



## Virginia Mendoza

January 10, 1939 - December 27, 2017

Virginia T. Mendoza, 78, was called home to be with our Lord and Savior on Wednesday, December 27, 2017. A Rosary will be recited at Assumption Catholic Church in Roswell, NM, on Thursday, January 4, 2017, at 11:30 AM, with a Mass following at 12:10 PM. Celebrate Virginia's life by visiting [www.andonersonbethany.com](http://www.andonersonbethany.com) to offer a memory or expression of sympathy for her family.

On January 10, 1939, Virginia was born to the late Homer and Manuelita Trujillo in Picacho, NM. She was the eldest of eight children, her sisters are: Inez Roach of Dallas, TX, Beatrice and husband, Jimmy Orosco, Helen Hernandez, Lisa Trujillo of Roswell, NM, Patsy and husband, Lasado Grado of Hagerman, NM, Dine and husband, Jim Garmatz of Ruidoso, NM; one brother, Homer Trujillo and wife, Debbie of Roswell, NM. Virginia was a lifelong resident of Hagerman, NM.

Virginia was a twenty-year breast cancer survivor. Spending time with her family was the most important thing to her. She had a great love for her other little family who were her dogs: Lili, Cookie, Chapo, Huera and Penny. Virginia loved to dance and listen to her family play music. Her passion for life and family were unmeasurable. Virginia was proud to have owned and ran Virginia's Valley Café in Hagerman, NM, for six years. She worked closely with her son Mike, doing what they both loved best, cooking. From Virginia's time

running the Café, she began to sell her salsa that everyone loved. Virginia loved to dance, and made sure to teach her children how to jitterbug. Her favorite dance partner to jitterbug with was Inez; they would dance the night away. Later in years, Virginia reconnected with many friends through Facebook and loved chatting with old and new friends.

Those left to cherish her memory are her children: Linda Mendoza of Hagerman, NM, Mike Mendoza of Hagerman, NM, Becky and husband, Richard Vigil of Chula Vista, CA; great-granddaughter, Jordan and husband, Tanner Ezell of Artesia, NM; grandchildren and spouses: Kristie Dunnahoo, Tom Powell and fiancé, Jovana Pivac, Richard Vigil, Victoria Santiesteban, Jorge Ray and wife, Theresa Garcia, Gerina and husband, Martin Piller, Mike and wife, Guadalupe Mendoza, Megan and her husband, Brandon Cook; great-grandchildren: Jonathan Williams, Desmond Powell, Ethan Powel, Tristen Powell, Chloe Powell, Andjela Powell, Natalie Vigil, Evangeline Gurdele, Mia Mendoza, Ciara Mendoza, Gia Garcia, Cruz Garcia, Arianna Santieteban, Emalie Vigil; baby Cook, baby Piller on the way; and great-great-children: Holdyn Ezell and Xaiden Powell.

Honorary Pallbearers are her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

“Rest in peace Mom, we love you”

Virginia’s family lovingly wrote this tribute in her honor.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Virginia Mendoza*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I'm glad we were able to re-connect on Facebook Verginia. We shared many good jokes, recipes and lots of family pictures. I enjoyed your competitive spirit in the games we played. I will miss you always. Love to your family.*

**Helen Salgado** - February 23, 2018 at 03:57 PM



“ *i LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU MOM,  
LINDA*

**Linda Mendoza** - February 23, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ *"For from him and through him and for him are all things" God is good and may your family find comfort through Jesus as a loved one has left to join him. My condolences to each of you as she will be greatly missed. Take a moment each day to count your blessings and keep your memories of Virginia close to your heart. May God Bless You!  
Thinking of You,  
Toya Family*

**Debra Toya** - January 03, 2018 at 06:00 PM

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“ *Mendoza family, we are so sorry for the passing of our friend and neighbor. May the Lord give you the strength and the comfort to go through this trial in your lives. If we can do something for you all just call us. Love you.  
Your friends, Frank and Carolyn Silva*



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**Frank and Carolyn Silva** - December 30, 2017 at 01:00 AM