



Estella G. Ortiz

June 4, 1925 - August 21, 2014

A rosary for Estella G. Ortiz, 89, of Roswell, NM will be recited at 7:00 PM, Monday, August 25, 2014 at St. John's Catholic Church. A funeral service will be at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, August 26, 2014 at St. John's Catholic Church with Fr. Eduardo Espinosa O.F.M. officiating. Burial will follow at South Park Cemetery. Celebration of life reception will be held at the American Legion Hall.

Beloved and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and aunt, passed away peacefully from her illnesses at ENMMC on Thursday, August 21, 2014.

"Mama Stella" was born on June 4, 1925 in Lemoore California. Our mother would like to be remembered as a person who loved to sing, she was a great cook, dancing was her passion, she also enjoyed fishing, hunting (until her husband sold her rifle). Mom also loved to spend time gardening.

Mom is survived by her husband, Antonio Ortiz at the family home; her children, Syl Saavedra Jr. and wife, Margie of Rio Communities, New Mexico; Virginia Saavedra of Roswell; and Lily Estrada and husband Frank of Banning, Calif.; grandchildren, Monica Saavedra, Jessica Carrillo of Roswell; Carlos Cobos of Mesa

Arizona; Stella Rodrigues and Sandra Saavedra of Torrance, Calif.; Jeffery Velasquez of Menifee, Calif. and Jeanette Bruneio of Claremont, Calif. Estella was a great-grandmother, aunt and God mother. Our mom will be greatly missed, but the world is now a better one because of her brief visit.

Estella was preceded in death by her parents, Guadalupe and Alejandra Gonzales; brothers, Lupe and Fred Gonzales; sisters, Martha Duran, Emma Reyes and Mary Kirby; grandchildren, Syl Saavedra III; Anthony Saavedra, Salvadore Saavedra and great-grandson, Salvadore Saavedra.

Estella said; To those I love and to all who loved me- When I am gone, release me, let me go, you mustn't tie yourself to me with tears, just be happy that we had so many good years. I gave you my love and you can only guess how much you gave to me in happiness. I thank you for the love you have shown, for now it is time that I travel alone. So grieve for me a while if you must, then let your grief be comforted by trust. It's only for a while that we must part, so bless the memories within your heart, I won't be far away, for life goes on, so if you need me, call and I will come. Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near and if you listen with your heart, you'll hear all of my love around you, soft and clear and when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile at the Gates of Heaven and say, "welcome home".

Pallbearers will be, Richard Duran, Debbie Flores, Danny Joe Reyes, Carlos Cobos, Raymond Urias, and Joseph Sais.

Honorary Pallbearers will be Rhiannon Velasco, Ryan Burt, Melissa Medina, Anthony Cobos, Dan Reyes, Fred Gonzales III and Ramona (Her beloved God Daughter).

The Familia of Estella Ortiz, would like to thank the caregivers who provided loving and affectionate care of our mother. We would like to thank the nurses of the ICU at ENMMC for all of their expertise and genuine care that was given to our Mother.

As you attend our Mother's service, we ask that each and every one wear something purple or lavender, as these were her favorite colors.

Tribute Wall



“ *Estella G. Ortiz*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *To Mama Estella's Loving Family I pray that in time your pain and sorrow will lessen and only beautiful memories will fill your hearts. Although my time with Estella was short, she left a lasting friendship that I will always treasure. I too lost my Mom many years ago. That void can never be filled again, but the day I met "Estella" It was as if I had walked into my Mother kitchen. There she stood in all her glory in the kitchen cooking up beans and making "Tortillas and Chille Verde". She took my breath away, my eyes flooded with tears. It was as if I was in my Mother's house. This wonderful lady put her arms around me and called me "Mija" she made feel as if I was at home. From that moment on she became my very dear friend who I will miss. "Mama Estella" will always have a place in my heart. May you find comfort in knowing that she will never be forgotten.*

*Sincerely,
Velia From California*



Velia Camarillo - August 26, 2014 at 12:58 PM



I really thank your kind words toward my mother, may God bless you and your Familia Syl

sylsaavedra - August 28, 2014 at 07:15 PM

VD

“ Prayers to all of Monica, Carlos and Jeannie, Aunt Stella will always be remembered by that beautiful smile of hers. Now her and Grama Ali, my grama Martha and all the rest are together to watch over is all. Much love, Veronica Duran-Hernandez & Family.

Veronica Duran-Hernandez - August 26, 2014 at 07:44 AM

SY

thank you cuz God bless you

sylsaavedra - August 28, 2014 at 07:16 PM

CL

“ Carlos my deepest sympathy go out to you at this difficult time. I'll continue to pray for you and your family. God bless always.



Cyndi Rae Lara - August 25, 2014 at 02:37 PM

JC

“ Chevy, Jennie and Family
Sorry to hear about your MOMs passing. I remember back when we were teens going to your MOMs house and she would start her yelling at us. blablabla you know what i mean. But you had to know The Lady she was Great God Bless her Soul. We had a lot of fun all the years, even last year when i was there. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your Family . GOD BLESS all of you.
Joe [joey] and Lupe

Joe [joey] De La Cruz - August 25, 2014 at 12:21 AM

SY

Joey and Familia, thank for your kind words, God bless all of you

sylsaavedra - August 28, 2014 at 07:18 PM

MO

“Chevy, Jeannie, and Monica, my love and prayers for all of the family at this sad time. My beautiful nina;will be missed very much. she was full of love and kindness and always had a smile for me. She will always be remembered with love and respect.

