



Tonya Barela

April 18, 1967 - March 10, 2011

A vigil rosary for Tonya Kay Barela, 43, is scheduled for Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 7:00 pm at Assumption Catholic Church, 2808 North Kentucky, Roswell, New Mexico. A funeral mass will be held on Monday, March 14, 2011, at 12:10 pm at Assumption Catholic Church with Father Bill McCann officiating, then proceeding to South Park Cemetery for the burial.

Tonya went to meet her maker on March 10, 2011.

Tonya, along with her twin sister Sonya Renee Bishop who preceded her in death, was born in Portales, New Mexico on April 18, 1967 to Irene Garcia and Jimmie Bishop Sr.

Tonya graduated from Roswell High School in 1985.

On Oct 18, 1986, Tonya married Greg Barela who survives her.

Tonya is survived by her husband, son Stephen Gregory Barela, daughter Kristian Nicole Chavira and Husband Jose Sr., grandson Jose Ricardo Jr., and granddaughter Amari Marie. Tonya enjoyed spending as much time as she could with her children and grand children who she loved more than the world itself. Tonya was known to her grandchildren as "Mima", and will be missed greatly by them. Tonya's greatest joy in her life was her daughter and son. She lovingly referred to her daughter as Monkey and her son as Sugar Bear. She was extremely proud of both of them.

Tonya is also survived by her mother, Irene Gallegos, brother, Jimmy Bishop Jr, sister, Jimmie Lou Garcia and husband Tomas, sister Tammy Mendiola and husband Danny, sister Linda Barreras, all of Roswell, sister Karen Gallegos of

Albq, NM and sister Susan Locke of Alamogordo, NM, mother-in-law, Lucy Barela and husband Cruz Sr, sister-in-law Corina Gonzales and husband Johnny Ray, all of Roswell, NM. sister-in-law Debbie Escobar and husband Daniel and brother-in-law Cruz Jr., both from Bakersfield California.

Tonya was preceded in death by twin sister Sonya Renee Bishop, father Jimmy Bishop Sr., step-father Chris Gallegos, grandmother Lola Molina, and grandfather Jose M Garcia.

Tonya worked for Eastern New Mexico Medical Center and the Chaves County Financial Office for many years. She had a passion for everything that she did. She loved working outdoors and figuring out her dream house by looking through her piles of magazines.

Pallbearers will be her nieces and nephews, John Garcia, Gabriel Mendiola, Diana Garcia, Daniel "Baby Dan" Mendiola, Andrew "Nano" Barreras, Anthony Barreras, Adam Barreras, and Calvin Barreras.

Honorary Pallbearers will be all her nephews, nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces.

Tonya loved her nieces and nephews with all her heart. Tonya also valued the time she was able to spend with her friends. Tonya will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

"Tonya (Mom), We Love you forever, We like you for always, as long as we're living, our love you'll have, and in our memory you will be."

Please take a moment to share your thoughts and memories with the family in the online register book at andersonbethany.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Anderson Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory.

Tribute Wall



“ Tonya Barela

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *OMG My heart is broke just broken for many years TK and I were penpals through school I have every letter she wrote me to this day Then we lost touch when we got out of school but I always wondered about her and thought about her I still know her address in my head of all the writing we used to do and I wished it we could've got back in touch she obviously had children and went on with life she was a great friend and penpal I'm just Saddened Fly high my friend always Theresa*

theresa scott - October 14, 2021 at 08:38 PM



“ *I am so sad to read this, TK always had such a beautiful smile on her face. I've been gone for so long that I never got the chance to catch up. Irene and Jimmy, I am sad for your loss. Wylene, I know how hard this must be, I hope your holding up. RIP*

Ruth Hoskins (rufina griego) - March 26, 2011 at 12:11 AM



“ *Greg and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Mom (Rosemary) would be devastated over the loss...Peace be with you and your family. The Gant Family*

Julie Gant-Davis - March 24, 2011 at 06:33 PM

SG

“ My love and prayers are with this wonderful family in their time of great loss. The good Lord above hold my friends close and let them know how very much they are loved! God be with you my friends, TK will be greatly missed but her love for you will forever remain!!!
Stacie, Devin and Chandler

