



Maria Olivas

May 7, 1975 - February 6, 2014

Maria Olivas, age 38, of Wellington, Colorado, received her wings and was taken to heaven on February 6, 2014. Maria was born in Fort Collins on May 7, 1975 to Marlana Friend Farago and Ray Pigg. Maria graduated from Poudre High School in 1993 and married Christopher Olivas on January 5, 1996. The couple stayed in the Fort Collins area, living in Laporte for several years and then moving to Wellington where they raised their three children. Maria worked at Cantina Liquors, forming many friendships throughout the small community of Wellington. Everyone knew who she was and when someone did not, they were introduced. She loved getting the family together and going out to eat every Sunday afternoon. She enjoyed camping, watching movies and laughing with everyone. As long as she was surrounded by family, she always had fun and was her happiest. Maria is survived by her four children, Cetera, age 17, Winter and Tallon, ages 15, and Mysterie, age four. She is also survived by her ex-husband and forever soul-mate Chris Olivas; father, Ray Pigg Debbie; mother, Marlana Friend Farago Andrew; her sister, Michelle Ahlbrandt Joe of Fort Collins; her brother, Billy Pigg Alicia of Severance; her grandfather, David Friend 93 of Odessa, Missouri and countless other loved ones and cherished friends. Maria was a forever lover and rescuer of animals of any kind. She and her family request that in lieu of flowers, donations on her behalf can be made to the Larimer County Humane Society in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive, Fort Collins, Colorado 80524. Open viewing will be Thursday from 3:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.,

followed by the memorial service at 5:00 p.m. at Bohlander Funeral Chapel.
From Maria's Facebook page--"Lunch with family and friends...Priceless! Oh,
and my goofy kids!" -Maria Olivas

Tribute Wall

JC

“ I am truly sorry for your loss. The world is a better place because Maria; now Heaven is, and she gets to dance with the angels. My prayers go out to your family.

Julia Crawmer - February 22, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Michelle, Billy and Dear Maria, It's been a long time ago but I have many fond and happy memories of you in fourth grade at Tavelli School. You were all such a treat to have in class. Please know, I'm sending hugs and love to you and your families. Love, Karel Hill "Mrs. White" 4th grade Tavelli School XOXO

Karel White Hill - February 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Dear Marlana and family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your beautiful Maria. You have been on my mind for at least a month, but I never dreamed this could be the reason. From the first day I met you, I knew how very special Maria and all your children are to you. Please know that you are in my daily thank you's and prayers, just like you taught me so many years ago. I love you so much and wish I could give you a million hugs! Love, Ginger Barnes

Ginger and Tom Barnes - February 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ My heartfelt condolences go out to you, Marlena and Ray, and your family. I have not been in touch for a number of years but reading through the comments in this guest list, it is obvious that Maria touched many lives and that those who knew her were truly enriched. Her love of animals is a testament to her compassion. God bless you all and be with you and Maria’s children at this difficult time.

Kathy Graybill - February 19, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Ray, Marlena, Michelle, & Billy: I was devastated to hear about Maria. Rachel called me over the weekend to let me know. She was a darling girl. Rachel always had so much fun with her. My heart goes out to you all. Although it seems way to soon, she is in a most heavenly place now. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Jeanie

Jeanie Barnes - February 17, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Maria was always a joy to visit with at Cantina and provided a lot of laughs! I got tounge tied one afternoon in conversation and I looked at the stores' owner and I said it's all her fault, to that he replied "ya, she's a distraction". A very beautiful distraction to say the least! I along with our community will miss her bright smile and infectious laugh that always brought a smile to everyone's face. She was known to share treats from home and was always very kind and loving. Miss Maria, enjoy your friends and family in Heaven, I will continue to miss your great personality, smile, and well...just you!!

Marty Gerlach - February 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ I was saddened to hear about you losing lovely Maria. You have been in my thoughts.. I know you will miss her so much. Please know I have your whole family in my prayers.

Karen Harvey - February 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Marlena and Ray...I am so sorry for the loss of your beautiful daughter. I have been reading all the messages filled with love and respect for you as her parents, and for Maria. I can't say that I know how much pain you have, just wish I could give you hugs, and for her children as well. Love you all so much. God is with you.

