



Juliana R. Miranda

February 17, 1935 - March 7, 2026

Jay crossed over peacefully on March 7* surrounded by her family. She was born in Basin Wy on February 17th, 1935, to Lalo and Victoria Martinez. Victoria and the children moved to Fort Collins at an early age. She attended Reminton Elementary, Lincoln Junior High, Graduated from Fort Collins High School. She married Valerio "Ernie" Miranda on January 12th, 1957. They had seven children. She was a housewife until the youngest started school. Jay had a couple of odd jobs until she went to work for the Poudre School District in Fort Collins. She taught Headstart/early childhood for more than three decades. She mostly worked with the Spanish speaking kids. She loved her job immensely. She always enjoyed seeing her students she taught in their adult life. Sometimes having their children in school.

Jay enjoyed Mexican music and loved to dance to it. She also enjoyed having lunch with the seniors at North Side Atzlan Center until the pandemic hit. She enjoyed having her grandchildren and great-great grandchildren visit and always made sure they enjoyed all the holidays.

She also enjoyed watching pro sports on TV, her favorite teams were the Dallas Cowboys, Golden State Warriors, and the Colorado Rockies.

Jay is survived by her children Maxine Miranda, Nancy Romero, Valerie

Castillon (Elias jr.) Laura Salas, Jeff Miranda (David Wilkins), and Carolina Gonzales (Tomas), 14 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren, and 23 great-great grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her husband Valerio "Ernie" Miranda, son Ernest Jay, parents Lalo and Victoria Martinez, brothers George, Herman "Chinky" and Robert Martinez, sister Nancy Mosqueda, sons-in-law Andrew Belen, Wally Romero, and Tony Salas; great grandsons Adrian Castillon, and Andre Salas. Jay was a deeply respected figure in the Fort Collins community, often remembered for her kindness and commitment to the students. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Visitation will be held 4-6pm with the rosary to follow at 6pm on Wednesday March 18, 2026 at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. The funeral mass will be held at 10am on Thursday, March 19, 2026 at Holy Family Catholic Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 18. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
121 W. Olive Street
Fort Collins, CO 80524

Visitation

MAR 18. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

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Rosary

MAR 18. 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel
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Funeral Mass

MAR 19. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

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

Reception

MAR 19. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall

DL

“ *Miranda Family,
The gift of having your mother alive for 92 years was blessing. Jay was always a good mother, wife and friend. We will miss you Jay. Until we see you again. Thank you for your friendship, love and showing us what a good mother was.*

Dan & Hope Leal - March 19 at 11:17 AM

IB

“ *Jay is going to be missed but truly left a legacy for her family. Love Respect Kindness for all people in her walk here on this earth. My heart goes out to all family and friends. May she rest in Peace with other family members, gone home with Christ Whats Happening? See you later Jay, Thanks for your Beautiful Smile it will truly be missed may your girls carry on this beautiful smile in the world today..*

IBC - March 18 at 03:54 PM

SM

“ *Sending my heartfelt condolences to all in Jay's family. Jay was such a wonderful person; respected and loved by many in Head Start. She was always gracious and made all families feel at ease in the program. It was a privilege to have known and worked with Jay. She lived her life with joy, grace and humor. ❤️💜*

Sylvia Miller - March 17 at 05:48 PM

MS

“ My thoughts and hopes go out to Jays loving family. I already miss her wonderful self. She was the best of the best. How lucky was I to have worked, laughed, cried all those years in Headstart/Early Childhood. Her skills and caring for our students and their parents was very special. She made it all possible for us.

Mary Shier - March 15 at 07:16 PM

JO

Yes, she did! You made a great team!

Joanne Oleary - March 16 at 12:19 AM

DB

“ I am going to miss calling the Miranda's home and Jay answering "What's Happening"
I would know that was a start of wonderful conversations . She was a wealth of knowledge on the community. She had so much love for her family and would always tell me how much she appreciated all of them. She loved family gatherings. I will miss her green Chile that she made for those celebrations. She recently told me how proud and excited she was looking forward to the up coming graduations. She was a pioneer of fighting for civil rights. With her passing comes a closure of a generation that lead a path for civil rights that we enjoy today. She was one if the strongest women I knew. I love you Jay and will miss you dearly.

