



Helen Mendiola

August 23, 1931 - December 20, 2020

Helen (Nena) Flores Mendiola

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'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love. But when I walked through Heaven's Gates, I felt so much at home, for God looked at me and said, "Welcome Home." So when 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. Author Unknown

It is with a heavy heart and tremendous sadness that we announce the passing of our Beloved Mother Helen (Nena) Mendiola she received her Angel wings at home and joined our Heavenly Father on Sunday, December 20, 2020 surrounded by her loving family. Born August 23, 1931 in Roswell, NM to Manuel and Evita Lujan Flores. Nena was a loving mother, devoted homemaker and a devout member of the Catholic Church.

Survivors include her children; Joe Mendiola (Doreen Gutierrez) of Las Cruces, NM and Danny Mendiola (Tammy Bishop) of Roswell, NM, Connie Torrez (Antonio), Grace, Theresa all from Roswell, NM and Rebecca (Becky) Bright of Moyock, NC. Special Grandson Reynaldo (Nando) Mendiola. Siblings; Mary Alvarado of Colorado Spring, CO, and Esperanza (Hope)

Sombke of Roswell, NM, Pedro L. Franco (Marcie) of Pueblo West, CO. Sisters-in-laws; Carlota Flores of Las Cruces, NM, Virginia Flores of Roswell, NM, Mary Franco of Winchester, CA, Margaret Fresquez of Rio Rancho, NM, Virginia Chavez of Santa Fe, NM, and Mary Mendiola of Bernalillo, NM. Brother-in-law; Raul Alvarez of Santa Fe, NM. Nena was Blessed with 20 Grandchildren, 65 Great-Grandchildren, and 19 Great-Great Grandchildren.

Nena was preceded in death by her parents, Joe Nava Mendiola her husband of 43 years. Brothers; Antonio Flores of Las Cruces, NM, Usvaldo, Pedro N., Luis Flores of Roswell, NM, Richard Franco of Winchester, CA. Also by; Doroteo (Teo) and Juanita Mendiola, Octavio (Tavio) and Beatrice Mendiola, Guadalupe (Lupe) and Ermina (Minnie) Mendiola, Celestino (Tino) and Elmira (Guera) Mendiola, Isabel (Chavela) Alvarez, Jim Sombke of Roswell, NM, Antonio Alvarado of Colorado Springs, CO, Louis Chavez, Manuel (Lito) Mendiola of Santa Fe, NM, Orlando Fresquez of Rio Rancho, NM, John Mendiola of Long Beach, CA and Marvin Bright of Moyock, NC.

Viewing will be held at 12:00-6:00 PM and the Recitation of the Holy Rosary will begin at 6:00 PM Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home, 2609 S. Main, Roswell, NM. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 10:00 AM at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Corner of Main Street and Deming with the Reverend Charlie Martinez. The Rite of Committal and Interment will follow immediately at South Park Cemetery, 2500 SE Main St. where she will be laid to rest next to her husband.

Serving as pallbearers; Joe, Danny, Reynaldo, Lorenzo, Gabriel, and Angel Mendiola, Anthony Aragon and Cedric Chavez. Honorary pallbearers: All her grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

The Mendiola Family would like to extend a heartfelt "Thank You" for the

wonderful care given to our mother they are; Yvette Martinez from Agape, Dr. Ninad Shet and staff of Casa of Buena Salud, Dr. Thomas Wulf and staff of Encompass Hospice, Christine Brown-Healthcare Coordinator, Granddaughter Roberta Aragon and Grandson Reynaldo (Nando) Mendiola, and Vanessa Torrez.

Service arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home. For online condolences logon to: www.andersonbethany.com

Live stream video can be seen at: YouTube/Anderson Bethany Live Stream/Helen Mendiola

Due to COVID-19 Please respect others by wearing your mask and practice the 6-foot distancing.

Nena's tribute was beautifully written in her honor by her family.

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC **29**. 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
2609 South Main
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5888
abfh@andersonbethany.com

Rosary

DEC **29**. 6:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
2609 South Main
Roswell, NM 88203
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Mass

DEC **30**. 10:00 AM (MT)

St Peter Church
111 E Deming St #6127
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5092

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Mendiola*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Our heartfelt condolences to all the family. Nena was such a wonderful person. I have such fond memories of her and your family. Her loving smile and goodness will be missed. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Corina Reyes Gallegos

Frank Gallegos

Corina Gallegos - December 31, 2020 at 04:28 PM



“ *On behalf of the Hecht family, we are sorry to find that Helen has passed away. From our time of visiting with her and her family after mass at St. Peter we got to know about her.*

Paul Hecht - December 31, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ *Tia Nena was always the best to have around at party's such a beautiful soul. She will be deeply missed. To the family you all will be in our prayers we love you* 💙

escalante family - December 30, 2020 at 02:39 PM

FF

“ Our deepest condolences to the family we send hugs, love, and prayers. Tia Nena was a beautiful woman and had a beautiful soul. She was always welcoming and was willing to help out no questions asked. Her smile would always light up the room. She will be missed but we will always have wonderful memories 💙💙💙



Flores-Escalante Family - December 30, 2020 at 12:00 PM

MM

“ I loved visiting Aunt Nena and the whole family every time we were in Roswell! Wonderful loving memories of chili, tortillas, elephants and laughter. A perfect recipe for love! Family forever in our hearts and in our lives ❤️



Melanie Mendiola - December 30, 2020 at 11:56 AM

MM

I so wish we could be there!

