



## Maria C. Gonzales

September 29, 1933 - September 1, 2020

Maria Celina Gonzales, (Sally) 86 years, was called home on Tuesday September 1, 2020.

Maria was born on September 29, 1933 in Cimarron, New Mexico to Santiago Vigil and Sarah Serna. In 1947, she entered a contest in New Mexico and won the title of “Miss Dawson”. She later met and married Fidel Gonzales.

Maria moved to Fort Collins, CO with her family in 1960. She was a strong independent person who worked hard to provide for her family. She worked various jobs and retired from Teledyne Waterpik after 25 years. She enjoyed her time there and shared many memories with her co-workers Virginia Aguirre and Barbara Roediger.

On special occasions, she would make her famous green or red chile with tortillas, beans and fideo for her family. She enjoyed going to Rummage sales on Saturdays, spending time with her children and grandchildren at family gatherings and holidays.

During football season, she enjoyed watching the Denver Broncos with her son and daughters. She especially Loved John Elway! She also enjoyed reading, country drives, and watching her favorite game shows, Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy.

Maria is survived by her children, Fidel Gonzales Jr, Juanita Flores, Vicky Gonzales, Frances Lujan, Virginia Lujan, Jimmy Gonzales, Joe Gonzales and Yolanda Gonzales Busse, 26 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren, and 1 great great grandchild. Her siblings, Jim Vigil, Sarah Nededog, Dan Vigil, Manuel Vigil, Mary Jo Lucero, Salome Vigil, Juan Vigil, Susan Cruggs and Gloria Turonek. She was preceded in death by Fidel Gonzales, her parents Santiago and Sarah Vigil and a sister Lucy Mondragon.

A private family service will be held at Bohlender Funeral Chapel.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bohlender Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Maria C. Gonzales*



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**Bohlender Funeral Chapel** - September 16, 2020 at 06:42 PM

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*We are sorry for your loss*

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**albert and sue auala** - September 20, 2020 at 07:40 PM

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“ *Tom and Deb Throgmorton purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Maria C. Gonzales.*



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**Tom and Deb Throgmorton** - September 15, 2020 at 04:01 PM

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“ I loved my aunt! She had a smile that warmed my heart. I remember her making lime Jello with carrots as a child and thought, yuck! Now I buy lime Jello and I love it with carrots. I am sure Jesus is enjoying mama Lucy and Maria as they sit and chat and reunite with their family in Heaven.

*It is hard to let go of someone who you love so much. To my cousins, we love you all and we are thankful for getting to be a part of your mom's life. We have precious memories of your mom. May God bless you and bring you peace.*

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**Christina Chambers** - September 12, 2020 at 05:25 PM

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“ To the Gonzales Family, your mother was a beautiful person. One that will truly be missed by all who new her. Our heart goes out to you all. May she rest in peace.

*Love to you all, Joe & Kathy Lucero*

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**Kathy A Lucero** - September 11, 2020 at 02:14 PM

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“ Sandra Cuba sent a virtual gift in memory of Maria C. Gonzales



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**Sandra Cuba** - September 07, 2020 at 07:27 PM

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“ Remembering Sally and wishing you comfort. I had the pleasure of working with Sally at Teledyne and enjoyed her friendship on and off the job. She was always upbeat and so much fun to be around. She loved her family very much and I know she will be greatly missed.  
*Betty Thuelin Evans*

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**Betty Evans** - September 06, 2020 at 05:47 PM

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“ Aunt Sally, I will miss our adventures we use to go to , and when I would bring you back home u would always say , you are an angle, and I would say well I will see up in heaven then when it's my turn Sally now you are an angle ! Don't make to much trouble up there with my mom, give her a hug for me ! You were a wonderful aunt God bless you Cindy

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**cindy lucero** - September 06, 2020 at 03:27 PM

SA

“ Maria was a hard working fiesty old woman who had a huge heart. She loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren! Grandma we loved you and miss you!!



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**Samantha** - September 05, 2020 at 09:26 AM