



## Roberta G Martinez

January 25, 1957 - August 17, 2021

Roberta G. Martinez 1/25/57 – 8/17/2021

Roberta was born in Rawlins, Wyoming to Jose Salome and Celia Martinez. She grew up in Wamsutter, WY. She was the youngest of 7 brothers and sisters. Roberta went to school in Rawlins, where she participated in several activities – from basketball and cheerleading to square dancing. At age 13, she was diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis. She never let this disease define her. She endured many joint replacements throughout her life to keep her as active as possible. She had a feisty spirit and she called it like it was. She had a sense of humor that either made you laugh hysterically or shake your head; which fortunately she passed on to her two kids, Phillip and Crystal. She was close with her daughter and some would say they were extensions of each other. Those who witnessed this understood the strength of that bond. Mom was the sunshine and pillar of our family. She was admired for her long, beautiful braids, her will to fight on against the odds of her severely disabled body, her grace, her courage, her strength, and her faith in God. She knew He would provide the ultimate healing. She was the biggest cheerleader for her kids and their friends growing up. She was the taxi service to drive us all to Rollerland, the Aztlan Center to become NBA stars or to the soccer field to play like Pele. We never achieved that status, of course, but she sure made us all believe we could. She was “mom” to everyone. She loved reading, the Hallmark channel, concerts and driving to the mountains. Her son, Phillip and his wife Kieley, blessed her with three beautiful grandchildren – Lincoln, Jackson and Kinley, who she loved beyond measure. Her little, 4’11 body held so much love, lessons and encouragement. No matter her pain, she always made sure you were taken care of first. Thank you to her healthcare teams and doctors at the Family Medicine Center, OCR and Western Orthopedic for taking care of her.

God called her name and the angels escorted her home on August 17, 2021. Mum, we weren’t ready for you to go, but rejoice that you are healed. We love you a bushel and a peck and can’t wait to see you on the flip side. Thank you for being our mom.

Roberta is preceded in death by her parents, Jose and Celia. Her brothers; Leroy, Mike,

Eloy.

She is survived by her children; Phillip (Kieley), Crystal (Jed). Grandkids; Lincoln, Jackson, Kinley and Keegan. Grandpups, who she loved dearly: Cleo, Rocky (aka Roger) and Brooklyn. Two brothers, two sisters and several nieces and nephews. How lucky we all were to have been blessed by her life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to help with funeral and medical expenses. Contributions can be made to Bohlender Funeral Chapel in care of Roberta Martinez, or by going to First National Bank in Fort Collins, and donate to Phillip Martinez... Routing number (8853)



# Comments

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“ Rest In Peace Berta. 🦋 Love you more then you ever knew. The times I got to share of your life are cherished memories and I'll always remember what a good listener you were and the way your talks could soothe my soul and calm my heart. Memories last forever- and so does my respect, admiration and LOVE for you, always- AmyLeeSmith

Amy Lee Smith - August 29 at 04:00 AM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Roberta G Martinez.



August 27 at 02:28 PM

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“ Efren and Vicki Lucero purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Roberta G Martinez.



Efren and Vicki Lucero - August 27 at 02:03 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Roberta G Martinez.



August 27 at 09:14 AM

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“ Matt & Julie Payeur and family. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Roberta G Martinez.



**Matt & Julie Payeur and family.** - August 26 at 10:26 PM

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“ Roberta was a childhood friend when I lived in Wamsutter. I can recall our bike rides, walking to catch the school bus, etc. I moved to California when I was 12 years old. Roberta and I still remained in contact through letters. When I was 15 I went to visit her in Wamsutter. Roberta and her family opened their home to me. She was a very special friend while I lived in Wamsutter. Rest In Peace my dear friend. My maiden name was Vasquez.

Lucy Vasquez-Pingle

**Lucy Pingle** - August 26 at 08:58 PM

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“ We all have truly lost a sweet lady. Roberta was our friend from day one when we moved into the neighborhood (~36 years ago). So sweet and kind, and we will miss her. She was our daycare Mom to our daughter for several years and then Crystal picked up the afterschool sitting while she was in elementary. Bless you all and our prayers go out to the whole family.