Jeanne Kopp Mower - February 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VS

“ She will always be missed and remembered, our prayers go out to her

Vic & Joyce Swanner - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Marlena, I am so sorry to hear of your great loss. Please know that you are in our thoughts and our hearts.

Lori Holcomb - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ Marlena, My heart, my shoulder, my love are here waiting for you.

Becky Schwartz - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ We are so sorry to hear of this great loss. Our hearts goes out to each and everyone of you. Marie was a great person and she will be missed. If you need anything don't be afraid to ask.

Alvarez family - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“ My prayers and thoughts go out to Maria's whole family. She was a very sweet person. I am so sorry for your loss.

Charlie Jimenez - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

VO

“ Dearest Chris, Cetera, Tallon, Winter, Mistrie, Ray, & Marlena & Family; Maria has left us but the world is a better place because she was here. Her beautiful children will carry on the legacy of kindness, compassion, strength and creative spirit that she modeled for us all. I was once told that God takes those whom have learned the lesson life has to offer and those of us who remain behind, must continue to learn and persevere in this life. Maria was a kindred spirit in that she believed in Angels, as do I. I have no doubt that she will guide her children and loved ones from above as we guard them here below. So my dear, sweet beautiful Maria, you may soar to the heights that you only spoke of in poems: "My heart, My heart, what is it that you desire? I desire the stars, the moon, the heavens and the flight of Angels". Go in peace Maria and know that you are loved, now and forever.

Veronica Olivas - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TK

“ Maria, to know you was to love you. Always so friendly and kind you are greatly missed by so many

Tara Gonzales Keys - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JU

“ Ray and Marlana, my heart aches for your loss. I have such fond memories of baby sitting Michelle, Billy , and Mariah during my teenage years. You will all be in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely,
Jeanne Manalo Ulrich

Jeanne Manalo Ulrich - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ So very sorry for your loss. Lots of love and prayers for your entire family.

Sadie Koehler - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Dear Ray, Marlana and family, I am so sorry to learn of the passing of Maria. May you feel the presence of God and His comfort as you walk through this very difficult time.

Cheryl Paget - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Cetera, Tallon and Winter and your family: On behalf of your Wellington Middle School family who loves you: we will hold you up on the wings of Eagles as you face this world without your mom. Know that so many people love you and believe in you all. We think you are amazing and we always have!

Alicia Durand - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Dear Marlana and family, It was with great sadness that I read Tim Ashburns email concerning Maria's death. I can't imagine the pain and heartache you are going through. Please know that I will be lifting your family up in daily prayer as you work through your grief? Hugs to everyone especially Ray and Billy, Kay wall Adams

Kay Wall Adams - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Our hearts and souls ached for losing you and have your family on our minds and in our hearts forever. Our love, prayers and friendship to the entire family and to our community in this time of loss and sorrow. Sincerely, Berney, Sadie, Tim, Timmy and Justine Tafoya

Tafoya Family - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ To her Children and Family. I am so sorry for your loss. I am thinking of all of you during this very difficult time. Know she loved each and everyone of you very much. Rest In paradise my friend....

Shaleen Schlatter - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ My deepest sympathies to the families and especially the children. I will always remember Maria's beautiful smile, and I have known Jamie since he was in elementary school with my son. My love to Rita and Maria's parents

Teresa Shively - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ *Marlena, we are so sorry to hear of the loss of your daughter, Maria. Please know you have a loving and supportive community to help you through your time of grief when you return to Alaska and Talkeetna Elementary School. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Mary Ostermick - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *To Maria's family: I remember Maria being the happiest little girl I had ever met. John and I came for a visit the summer after we were married 1979. We were awakened one morning by singing outside our window. When we looked out, Maria was sitting under a tree singing and pouring cups full of sand over the cat. What a wonderful memory of a beautiful, happy girl. Maria had a very loving, giving, forgiving and compassionate heart. She has raised 3 teenage children with that same heart. It is now up to them to show Mystrie their mother's heart. Maria will forever be missed. My prayers are with each of you. May your memories be a comfort to you. Love you!!!*

Kate Friend - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TD

“ *Ray & Bill, Condolences from our family to yours. Todney*

Todd Dangerfield - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ *Our prayers go out for the children and family. We are truly sorry for your loss.*

Jim and Kim Barnes - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“Michelle, Joe, and all of Maria's family, I can only say that you will all be kept in my prayers for comfort. You are special people, and I want you to know that if I can do anything to help out now or later please let me know. Hugs to you all!

