



Della M. Bustos

October 21, 1931 - May 24, 2012

Della M. Bustos was born on October 21, 1931 and passed away on May 24, 2012 at home surrounded by her family. She leaves behind a legacy of love, friendship, courage and strength. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, John Bustos Sr.; son, John Bustos Jr. and his wife, Elaine; daughter, Jodi Griffin and her husband, David; daughter, Jeni Makinen and her husband, Scott; son, Jay Bustos and his wife, Laura; her "Chicklets" Travis Griffin and his wife, Erin, their boys Tate, Mason and Carter; Nathan Griffin and his wife, Amy and their daughter, Maya; Jason Bustos and his fiancé Britt; Kelsey Bustos, Claire Makinen and Katelyn Bustos. She is also survived by Rod Skitt, who was like a son to her, his wife, Valeria, and their family, Sonny, Ashlie, Rayne and Troy; and her sister, Virginia Moreno. Della's Rosary and Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Friday at Holy Family Catholic Church at 10:00 a.m. followed by interment at Grandview Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

TA

“ To the Bustos Family, What a loss for you all and all of us. While we only became acquainted with Della and John through my dental office, it was such an honor and a hoot! to be her dentist. The entire staff looked forward to her appointments because she always made us laugh. We'll miss her greatly.

Tim Anderson - June 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Jay: I'm so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time.

Clyde Serna - June 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ Dear Bustos family. I was saddened to hear of your mom's passing. I know how tough it is to lose your mom. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Peter Peterson

Peter Peterson - June 12, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PH

“ I am so sad to learn of Della's passing. She was such a vibrant lady. I have so many wonderful memories of her and of your family. She will be greatly missed. My thoughts, prayers, and love are with all of you. Peggy Hotchkiss

Peggy Peterson Hotchkiss - June 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ John and John and Family: I was saddened to hear of your loss. I am on a fire assignment on the Gila N.F. in southwest New Mexico and will not be able to attend your planned service tomorrow in Fort Collins. But know that your family is in our thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Sig G. and Judi Palm, USFS-WO, Retired

Sig G. Palm - June 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ Dear Bustos Family, I am so sorry about the loss of Mrs. Bustos. I remember her fondly with her singing and laughing. She was a great neighbor and I know our entire family shall miss her greatly. Cheryl

Cheryl Cannon Beery - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Dear Jodi and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Your mom always made me feel welcome in your home when we were growing up. Love, Rae

Rae Hulbert Timme - June 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ John Jr. & Family... I am a former forest service co-worker with John. I have always known the love and respect he had for his Mother. I know that will always continue. Our prayers are with you all... Jackie Parks

Jackie Parks - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ John, Our deepest sympathies for your loss of Dell. What a courageous woman. We loved her so. All the years of you working with my dad Elmer "The Skinny Frenchman." at Ideal Cement Plant through the frigid cold and hot days...we have been friends. Over all these years I have been Laurie Kim to you and Dell and I have cherished that. Only family have called me that and that's what I love. Please know that my family loves and adores you and your children. Love Laurie Kim xoxoxox

Laurie Fortin Kalinec - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Jay and the Bustos family. Our deepest condolences from the delossantos family. We were truly blessed to have known Della. As children we remember her very well as a teacher and educator. 2nds 2nds. I can not say I know how you feel but I can tell you that we will remember her in our hearts forever. May God be with you and your family at times of sadness and happiness

martin delossantos - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Dear John and family, We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to your family at the recent loss of your wife, mother and grandmother. Dell was a warm and fun-loving person and I know you will miss her a lot. We hope her memories will comfort all of you during this difficult time. May God Bless! Kathy Garcia & Ed Bruce

Kathy & Ed Bruce - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PO

“ Jay, Our deepest condolences to you and your family. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. The staff at Al's Newsstand, Pam, Ted, Rich, Dave, Jason and Ben

Pam Orzell - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *The Bustos Family, Very sorry to hear about your loss, Della was a very special lady and will always be remembered. Always enjoyed our talks and she will always be remembered as small but mighty. God Bless you all and there will be a special place in Heaven for Della.*

Ron/Ida Gonzales - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *John Bustos & Family, I want you to know that my thoughts are with you at this sad time. Della was a dear friend of mine and I will miss visiting with her when I am in Fort Collins. I send my love and deepest sympathy. Affectionately, Sue*

Sue Campos Cheesman - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *Bustos Family, We are so sorry to hear of your loss. Della was such a special person and will be remembered by all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family*

Don & Juliet Chavez - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ *Bustos Family: Growing up in the neighborhood everyone knew Mrs. Bustos. She was always there when you needed her. Especially when you were stuck up in her apple tree. Memories of her will always be shared and cherished by my family. We will truly miss her! Diane Cannon Idler*

Diane Idler - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ Dearest Bustos Family, You are in my thoughts and prayers. I was remembering all the times Jody, Jean and Sarah would hang out at our house or at yours. I remember laughing at the stories of Della's "conversations" with referees at one of the boy's baseball games. I ran into her a while back when she was in the library. It was good to catch up a bit and check in on what the family was doing and how they were growing. Della loved her family! I know she will be missed and that there is a huge hole in your hearts. I also know that your memories will help you move on from this. Love you all and thinking of you, Lynda Dickson

Lynda Dickson - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We,as a family,would like to express our condolences in your great loss of Della. I know I will miss her smiling face, as I'm sure your whole family will. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you in this time of grief. Love to you all. Jim & Dona Nye

Dona Nye & Family - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AL

“ Jay, We are deeply sorry to hear about your loss. Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies. Our thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Your friends at All-Sports, Ray, Susan, Forrest, Laura, SueB, Molly, and Griffin

All-Sports - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dearest Jeni, Scott and Claire- The few times we were privileged to meet and hang out with "Yaya", we were always wrapped in warmth and family. She was joy and light and full of energy. Her whistling was contagious. We are so sorry for you and all of the Bustos for your loss. Della left behind the best of her, in all of you! How wonderful for all of us! We love you! Suze, Randy, Andrea, Rob, Tracey, Max, and Jake

Suze and Randy Dunn and Family - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Dear dear neighbors; What a lovely caring character/blessing on the planet, Del was and still is, in my heart! Thank God for her insight and courage. She leaves us better off with inspiration and guides us all in caring and sharing...always remembered. Astrid 317 Loomis neighbor a few years back

Astrid - May 31, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Jay, I just wanted to say how sorry I am for your loss. I will always remember your Mom at your games yelling for you. My condolences to you and your family.

Steve Serna - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Dearest Jeni, Scott, and Claire Makinen; Laura, Jay, and all of the Bustos clan, So sorry to read about Della's passing. You honored Della by noting that she achieved a legacy we can only hope for: that of love, friendship, courage, and strength. Thinking of you...Love, Brenda, Jim, Molly and Erin Mross

Brenda Rader Mross - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GO

“ My condolences to the family of Mrs. Bustos. I knew her from elementary school at LaPorte in the late 60's and early 70's. I got to see her at Albertson's grocery store about two years ago, and she remembered me and my siblings. She had saved me from a couple of bullies in elementary school one day, she came running and told them to leave me alone, and they never bullied me anymore, I will always remember her as being a caring teacher. God Bless

Geralyn Ortiz - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We have been neighbors for over 50 years and our kids grew up together. Our family has been remembering Del and all the fond times our families had. She was a caring person and loved her family. Jay, your kindness to me makes me realize how many good people are in this world. John, take good care of yourself and let the kids help you. Our thoughts are with you in this difficult time. You had a great Mom/wife and that is a blessing. Jodie

Jodie Cannon - May 30, 2012 at 12:00 AM