Stacie Green - March 22, 2011 at 10:22 PM

JG

“ My Dearest Tonya, Today I find myself empty, without words, without the ability to explain what your loss is to me. You are the greatest friend I have ever had, so many memories, so many tears and laughter. You know that I love you and that not a day goes by that a memory of you does not appear, a comment or statement you made, catches me by surprise. Rest now my friend, all things will be well, I refuse to say to Goodbye because for us, its until we meet again, we will catch up and probably will have alot to talk about, I will bring the diet pepsi and you can make your famous red chile, I love you sister....my bestfriend, kisses and hugs, Janet

Janet Gomez - March 21, 2011 at 02:22 PM

TC

“ My prayers are with TK'S family. Before I left to move to Texas I spent time with TK and Linda (Wylene)and it was a great time we had. I will miss that laugh and the way Tonya would say you know GIRL! The Lord has gained an Angel. I know that this is a hard time in all of your lives but I pray that the Lord will hold each one of you close and comfort you. I will miss TK very much! We love ya girl!

Tonya Conrad - March 19, 2011 at 05:38 PM

SF

“ You all are in our hearts and prayers.

Suzie Fresquez - March 18, 2011 at 12:47 PM

MR

“ To all of the family, TK will be greatly missed by all who knew here. You are all in my prayers.

Mike Redwine - March 16, 2011 at 07:49 PM

CH

“ Greg and family, My sincere sympathy for your loss of Tonya. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Please know that the Lord will give you strength, courage and peace in the days ahead. Tonya was always so happy and I so enjoyed your family when you came shopping. What fun it was to hear all about the going ons of the kids from Tonya. Let God do for you what you cannot do for yourself.
Connie (Gilbertson) Holstun

Connie (Gilbertson) Holstun - March 16, 2011 at 10:24 AM

RH

“ So sorry to hear about the loss of TK.. she always had such a beautiful smile.. May God be your comfort in these sad times.

Rhonda Hill - March 14, 2011 at 06:17 PM

TH

“ I WILL PRAY FOR THE FAMILY.

TINA HIDALGO - March 14, 2011 at 04:20 PM

CJ

“ Greg, Kristen, Stephen, and family...I was so saddened to hear about your loss of T-Kay...she was a wonderful person, she always had that huge smile on her face...I will miss her greatly..May the Lord be with you at this time and always...

Carol Jaramillo-Mejia - March 14, 2011 at 04:15 PM

DC

“ Greg and family, I was deeply saddened when I learned about Tonya's passing. My heart goes out to you and the kids in this time of sorrow.
May God's Grace strengthen you and may your heart and soul find peace and comfort during this stressful time. My prayers are with you.

Denise "Dina" Cuellar - March 14, 2011 at 03:00 PM

BD

“ Our sincere condolences go out to each member of Tonya's family. We will all miss her.

Bob and Jeannie Davis - March 14, 2011 at 02:05 PM

BT

“ My deepest sympathies to all the family. May God give you the strength and bless you all with his love. Tonya will be dearly missed. She was just so warm and friendly always. I was very shocked to here of her passing. I will always remember her and her beautiful smile, and the kindness she always expressed to everyone.
Betty Thompson & family

Betty Thompson - March 14, 2011 at 01:15 PM

NS

“ Greg, and Kids. She will be so missed - her smile was always so amazing - I really enjoyed working with her at United NM Bank (that shows the years) - my heart is with you during this time. God Bless you all. Natalie Steele

Natalie Steele - March 14, 2011 at 01:01 PM

CG

“ I am deeply saddened to hear of Tonya's passing, I worked with her several years at ENMMC, she was a beautiful person inside and out and I admired her. My prayers and thoughts are with the family.

christine gomez - March 14, 2011 at 12:58 PM

JW

“ GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU IN YOUR TIME OF SORROW. MY LOVE AND PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.
GOD BLESS JEANETTE

JEANETTE WHITE - March 14, 2011 at 10:18 AM

JL

“ I WAS TRULY SADDENED TO HEAR OF MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND'S PASSING. T.K. WAS A BEAUTIFUL PERSON. SHE WAS A GENTLE, KIND AND CARING LADY, WHO NEVER MET A STRANGER. SHE WILL BE MISSED. I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER HER FOR HER BEAUTIFUL AND WARM SMILE. MAY GOD BLESS THIS ENTIRE FAMILY. WE PRAY FOR COMFORT AND STRENGTH FOR ALL OF YOU UNTIL WE ARE ALL REUNITED AGAIN. R.I.P. MY DEAR FREIND T.K.

JACKI (HALL) LOTT - March 14, 2011 at 09:00 AM

BD

“ Our many prayers and condolences to the family!! She will be greatly missed!!