Debra Bueno - March 15 at 12:51 AM

JP

Jay was our safe harbor. As some of the few and first Chicano university students to attend CSU, we missed our homes and families. Jay and Ernie welcomed us into their home which gave us confidence to stay in college and to contribute to the Ft. Collins communities . I was blessed to have visited her and 3 generations of her family last September. I am sad that I will not see her beautiful smile and feel her steadfast love for all. QDEP mi Jay.

Judy Casias Peasley - April 19 at 04:45 PM

JS

“ *Sending my heartfelt sympathy to Jay's family. I enjoyed working with Jay in the HeadStart program. Jay was patient and caring with the children and helped keep our classroom (and me) organized and functioning well.*

Julie Sabin - March 14 at 06:42 PM

AF

“ *Anita Flores lit a candle in memory of Juliana R. Miranda*



Anita Flores - March 13 at 11:50 PM

KM

“ *Krissy Miranda lit a candle in memory of Juliana R. Miranda*



Krissy Miranda - March 13 at 05:52 PM

KG

“ Grandma we are going to miss you so much , you were the glue to our family , thank you for always loving me, Isaac &’ my Anastasia the way you did , we love you more the you could ever imagine. We are going miss our walks going down the street to see the ducks with you. Going to miss just going over to sit with you and talk with you. I’m so grateful you got to meet both of my babies and I will forever tell them what a wonderful grandma you were to us.love you always ☐



Keanna Gonzales - March 13 at 01:57 PM

PH

“ Will be missed dearly.was one of our favorite customers.Phil ,The Godinez Family,and everyone at El Burrito

Phil - March 13 at 11:36 AM



“ What can we say I've always looked up to as a role model i always said I hope I look as young as you when I get ur age the memories I have from.being neighbors and watching your children and grandchildren grow as I said to you thank you for the love you shared not only to our family but to many others I will forever be grateful for that we will miss you Jay and again thank you for sharing ❤️

Margaret Cordova DelaRosa - March 13 at 10:49 AM

AR

“ Man Grandma, I’m gonna miss you so so soooo much! But I’ll forever remember you and I’ll make sure everyone does, I will forever cherish walking next door to your house just to visit and watch tv weather it was watching your lifetime movies or watching some sort of sports, I just loved being able to spend time with you. I Love You so much Grandma and I’m grateful that I had you to mold me into a good man.



Antz Romero - March 13 at 01:36 AM

CM

I am so sorry for your loss she was a beautiful soul, I remember living across the street from you, she was always so nice , because of her I learned to ride a bike and would use it to go get groceries for her when everyone was busy the world was a better place with her in it .. god bless the family, prayers to all, 🙏 Cindy Mondragon (Lucero)

Cindy Mondragon - March 15 at 05:43 PM

CM

Losing a parent is hard, but make her proud and be the best you can be god bless.

Cindy Mondragon - March 15 at 05:46 PM

CL

“ Cindy Lopez lit a candle in memory of Juliana R. Miranda



Cindy Lopez - March 12 at 02:35 PM

CL

I pray that your memories will bring comfort and support. Jay was an good woman, may she rest in piece.

Cindy Lopez - March 12 at 02:37 PM

JC

“ *Our deepest sympathies go out to the whole family. Jay was a wonderful lady and was very loved by all. She will be very much missed especially from her role dog (my mom) Yolanda And rest of the senior's gals.*



Juanita Casarez - March 12 at 10:53 AM



She will be missed by all 🙏😊🤔

Shirley Ramirez - March 12 at 12:24 PM

AN

“ *Wow grandma, I can't believe we really have to tell you goodbye. Im so blessed to have you as my grandma. I will always remember you in your pink robe on weekends cleaning and listening to Spanish music. You would take turns dancing with each one of us. I don't know any other girls that were able to share clothes with their grandma to go to the dance 🤔 you were one of a kind. Thank you for being there to support and help me deliver Angelo. Im gna miss you so much grandma. I will continue to listen to Los Tucanes, Los Rieleros and keep your memory alive. I will brag about who my grandma was till I see you again. Give my Andre lots of love from Mama for me. I love you so much 💕*

Angie - March 11 at 08:29 PM

“ Grandma,

I still can't believe we are here. My heart is broken, but when I think of you, the first things that come to mind are the beautiful memories and the love you gave so freely.