Karen Boehler - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AM

“I attended school with Maria and our daughter has attended school with Cetera. I will always recall Maria's lovely smile. Our prayers and hearts are with your family.

Angel McDaniel - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AS

“Bill and Ray, I'm so very sorry about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

April Horne Sadler - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

T-

“Maria our Angel you will always be. The moment you died my heart was torn in two. I'm blessed to have all our beautiful childhood memories and with pride I speak your name. Though life goes on without you, it will never be the same. Tell Grandma and Uncle Dave hello for me. I will always hold all of you close to my heart until the joyous day arrives when we all meet again.

Tina Dillon -Wiley - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ This is such a hard thing for your family to deal with. We just want you all to know that are thoughts are prayers are with all of you. Maria was such a fun person to be around, we really enjoyed our time spent with her. Camping among other things. She will be missed.

Laurie & Craig Bath - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ The world has lost one of the most remarkable persons I have ever known! From the very day I met Maria, she was always so happy, smiling and full of life. Her family meant the very world to her and she would beam just talking about her kids. Life always throws us curve-balls, but you would never know Maria was going through anything hard, as she was still that happy, hopeful and joking person I grew to love. My thoughts and prayers goes out to Maria's family! To her children, Cetera, Winter, Tallon, Mystrie.....your mom loved you all so much and was so proud of all of you!! I know she is watching over you and will be always. I love and miss you, Maria!

Pam Greene - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ well,I heard about the twins before I met her when they were born,then I met her and the twins,Iknow chris truly loved her,she was such a happy person,what a loss to her family & friends.she will be never be forgotten,God Bless,love&prayers

John& colleen milner - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Such a sad thing to happen. We will miss the WONDRFUL,HAPPY,SMILING Maria. We have the memories but the VOID she left in our hearts will hard to fill. GOD BLESS YOU

Mark Macklin - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dear Ray, Marlena, Michelle and Billy, My deepest sympathy for your family's tragic loss. My thoughts are with you. Toni Farquhar

Toni Farquhar - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ You will be missed

duane Brown - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ I can say nothing that hasn't already been expressed. My thoughts and prayers to all of her family

Randy Pratt - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Our deepest sympathy goes out to the family of Maria. We are very sadden by the loss of your loved one and wish you peace during this difficult time. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.

Bret & Janet Martin - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ Ray and family, we are so sorry to hear of your loss. It is clear that Maria was a bright light that touched many people. Although she will be dearly missed by all of those around her, she will continue to be present in the memories left behind. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.

Jay and Chris Pigg - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Maria was a dear soul and touched the hearts of everyone who met her, if only briefly. Her gentle and caring ways shone brightly. My thoughts and prayers are sent in love to her friends, family and especially, her children.*

Linda Burrous - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Ive known Maria for many years. had the opportunity to work w her the past 10 months at cantina liquors. she is one of the sweetest people I've known. always had a smile on her face. she is going to be missed by many people. my prayers go out to her family and especially her children.*

terri westover - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ *Robert and I are so sorry for the loss of this beautiful soul!We will miss seeing her sweet smile at the The Cantina. Praying for some sort of peace for her children and the rest of the family. Robert and Kelly Cromer*

Kelly Cromer - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS OUR LOVE AND SUPPORT!
ALWAYS AND FOREVER!MARIA WAS LIKE A SISTER TO ME!
WE ARE SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS! ALWAYS LOVED AND
NEVER FORGOTTEN! LOVE,SHAUNA AND BIANCA*

SHAUNA AND BIANCA CLARK - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Ray, Debbie and family - I am so sorry for your loss. "Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy". My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Marcee McLain - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ I am so sorry for your loss but I found this and it made me think of her. Don't stand by my grave and weep, for I am not there, I do not sleep, I am a thousand winds that blow, I am the diamond's glint on the snow, I am sunlight on ripened grain, I am the gentle autumn's rain, Don't stand by my grave and cry, I am not there, I did not die. - by Unknown Native American Sending all my love and prayers to my family out there through this horrible time.