Brenda Pierce & Dylan - March 14, 2011 at 12:32 AM

JT

“ We are so very sorry for your loss. Your family is in our prayers.

Joan, Britt, and Danica Tempero - March 13, 2011 at 11:29 PM

SW

“ I am so very sad to hear of TK leaving too soon! I wish your family much peace and strength as you get through this most difficult time- she was such a wonderful person and will be greatly missed.

Stefanie Titone Ware - March 13, 2011 at 10:28 PM

MC

“ Tonya Barela

Mary Lou Chacon - March 13, 2011 at 08:30 PM

EG

“ With my deepest and sincerest sympathy in the great heartfelt loss of one of my dearest friends since elementary school. I send my condolences to Greg and your children and to Irene and all of your family. I am so saddened to here of your loss. I am so sorry I cannot be with you during this most difficult time. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. T.Kay you will truly be missed, and I know you are in a most wonderful place now.

Esther Gomez-Wilkson - March 13, 2011 at 08:05 PM

EG

“ TK's family and friends, you are in my prayers. I will miss her beautiful smile. She could always make me laugh.

Elva Gomez - March 13, 2011 at 07:35 PM

RG

“ KRISTIAN,
Words seem inadequate at a time like this, but please know that your family is in our prayers.
RACHEL, RAYMOND & SHANAE

RACHEL GONZALES - March 13, 2011 at 07:25 PM

JM

“ I would like to send my sincere condolences to the whole family for your loss. Jimmy i am so sorry to hear about your sister. May God Bless You

Jeanette Ragsdale Martz - March 13, 2011 at 06:27 PM

RS

“ TK I was remembering my first sleepover it was at your house. Renee & Wylene hung out and we were the same age. We stayed up all night laughing and having fun. Renee & Wylene had us play a game. "Light as a Feather, Thick as a Board" those two big sister's of ours, always had us doing crazy sh*!! But we were happy & proud they included us!!

TK is an ANGEL and "LIGHT AS A FEATHER" now. All the world's problems are off her shoulders. She is home with our Father and he has her in his hands. To her Kids and Grandkids though we never met. Know that your Mom is a Wonderful Woman and a Great Friend. SHE WILL BE VERY MISSED!!

To the whole Family you will be in our Thoughts and Prayers..
WE LOVE YOU ALL!!!!

Rhonda De Los Santos-Ozbun - March 13, 2011 at 06:19 PM

TF

“ My deepest condolences go out to the entire family for your loss of such a beautiful woman, daughter, sister, mother, grandmother and wife. God needed another angel so he took TK to watch over the rest of us while we are still here on earth. My thoughts and prayers are with you all,...May God bless you and be with you all at this time of need.

Teresa Franco - March 13, 2011 at 03:49 PM

AF

“ May God be with Tks family and husband greg, I knew tonya from high school. God has taken his daughter home, May God continue His love and mercy on all of you... Love Garcia Family Las Cruces

Antony Garcia & Family - March 13, 2011 at 02:10 PM

KM

“ TK you will greatly be missed, you always had a beautiful smile on your face, I will always remember the great times we had at mt.view and roswell high. To all the family I am so sorry for your loss, she was a great person and friend GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

kim smith musick - March 13, 2011 at 12:53 PM

BA

“ My Dearest Tonya, I'm so blesed I was a part of your life for so many years. You touched my heart in a way like no other has. I'm thankful for the time we shared at AT&T standing in line together just cathing up a few days ago... Little did we know that your ceator would soon be knocking at your door. We've shared many memories together good and bad that I will treasure in my heart forever. I always loved you like a sister, and wanted the very best for you. We both know I tried through many of our "little talks". My heart is numb and sad but I know you're in a much better place. Until we meet again, your sister Becky Boo. I love you and miss you with all my heart. Rest in peace...

Becky Archuleta Aguilar - March 13, 2011 at 12:15 PM

JR

“ I am so sorry for you loss of TK. I met her while I was working for Pecos Neurosurgical. "TK"...what a beautiful, warm, loving woman and oh what a smile. I know that she will be very missed by each of you. It was my pleasure to meet her and I will so miss that beautiful smile of hers. God bless each of you now and always!
Jeanne

Jeanne Raymer - March 13, 2011 at 11:26 AM

MA

“ Our prayers are with the Barela family as well as the Bishops.

melissa arias - March 13, 2011 at 11:24 AM

VL

“ Greg and family I was very sorry to hear of Tonyas passing. You all are in my prayers. Tonya was a wonderful woman. God Bless

Vanessa luiz - March 13, 2011 at 12:53 AM

PB

“ to all of tk's family my thoughts and prayers are with you. i am so very sorry for your loss. tk and i grew up together. she always had the sweetest smile and was such a great person. tk wishing you peace my friend.

perrette baugham-reid - March 12, 2011 at 11:03 PM

MF

“ May the wind always be at your back. And the sun shine gently on your fields and until we meet again. May God hold you in the palm of his hand. May she rest in peace. To her children God Bless you and your families. T. K was a good mama and mima. "The Pacheco Family.