**Efren and Vicki Lucero** - August 26 at 11:59 AM

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“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Roberta G Martinez.



August 25 at 07:40 PM

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“ I only saw Roberta a few times, but she was always kind, gracious and glad to see me. I am so sorry for your loss that came much too soon.  
Bev Price (Irene Martinez's sister in Oregon and Joe's sister-in-law)

**Beverly Ann Price** - August 24 at 09:44 PM

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“ The world lost an amazing human. A human that loved and laughed and made everyone around her smile.  
I lost a sweet woman I considered a friend - and called mom or NanaBerta. I LOVED her laugh. I LOVED her grace. I LOVED her humility. I will miss her.  
Her family, and especially her children, lost SO much more. I hope that the love and support and guidance she gave to them all their years brings them comfort and love moving forward without her.  
Crystal and Phil have the best of her within them and they will carry that on.  
My deepest condolences to all that knew and loved her.  
She will be remembered.  
She will continue to be loved.

**Brandi Molin** - August 24 at 11:49 AM



“ Brandi- This is so beautifully written and so moving. It is a testament to the tremendous LOVE even friends had for Berta and how special of a lady she was to us all. I LOVE that you have praised the way her children are because she was the person she was! With sympathy, as you grieve this heartbreaking passing of such a sweet little lady with so much joy she brought to our lives. (Amy- Crystal's friend)

**Amy Lee Smith** - August 25 at 01:39 AM

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“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Roberta G Martinez.



August 23 at 09:33 PM

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“ Thank you all so much. If you donate through First National, it is In Care of Phillip Martinez last for of routing 8853. Thank you again

**Crystal Foust** - August 23 at 06:32 PM



“ We love you Turtle- thanks for the info. Keep on keep keepin on, you're as strong as the Angel who carries you. Lots of love always- XoXo

**Amy Lee Smith** - August 25 at 01:41 AM

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“ My Auntie Berta showed me what strength was. Her love of life, her love for her kids and grandchildren, her family was important to her. Always calling and checking up on us. Making sure we all are doing good. Her support in anything we choose to do in life. Giving positive support and advice when needed. Telling us how proud of us she was. She should me the love for children. She was my inspiration for me working with children. She took me to my first concert. We went and saw Bon Jovi. She was right there dancing and singing with us. I had such a wonderful time that night. You are missed and loved by all. Love you lots.

**Angie lane** - August 23 at 05:40 PM



“ Angie- I'm thinking of you, your mom, sister and brother and all of your children combined. I am so sorry that your Auntie Berta had to go so soon, but remember that she is getting to embrace those that went up before her. She loved you all so so much and you can find comfort in those memories. Smile up at the heavens- she's watching.

Lots of love-Amy (Crystal's friend)

**Amy Lee Smith** - August 25 at 01:28 AM

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“ I have so many fond memories of Roberta I can't count them all. The thing I will remember the most however is how much she loved life in spite of the pain she was in. I often thought about and will continue to think about her when I have a day that I want to feel sorry for myself. She was the type of person that changes your perspective on life. If Roberta could feel the way she did and still have a smile on her face and an upbeat spirit than so can we no matter how much we think we deserve to frown and pout. She was and always will be an inspiration to me in this way.

Thank you Roberta for giving so many great examples of how life should be lived!

Thank you for raising two amazing children whom I am blessed to call friends.

**Jeff Molin** - August 23 at 04:15 PM

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“ My beautiful sweet auntie.. oh how lucky heaven is to have you. I miss your laugh, your jokes, and how much you always told me the things I would do in life. I will eat all the sugar cookies with frosting in the world for you. Until one day.

**naomi martinez** - August 23 at 04:06 PM

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“ Roberta like I told your daughter you were a teacher and you never realized what you taught. you showed how to stay strong how to smile no matter what you faced and to love life. your strength was amazing lady

**Brenda armenta** - August 23 at 12:30 PM