Thank you for always showing up for me. Not just for the big milestones, but for the little moments too, anything that mattered to me mattered to you. That meant more than I could ever fully explain.

You always had my back. You reminded me to take the high road, to be grateful for the love and support my parents gave me, and to always do my best. Those words will stay with me forever.

You weren't just an incredible grandma—you were an incredible teacher. Everywhere I went, I seemed to meet someone who knew you as “Mrs. Jay,” (senora Jay) and every single one of them spoke about you with so much love. You made such a difference in so many lives, and that's something I've always been so proud of.

You also created the best traditions for our family. Easter will always remind me of making cascarones together, and I will forever treasure your homemade doily Valentines cards. And of course, our shared love for Halloween—it was always more fun because of you.

Peter and I will miss our traditions with you so much, the Rocky Mountain Showdown, CSU football home games, and going to Nuggets and Rockies games together. Those days were never just about the games, they were about the time we got to spend with you.

We will miss your witty personality, your honesty, and the way you always told it like it was. But more than anything, I will miss your hugs and just being able to sit with you and feel your presence.

It gives me comfort knowing you are where you are meant to be now, right next to Grandpa and Ernie. I imagine you all together again, and that thought brings me peace.

Until our paths meet again I will carry your love with me every single day.

Grandma, I love you beyond the moon and the stars.

Tina - March 11 at 06:49 PM

BW

“ *I’m so deeply sorry for your loss. Your mom, was truly such a special woman. She had a way of making everyone feel cared for and welcomed, and her kindness and love for others always stood out. Growing up, it was clear how much she genuinely cared about people, and that’s something I’ll always remember about her. She touched so many lives just by being the wonderful person she was.*

Please know my heart is with you and your family during this incredibly difficult time. I’m thinking of you and sending so much love and strength your way.

Bennie W - March 11 at 05:46 PM



“ *On behalf of the Museo de las Tres Colonias, we express our sincere condolences to the Miranda Family for Jay's passing, Jay was such a wonderful supporter of the Museo and our community. RIP Jay.*

Jerry Gavaldon - March 11 at 02:33 PM

RS

“ I am so sorry to hear about Mrs. Miranda’s passing. Jay was always kind and a good person. She loved her family very much and supported so many of the programs we hosted in the community. My sincere condolences go out to all of her children and family.

May she rest in peace 🙏

Richard Salas - March 11 at 02:15 PM

FG

“ We are so sorry for your family’s loss. She was such an amazing lady. Thinking of you all during this difficult time. Going to miss Jays phone calls on my birthday. ❤️



Fred and Ernestine Gonzales - March 11 at 12:05 PM

JR

“ Sending our condolences, love and prayers to the Miranda Family. Love you Nina ❤️ Rest easy 🕊️

James & Marlo Rodriguez - March 11 at 11:18 AM

VS

“ Vina Solano lit a candle in memory of Juliana R. Miranda



Vina Solano - March 11 at 11:08 AM

BA

“ *Condolences to the Miranda familia! Your mom was a very sweet and kind woman. Proud of her culture and familia! RIP!*



Betty Aragon-Mitotes - March 11 at 10:10 AM

CG

“ *Carolina Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Juliana R. Miranda*



Carolina Gonzales - March 11 at 09:08 AM

CG

May you R.I.P. you will be missed and loved by all of us ❤️🙏

Carolina Gonzales - March 11 at 09:12 AM

MM

“ *Seven children: Maxine, Nancy, Valerie, Ernest Jay, Jeffrey, Laura, Carolina (Lina). Great children come from great parents and grandparents on both sides. A great legacy left behind in their children. Mother Jay and Father Ernie, your lives still shine in your children! Mike Miranda*

Mike Miranda - March 11 at 02:23 AM

EB

“ I'm very sorry for your loss; we went to school together and have always been friends. she loved and was proud of her family. Jay was a classy lady whom will be greatly missed. I was lucky to have known her and to call her my friend. God bless you Jay, God please take of this wonderful lady...

Earl Buckendorf - March 10 at 11:03 PM

JC

“ Juliet Chavez lit a candle in memory of Juliana R. Miranda



Juliet Chavez - March 10 at 05:20 PM