Mona Olivas - August 24, 2014 at 11:26 AM

SY

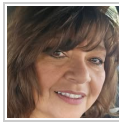
Mona,thank you for your kind words, yes mom will be greatly missed . Mom was a very classy women who should emulated by all Que no

sylsaavedra - August 28, 2014 at 07:21 PM

L(

“ Tony,Chevy, Jeannie and Monica my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this hard and sad time, she was a pleasure to know, take care of each other.....sinceramente

Lupe (Reyes)Morales - August 23, 2014 at 07:30 PM



Thank you from us all and God bless you and your family.

Monica Saavedra - August 24, 2014 at 02:42 AM

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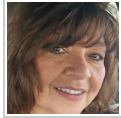
Lupe thank you for your kind words. God bless you

sylsaavedra - August 28, 2014 at 07:22 PM

TB

“ To Monica and family...we are so lost for words, but know that we love you dearly..our prayers are with you, your Mom and Family...we love you Sister

The Briseno's - August 23, 2014 at 07:08 PM



We appreciate the sentiment, love you so much!

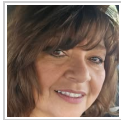
Monica Saavedra - August 24, 2014 at 02:44 AM

RP

“ *My prayers go out to the Savvedra family
peace be with you all*



Rachel (Serna) Peralta - August 23, 2014 at 05:04 PM



Thank you Rachel, you are part of our family.

Monica Saavedra - August 24, 2014 at 02:42 AM

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Rachel thank you for your kind words. God bless you and your familia

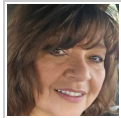
sylsaavedra - August 28, 2014 at 07:23 PM

 **Ernie
Montoya**

“ *Ernie Montoya lit a candle in memory of
Estella G. Ortiz*



Ernie Montoya - August 23, 2014 at 12:39 PM



Thank you my Ernie Ray

Monica Saavedra - August 24, 2014 at 02:45 AM



“ I meet Mama Stella 3yrs ago and little did I know that she would change my world. She was a strong woman who knew what she wanted and how to get it. No fool by any means but filled with stories that made me smile. I learned more patience then I thought I needed. She would let me eat with her, put on her lipstick and always have me roaring laughing with "Ernie, I need a bath!" I would respond with "Let's go outside I got the waterhose!" She was easy to feed and clean up for. She always gave me warm hugs and kissed me on my cheek. She always wanted just the company and I would always tell her the gossip cause she may not remember it but she was my friend!, she taught me to be kinder to the elderly! I know she showed me to Love my own grandma more. She knew I liked men and she never treated me any different than what she would a beloved son. We would visit her house together walk the yard and I would put her many flowers wherever she wanted. She was gift from God whos family welcomed me in. I was a lost soul when I met Monica and Mama G and Popo, Anthony, Javi, Jessica and Sky and they all helped me feel the Love of what family support is and how to Love my family more. Most of all I will miss Estella because she Loved everybody and never held back in sharing that with everyone, or scolding us. She was my friend I didn't see her age or health declining I saw a beautiful human who lived life full of wisdom! She passed some great life to me and we shared Love. I will miss my friend! I am sorry for you loss and I happy she no longer hurts. God Bless You Saavedra Family. Your Loving Friend always Ernie Ray

Ernie Montoya - August 23, 2014 at 12:36 PM



Thanks for sharing your love for mama Stella. She sure did love you. You took good care of her and Popo. You are a true blessing from God to our entire family.... we love you!

Monica Saavedra - August 24, 2014 at 02:52 AM

GB

“ I didn't know mama Stella very long. Only a few years. But from what I knew and grew to love was her stubborn ways. She raised some amazing women in which I have grown to admire and look up to. Mama G is an outstanding strong women because of mama Stella. That to me shows what kind of women she was and I have the utmost respect for her. Even though she didn't know me all that well, anytime I was at the house to visit she treated me as if she had known me for a lifetime. Hugs and kisses every time I saw her. She loved to be made up all pretty for her man. Her love for her husband is another thing that I admired. She was so down for him til her last breath. What an amazing soul and loving heart God put here on earth. Thank you Lord for blessing our lives by giving us mama Stella. May you rest in paradise and we will see you again. Love you mama Stella.

Gerianne Borunda - August 23, 2014 at 11:35 AM



Beautifully put! We all love and appreciate you & your babies....

Monica Saavedra - August 24, 2014 at 02:47 AM



“ I hadn't known her very long but from the heart of her granddaughter I learned so much! She was feisty and spunky and above all very loving. Rest in peace and know that you touched lives you hadn't even met.

Candace Hope - August 23, 2014 at 09:46 AM



Awww, that is so sweet. Thank you Candace Hope, I love you and your family.

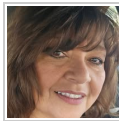
Monica Saavedra - August 24, 2014 at 02:54 AM



“ *Mama Stella, God prepared a beautiful resting place for you because your love, joy always came from a caring heart. Your smile will be missed and the memories remaining will be cherished.*

Shanna Bock

Shanna Bock - August 23, 2014 at 01:49 AM



Beautifully said! Caring heart says it all...

Monica Saavedra - August 23, 2014 at 08:16 AM



“ *YVONNE lit a candle in memory of Estella G. Ortiz*

YVONNE - August 23, 2014 at 12:28 AM



REST IN PEACE GREAT- GRANDMOTHER

YVONNE SAAVEDRA - August 23, 2014 at 12:29 AM



Love you prima! She loves candles:-)

Monica Saavedra - August 23, 2014 at 08:14 AM