Mr. and Mrs Greg H. Pacheco Sr. and Family - March 12, 2011 at 09:59 PM

DL

“ Words cannot express the loss I am feeling. TK was like my sister. I am keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers. I will miss her greatly. In His Love...

Dalene Lucero - March 12, 2011 at 08:20 PM

GO

“ TO ALL THE FAMILY,I AM SO SORRY TO SEE THAT TONYA HAS LEFT US,SHE WILL BE MISSED BY ALL.I WORKED WITH TONYA AT E.N.M.M.C. WE HAD SOME GOOD LAUGH'S, GOOD TIME , MY PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU ALL, IRENE,MAY GOD BE WITH YOU AND BLESS YOU ,AND AS YOU ARE NUMB WITH GRIEF,PLACE YOURSELF AND ALL THE FAMILY IN OUR LORDS HANDS AS YOU MOURN THE DEATH OF THE DAUGHTER THAT WE SO LOVED.OUR LORD WILL STAY CLOSE TO YOU ALL AS YOU STRUGGLE EACH DAY TO ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE OF LIVING WITHOUT TONYA. AND MAY GOD ALWAYS BE A SOURCE OF SUPPORT AND COMFORT TO ONE ANOTHER

GLORIA ORONA - March 12, 2011 at 01:43 PM

MA

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. I am so sorry for your loss.

Marla Anaya - March 12, 2011 at 12:55 PM

LC

“ To Tonya's Family: I am so so sorry to hear about Tonya. I went to school with her through middle school and high school.You could count on her for always having the biggest smile on her face. God Bless you all.

Lucy Campos - March 12, 2011 at 12:46 PM

MM

“ My condolences to TK's family! May the Lord offer you comfort at this time of great loss.

Molly Montano - March 12, 2011 at 12:03 PM

JM

“ I worked with Tonya At the hospital and found her a real joy. She was a great freind and co-worker. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

Jeanne Mauldin - March 12, 2011 at 12:31 AM

EM

“ To Tonya's family, I am so sorry for your loss. I was shocked to realize that it was Tonya. May the good Lord give you the strength and courage to continue without Tonya. May He bless each and everyone of you and give you the healing to go on. My sincerest condolences to Tonya's parents, sisters and brothers, to Greg, Kristian and Stephen, I am so sorry. Tonya, may you rest in peace. God bless all of you!!

Edubina Rubio Morales - March 11, 2011 at 11:56 PM

SB

“ We are so sorry for your loss of Tonya. I worked with her years ago at the bank. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of the family.
In Prayer,
Bill and Sharon Bird

Sharon & Bill Bird - March 11, 2011 at 11:02 PM

FS

“ Rest in peace My old High School friend.May God bless your Family in their time of need.

Floyd Salas - March 11, 2011 at 10:35 PM

RE

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. I have such fond memories of growing up with TK. Her smile and laughter were always so contagious. My prayers to all her family as you mourn the loss of this precious woman. I'm so glad to have known her.

Rebecca - March 11, 2011 at 10:20 PM

HL

“ Keeping T-Kay's family in our prayers, and trusting that God will bring you the grace and comfort in the days ahead. In Warmest Sympathy, Robert & Hope Leyva and family

Hope Leyva - March 11, 2011 at 10:05 PM

FT

“ Greg, children, Irene, siblings and family,
I would like to extend my condolences to the whole family. We send our prayers and sympathies during this difficult time. God will give you the strength to lean on the family for comfort. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you forever.
TK was a Wonderful friend and will always hold a special place in my heart. She will continue to watch over and guide her family. In Memory of a Beautiful and giving woman.
God Bless, The Torres Family

Fabian Torres - March 11, 2011 at 09:28 PM

SC

“ Send my deepest prayers and condolences. T.K. was such a special person.

Shelly Clark-Botch - March 11, 2011 at 08:11 PM