



## Amelia Serna Aragon

February 6, 1928 - April 15, 2022

Amelia Serna Aragon—known to most as Molly or Grandma Molly—peacefully passed on April 15 after 94 years of a life well-lived.

Amelia Serna was born February 6, 1928 in Dilia, New Mexico to Leopoldo Serna and Genoveva Samora. She was the sixth of seven siblings. After Genoveva's passing in 1933 and when Leopoldo was working cattle drives, the seven siblings took care of each other with the help of other families; Amelia shared fond stories of playing in dirt fields and making pink tortillas with the clay-rich water near their house.

Amelia grew up and moved to Fort Collins, married José Adolfo Aragon in 1953, and began building the adoring family and world of friends that gathered from far and wide to say goodbye in her final days. Her legacy includes six spectacular children: Joe (Debbie), Lupe (Eric), Dee, Lorraine (Robin), and Frank (Tova), with one son, Manuel (Marlene), predeceasing her. Amelia's husband José passed away in 1960. On her own, Amelia raised her children to be respectful, to abide meaningful rules, and ultimately, to love and care for one another. She also took care of the kids and other parents of the neighborhood, fostered long-lasting friendships, and supported her church. And she did all this while also building a modest yet stable livelihood. She did much of this through sheer stubbornness, but her ability to nurture community was also vital. As for her children, they truly are spectacular (and never miss

the opportunity to remind you!). To meet and spend time with her children, who she had lately come to refer to as her “senior citizens,” is to glimpse the perseverance, care, and unconditional love that characterized Amelia’s life.

Amelia became Grandma Molly also on April 15, 45 years ago, and eventually was the proud and loving abuelita to a total of 15 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-great-grandchildren. Grandma Molly’s house was where family and friends went for care and food; celebrated holidays; grieved the loss of loved ones; over-ate Sunday breakfasts and, subsequently, napped on the couch; fought and forgave; and, most of all, laughed together—so much love-filled and life-affirming laughter. Her house was a home in the fullest sense of the term: it was a place that made you feel grounded in the world, valued, and, above all, safe. Grandma Molly loved talking and laughing with friends, cooking for family, tending her yard and garden, and sewing and doing embroidery. She was a woman rich with love for and from her family and friends.

Amelia was also quick to tell you not to sanctify her, to not call her an angel. She was a devout Catholic, an active member and supporter of Holy Family Church for many years, and a person who strived to live the word of God. But she was also a human, made mistakes, and bore regrets. To sanctify Amelia is to miss her humanity, diminish her struggles and perseverance, and, ultimately, dampen the light she created in the world. Amelia need not be a saint to have lived a good or even exceptional life, to have made the world a warmer and safer place, to have lived the word of God.

Still, it is difficult to not evangelize Amelia’s way of being in the world. She had an uncanny gift for making people feel at home, safe in an uncertain world, unconditionally loved. It is no exaggeration to say that she created and nurtured much love in this world. And though she will be deeply mourned and missed, her love will live on—after her life, after all of ours.

Amelia Serna Aragon, Mom, Grandma Molly, may you rest in peace, may you rest in unending love, may you rest in the care of God.

Services to honor the life of Amelia will be held at Holy Family Church on Tuesday, April 26, beginning with the rosary at 9:30 a.m. and followed by mass. Burial will take place at Grandview Cemetery at 11:30 a.m. A Summer celebration of her life with family and friends will take place in early July.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

APR 26. 9:30 AM (MT)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
326 N. Whitcomb  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

## Funeral Mass

APR 26. 10:00 AM (MT)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
326 N. Whitcomb  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

## Interment

APR 26. 11:30 AM (MT)

Grandview Cemetery  
1900 W. Mountain Ave.  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Amelia Serna Aragon*.



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April 25, 2022 at 02:33 PM



“ *LOVE YOUR WW FAMILY* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of *Amelia Serna Aragon*.



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**LOVE YOUR WW FAMILY** - April 25, 2022 at 01:46 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray* was purchased for the family of *Amelia Serna Aragon*.



