



Marla K. Anaya

May 2, 1972 - August 7, 2024

Marla Kay Lowery Anaya passed away on Wednesday, August 7, 2024, in Roswell, NM. Please share a kind thought or memory with Marla's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

A Memorial Service in her honor will be at Calvary Baptist Church, 1009 West Alameda at 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 16, 2024, followed by a luncheon.

Marla was born in Roswell, NM on May 2, 1972. As a student Marla was involved in gymnastics, dance, acrobatics, cheerleading, track, and volleyball. As a senior at Goddard High School, she was selected as the NM Volleyball Player of the Year which was reported in "Sports Illustrated" magazine. As an adult she still enjoyed playing volleyball, scuba diving, traveling, roller coasters, and her ladies' weekend getaway. She completed the Leadership Roswell program and served on the Hispano Chamber of Commerce. Her greatest enjoyment was watching her boys play football, basketball, power lifting, and baseball. She was very active in fundraising activities to support those sports.

Marla was clinical director at The Peak Treatment Foster Care and a partner in Anaya Counseling and Consulting Services. She earned her Bachelors in Psychology at the University of New Mexico and a Masters in Counseling at University of Phoenix. She attained many specialties but was most proud of the LADAC and LPCC.

Marla spent the beginning of her career in Hawaii as a gymnastics instructor. She returned to

Roswell to spend a short time working at RISD and the Academy as a math teacher. She moved to Colorado to utilize her degrees by working for the Colorado CYFD. When she returned to Roswell, she worked at Counseling Associates before joining the staff at The Peak and establishing the ACCS partnership.

Marla is survived by her boys Gabriel Mason and Jacob Dylan whom she loved more than can be expressed in words; husband, Melvin Anaya of 20 years; beloved German Shepard Kona; her sister, Shannon Sue and husband Jimmy of Newnan; Georgia; and her parents Bob and Kay Lowery; three cousins: Dennis, Gary, and Keith Hutchens; uncle: Gene Lowery and wife Bonnie and their son Sean and daughter Kimberly; mother-in-law, Gloria Anaya; Melvin's sister, Andriana Anaya and partner Rick and sons Andres and Christian; Melvin's aunt Virginia Miranda; cousin, Valerie Cobos and husband Richard, and son Richard; Ana Alicia Miranda and partner Jeremy Boles and son Joaquin Boles; uncle, Orlando Carrillo and wife Gloria; and numerous friends and acquaintances. Contributions in her memory can be made to The Peak to fund foster children activities such as back-to-school, Halloween, Christmas, Easter, etc. or to a nonprofit of your choice.

Marla's tribute was lovingly written by her family.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG **16**. 10:30 AM (MT)

Calvary Baptist Church
1009 W Alameda St
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-2553

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memorial Video*



Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory - April 07 at 06:34 PM

NR

“ *Melvin, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Nancy and Jaime Ramirez and Chad Howie*

Nancy Ramirez - August 27, 2024 at 10:51 AM

TF

“ *The Weathers and McGuire families planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marla K. Anaya.*

The Weathers and McGuire families - August 15, 2024 at 12:39 PM

TF

“ *The Weathers and McGuire families purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Marla K. Anaya.*



The Weathers and McGuire families - August 15, 2024 at 12:39 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Marla K. Anaya.



August 14, 2024 at 10:13 PM



“ Jeff and Shanna Lara planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marla K. Anaya.

Jeff and Shanna Lara - August 14, 2024 at 10:13 PM



“ Kay my friend, the loss of a child has to be unbearable for you. Please know that I am thinking of you and wish I could at least give you a hug. Send warm thought and blessings to you and your family.

Mica Thomas Duncan - August 14, 2024 at 07:41 PM



“ A memory to share is from their wedding day. I kept ringing a tiny bell... 😊. I am so, so sorry for the family's loss. My heart hurts for you all. I pray for peace and comfort. May you all find rest in our Father's loving arms. Love to all.

Kellie Adams - August 13, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ Shannon, so sorry for your loss. My sincere condolences to you and your family! My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Teresa Ausama - August 13, 2024 at 11:58 AM

PF

“ Kay, Bob, Shannon and Melvin I am so sorry to hear about Marla. My heart is broken and y'all are in my prayers. We shared a lot of fun times. Once again my deepest condolences to the family.

Paula Frideley - August 13, 2024 at 01:52 AM

MB

“ Marla was a awesome lady who gave e9 much to everyone. I loved when we had meetings and would tell stories 6 Melvin that had us laughing. Prayers and thoughts to Melvin boys, and all family. May God give you peace.

Melissa Bezouche - August 12, 2024 at 06:07 PM

VC

“ Our hearts are broken, but you have left us with so many happy memories. We're gonna miss you so much. Thoughts and prayers to Melvin, Gabriel, Jacob, Kaye & Bob. ❤️



Valerie Cobos - August 10, 2024 at 02:45 AM

PK

“ Marla was an amazing part of many lives and an amazing part of this community. She spent her time working with kids and their parents/foster parents and touched the hearts of many. Marla, thank you for sharing your life with me. For opening doors and for always supporting the journey.

God take Marla's hand into Yours and lead her to her place in heaven. Give her rest. And we pray for Melvin and her children, her parents, and family. Her work family and the community whose lives she touched. Embrace them with peaceful comfort and overall understanding... in Jesus Name... Amen. 🦋🦋🦋

breath you take,
she sings a song
of hope and cheer,
there's no more pain,
no more fear.
You'll see her in
the clouds above,
hear her whisper
words of love.
You'll be together

Pat Coronado Kuemmerle - August 09, 2024 at 10:50 PM

NA

Heartfelt condolences to you Melvin and your precious boys. May our dear Lord hold you, the boys, your mom and your in-laws in his arms and comfort you all. God Bless You!

Nancy - August 28, 2024 at 12:09 AM

KB

“ Sixteen years ago I hired a feisty redhead. You were more than a coworker, you were my friend, colleague, and confidant. I relied on you as together, with our work family at The Peak, we served the children placed in our program. I will miss you more than words can express. The work we did made forever impacts on the children we work with. Your love, compassion, and insight will contributed to our overall success as a team. The void left behind will not be easily filled.

To Melvin, Gabe, and Jake, Bob, Kaye, Shannon, Jimmy, Gloria, and Andriana, and all of her additional family and friends, my thoughts and prayers are with each of you. Thank you for sharing Marla with me and all of the people that have been associated with The Peak. I am forever grateful for having her and each of you in my life. Know that she loved and cared about all of you.

Kevin Berry - August 09, 2024 at 05:02 PM

PK

An amazing part of our community and a positive asset to your community.

Pat Coronado Kuemmerle - August 09, 2024 at 10:41 PM

PK

Marla was an inspiration and joy to be around. When I worked at The Peak with her and the rest of “the gang”... we all shared so many moments filled with laughter and love. I will miss seeing you Marla when I come to town to visit. RIP ❤️

Peggy Kendrick - August 14, 2024 at 12:14 AM

RC

Bob & Kay,
Our thoughts & prayers are with your family during this very difficult time. I can tell that she's a very special young lady.
Deepest Sympathy,
Rick & Tracy Callaway

Rick & Tracy Callaway - August 14, 2024 at 05:06 PM

PO

“ *She is an amazing person who I got to know through the years. Awesome personality and a kind word. I will miss her so much*



Pamela Oneal - August 09, 2024 at 04:04 PM