Nancy and husband, Chris Colby of Dexter, Monica and husband, Akram Weusi of San Antonio, Tx, Rebecca and husband, Cliff Ginanni of Lubbock, TX, Frank Jimenez III of Hobbs, NM, Desiree Mendoza and partner Johnny Alonzo of Roswell, Marcella Mendoza of Roswell, Elisha Contreras of Roswell, Toni Gomez and partner Juan De Le Cerda of Roswell, Thomas and Julietta Gomez of Artesia, Anthony and Angela Gomez of Dexter, NM, and also a very special niece and nephew Angie and Robert Quintero of Midland Tx. Also remaining to carry on their legacy are 12 great-grandchildren, 25 great-great grandchildren: her brothers Jose, Samuel, Manuel Franco & sister Irene Andrade.

Maria is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Abselin Lucero, son, Abselin Lucero Jr, daughter, Elvira Jimenez, and her son-in-law Frank Jimenez and sister Thomasa Sanez, brother's Flavio and Santos Franco.

The family would like to thank the Doctors and Nurses, Chaplin's and all staff from Gentivia Hospice for all their caring and compassion during this time. We have great appreciation for the loving care for our mother/grandmother all these years.

When tomorrow Starts without me  
Please try to understand  
That an angel came and called my name  
And took me by the hand  
The angel said my place was ready

In heaven far above  
And that I would have to leave behind  
All those I Dearly Love  
But when I walked through  
Heaven's Gates  
I felt so much at home  
When GOD looked down and  
Smiled at me, and told me  
"Welcome Home."  
So, 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

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 8. 10:00 AM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory  
2609 South Main  
Roswell, NM 88203  
(575) 622-5888  
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# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memorial Video*



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**Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory** - January 21 at 03:13 PM

FS

“ *Our deepest condolences to the Lucero family. I will always cherish the lifetime memories we have. God bless and give you comfort. Mike and Frances*

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**Frances Sanchez** - March 09, 2025 at 02:54 PM

AA

“ *Lupe and Cecilia, you are in our thoughts and prayers, I know God will comfort and guide you all through this time of heartache, love you , Andy and Jan Andrade*

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**Andy and Jan Andrade** - March 07, 2025 at 11:29 PM

AA

“ *Lupe and Cecilia, you are in our thoughts and prayers, I know God will comfort and guide you all through this time of heartache. Love you, Andy and Jan Andrade*

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**Andy and Jan Andrade** - March 07, 2025 at 11:09 PM

AA

“ *Lupe and Cecilia, you are in our thoughts and prayers, I know God will comfort you all through this time of heartache. Love you, Andy and Jan Andrade*

Andy and Jan Andrade - March 07, 2025 at 10:45 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to you all* ❤️🙏❤️🙏  
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Shelly Nix - March 03, 2025 at 11:36 PM

EF

“ *Our sincerest heartfelt condolences to all the family. I'm going to miss you, "Sister", I have lots of fond memories of my sister, I spent lots of time with her and my brother n law growing up. Smoking lucky strikes cigarettes, and riding in the tractor with my brother n law, and eating my sister's delicious food. I was the baby brother loved and spoiled by them both. Soar high Sister, gone but not forgotten, always in my ❤️ &prayers. Manuel.*

Elia Franco - March 03, 2025 at 09:23 PM

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“ *May you rest now Tia. Love you always* 💕



Jovita Torres, (Niece) - March 03, 2025 at 09:13 PM

BS

“ *Lupe and Cecilia, My deepest condolences to you on the loss of such a beautiful soul. May the good Lord give you peace through this trying time*

*Benny Sanchez*

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**Benito Sanchez** - March 03, 2025 at 03:58 PM

CM

“ *My deepest condolences and prayers to the Lucero family.*



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**Cathy Mendiola** - March 03, 2025 at 02:38 PM

PC

“ *Pearl Cruz lit a candle in memory of Maria Lucero*



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**Pearl Cruz** - March 03, 2025 at 10:23 AM

TC

“ *Mi tia, fond memories of you.*

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**Tammy L Clark** - February 27, 2025 at 01:12 PM

TC

“ *Tammy L Clark lit a candle in memory of Maria Lucero*



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**Tammy L Clark** - February 27, 2025 at 01:10 PM

JA

“ *Jo Ann Archuleta lit a candle in memory of Maria Lucero*



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**Jo Ann Archuleta** - February 25, 2025 at 07:26 PM