Melanie Mendiola - December 30, 2020 at 11:56 AM

RT

“ Mary Franco and family are so sorry we were unable to attend the funeral of our beautiful Nena. Nena was a wonderful person, filled with love and always a smile. We will miss her always and may she rest in peace and fly high our angel. We love you more Nena.



Raquel Tuthill - December 29, 2020 at 10:54 PM

MB

“ Margaret Baca lit a candle in memory of Helen Mendiola



Margaret Baca - December 29, 2020 at 07:53 PM

TF

“ The Banegas Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Helen Mendiola.



The Banegas Family - December 29, 2020 at 07:24 PM

LF

“ It was our blessings to have been able to see you and grow to know you from a children to adults. Tia your beautiful smile always on your face...Rest in peace and May the Lord's strength be with everyone..

Love Escalante & Valles Families

Lorry , Maudie & Family - December 29, 2020 at 06:09 PM

GF

“ Love to my aunt Nena, Geri Fisher

Geraldine Fisher - December 29, 2020 at 02:03 PM

LH

“ Love Traver, Tiffany, Haley & Maverick Hermanson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Helen Mendiola.



Love Traver, Tiffany, Haley & Maverick Hermanson -
December 29, 2020 at 01:38 PM

RF

“ I am Truly Heartbroken 💔 that I won't be able to make it to Roswell to attend my Aunt/Godmother Nena Mendiola's Rosary and Funeral. If you are visiting this page then you already know what a Wonderful Loving Special Person Helen "Nena" Mendiola was! I spent many Summer Vacations visiting her when I was younger, when I grew older I always made it a point to stop and visit. One thing for sure is, you could always Stop, get a bite to Eat (there always food), a Drink (always Coffee or Dr. Pepper) and Rest in a Safe place Filled with Love & Memories (and Elephants 🐘)... That was Nena's House! I Love You Nena ❤️
I'm Happy you got to meet my
Lovely Rita Lee ❤️💋
Now Go to Your New Home...
Heaven... with the other Angels!
Love, Your God Son
Raymond Lujan Franco

Raymond Lujan Franco - December 29, 2020 at 12:36 PM

JA

“ *Jo Ann Archuleta lit a candle in memory of Helen Mendiola*



Jo Ann Archuleta - December 29, 2020 at 12:14 PM

JA

Condolences to all the Mendiola family. God Bless you all.

Jo Ann Archuleta - December 29, 2020 at 12:16 PM

EO

“ *Esperanza Otero lit a candle in memory of Helen Mendiola*



Esperanza Otero - December 29, 2020 at 11:14 AM

LM

“ *May your mom rest in peace. May God bless all of you*

Lupe Morales - December 28, 2020 at 08:02 PM

GQ

“ *George & Angelina Quintero lit a candle in memory of Helen Mendiola*



George & Angelina Quintero - December 28, 2020 at 07:35 PM

NA

“ Grace & Nando and family my deepest condolences. Prayers for Mendiola family may God Bless you all!!!

Nikki Aragon - December 27, 2020 at 07:21 AM

RB

“ Our deepest condolences to Mrs Mendiola Family. Many fond memories growing up close to her and her family. May our Lord continue to give comfort during this time..
Carmen Gonzalez Briseño



Richard and Carmen Briseno - December 23, 2020 at 07:28 PM

EB

“ Ericka Brady lit a candle in memory of Helen Mendiola



Ericka Brady - December 23, 2020 at 12:07 AM

RG

“ Roy And Sylvia Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Helen Mendiola



Roy And Sylvia Gonzales - December 22, 2020 at 07:29 PM

CD

“ *Corinne Duran lit a candle in memory of Helen Mendiola*



Corinne Duran - December 22, 2020 at 06:24 PM

LS

“ *Louise Sigala lit a candle in memory of Helen Mendiola*



Louise Sigala - December 22, 2020 at 03:09 PM

YM

“ *Yolanda Mendiola lit a candle in memory of Helen Mendiola*



Yolanda Mendiola - December 22, 2020 at 02:55 PM

CA

“ *I remember telling Grandma that my mom (Rebecca) would not take me to the store to get batteries for a Christmas present I was given. That is when Grandma's facial expression and demeanor changed from sweet little lady to the head Mexican in charge. After a few words and a wild-eye look from from Grandma- my mother and I were on the way to the store! Respect - O.G. Grandma! Love you Grandma!*

carlos - December 22, 2020 at 12:06 PM

AJ

“ AURORA M JIMENEZ lit a candle in memory of Helen Mendiola



AURORA M JIMENEZ - December 22, 2020 at 10:57 AM

CM

“ Cathy Mendiola lit a candle in memory of Helen Mendiola



cathy mendiola - December 22, 2020 at 10:04 AM

AM

“ Amber Mendiola lit a candle in memory of Helen Mendiola



amber mendiola - December 21, 2020 at 11:18 PM

Isabel Hernandez Clements

“ Isabel Hernandez Clements lit a candle in memory of Helen Mendiola



Isabel Hernandez Clements - December 21, 2020 at 09:41 PM