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April 25, 2022 at 11:46 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Amelia Serna Aragon*.



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April 25, 2022 at 10:44 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Amelia Serna Aragon.*



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April 25, 2022 at 09:42 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Amelia Serna Aragon.*



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April 24, 2022 at 07:15 PM



“ *Veda and Per Hogestad purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Amelia Serna Aragon.*



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**Veda and Per Hogestad** - April 24, 2022 at 06:09 PM



“ *Lupe and family, we understand Molly was looking forward to moving on from this earthly life and viewed her own passing as a blessing to be with the Lord. Yet, losing her in your lives must be difficult. May you be warmed by loving memories and knowing she is now in a much better place. With our love and prayers, Dennis & Sue Sumner*

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**Dennis Sumner** - April 24, 2022 at 04:22 PM

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“ Harold & Gladys Pfeif thought Joe & Molly were the best! Joe and my dad were always thinking alike and knew what needed to be accomplished. Molly always maintained a "soft spot" in their hearts. Molly was my only daytime babysitter. While my mom worked in the field, Molly kept an eye on me while I played in the ditch by their house. Molly let me wash the babies' hair and help her; she taught me how to make tortillas.

As the years have rolled by Pfeif's always kept in touch with Molly, and I have maintained that connection since my mother's passing. The Joe & Molly Aragon family have a wonderful legacy as evidenced by their family of children. Molly lived a life of servitude and gratitude, and that life has rewarded her well with her children and their families.

*Thelma Jean (Pfeif) Shaeffer*  
Lakewood, CO

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**Thelma Shaeffer** - April 23, 2022 at 11:52 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Amelia Serna Aragon.



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April 23, 2022 at 08:37 AM



“ I have many fond memories of my grandma Molly! Growing up I loved to go visit my gram. She'd give me and my cousin money to spend at Walgreens. We all three would walk there. I also remember as I grew older she'd welcome my kids father into her home. He'd bring her Boston Market which she spoke of not long before she passed! Thought it was cute what an impact that left on her. I cherish the times we would say the rosary together! Also helping my gram with her daily tasks when we would visit. I told her I owed her for all she had done for me! I will forever think of my gram and will love her forever! I'm sad she is no longer here on earth but it comforts me she's where she's been longing to be! I'm sure the chorus and angels rejoiced along with the loved ones she has been reunited with! I love you grandma Molly! Till we meet again. Rest in Peace.

Amber Melendrez - April 22, 2022 at 08:27 PM



“ The Marquez family. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Amelia Serna Aragon.



The Marquez family. - April 22, 2022 at 06:46 PM



“ Linda Armijo Sutton, Trish, and John purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Amelia Serna Aragon.



Linda Armijo Sutton, Trish, and John - April 22, 2022 at 06:14 PM

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“ *ALL OF THE W-W FAMILY purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Amelia Serna Aragon.*



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**ALL OF THE W-W FAMILY** - April 22, 2022 at 05:14 PM

DG

“ *The memories that I have of your mom are forever in my heart. Please know that your mom has been in my prayers and will continue to be in my prayers. When I think of Aunt Molly, I see that beautiful smile. She always had a smile on her face, and she always had time to talk and listen.*

*I loved riding my bike to your home and visiting. Your mom always had such yummy food to share. She loved feeding us!*

*Her and Mom were the best of friends. I remember them laughing all the time. They had twelve kids between them, and they were always laughing! Maybe it was their inside joke! I am so happy they had each other all these years. Mom will miss her.*

*She is with each of you always. You can talk to her anytime! She is your guardian angel.*

*Thank you all for your sharing your incredible mom with us. We love you and are here for anything you need.*

*Love, Deb Garcia (Vasquez)*

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**Debra Ann Garcia** - April 22, 2022 at 01:01 PM

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“ Irene, Deb, Herm, Dorth, Donna a Ted purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Amelia Serna Aragon.



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**Irene, Deb, Herm, Dorth, Donna a Ted** - April 22, 2022 at 12:49 PM