Hillary Graham - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Ray and Bill, Please know our thoughts and prayers of comfort and courage are winging their way to you and your families. Much love, Judy and Matt Wagar

Judy and Matt Wagar - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ We are so saddened to hear of your loss. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and hearts.

Rachel & George Hopper - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Wellington will never be the same! Our entire family will miss your sweet smile and onery laugh... So long for NOW...

Bill & Stephanie Bodkins - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ We are very sad to hear about this tragic news! We knew the whole family from living in Wellington! I also went to school with the kids. I never once saw Maria without a smile! She was a beautiful lady!
With love, The Conleys

Kaylea Conley - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Sweet Maria, I will always remember those days when our kids went to preschool together and we were both living in Laporte! So much fun hanging out with you and Chris. Memories to be cherished, huge hugs to Chris, Cetera, Winter, Tallon and Mysterie.
XOXOXOXOXO.....

Michelle & Dusty Kreuzer - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Words are hard to find at this time, but we want your entire family to know that our thoughts are with you at this very difficult time. Our hearts go out to you and we are sending positive thoughts your way.

Al and Sheryl Archuleta - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ To Maria's family we send our thoughts and prayers to you all at this difficult time of so much sadness. Maria was such a stellar woman, with her huge and loving personality and wonderful smile. Knowing her brought sunshine into our lives. We will miss her dearly, but know that she now looks down upon us all from the heavens, free from life's struggles and woes. Our hearts go out to all of her family with our deepest sympathy and condolences.

Tom & Marnie Murray - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ We will miss your wonderful smile and your wonderful personality , always a smile and a kind word every time we saw you. love and prayers to the family.

Dave & Janey Dixon - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ God gained a beautiful angel when he took you up tp heaven and oh how you will be missed! May you have eternal peace friend! My prayers for the family and for those sweet babies!

Carrie Alcalá - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Sweet Maria, I loved having you in class as Cache la Poudre Junior High. Thanks for being my friend on FB, where I could follow you in the years that followed. My heart breaks for your family. You were truly a gifted and beautiful person.

Jan Carpenter - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ My Deepest condolences and Sympathied God Bless you all.

Jimmie Ramage - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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LK

“ God bless you Maria...you have been Tanas and my friend for a long time..Tana misses your laugh. .I miss hearing...Lori must be here..it smells wonderful. .lol..we will see you again my dearest love...heaven has a dear angel...

Lori Kruse - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Sweet Maria, I will miss our little chats & your pretty smile! May your children & loved ones find comfort & strength during this tragic time! God bless!

Mary Castaneda - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EO

“ I want to thank you Maria for raising 4 beautiful children, 3 of them with my bother, Chris. Your love of life and unconditional love lives on in your children. I know things were not always easy, but you will always remain in my heart and every time I look at your children, I will know that you and my brother raised them with love! I will always see both of you in them and I will always be there to support them. Thank you for loving all animals, like you, they provide unconditional love and I don't know any other way to live without them. We will help take care of Ralphie and Lulu and will always try to be there for the kids and my brother. God bless you and may you always be that guardian angel you made me believe in! We love you! Liz and Mike

Elizabeth Olivas - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Maria's Family, My heart felt condolences go to you and everyone who knew Maria. I am truly sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. God Bless you all.

Lisa HernandezSwackhammer - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Our condolences to your family and those beautiful children. Kiss them every night. Joe & Liz

Liz Ostertag - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Dear Family, there are no words to tell you how sorry I am for your loss. I pray God will surround you with family and friends who can bring you comfort and many happy memories of your loved one. Keeping you in prayer. Mrs. Cardona

Paula Cardona - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CA

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Carrie Alcalá - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Your bright and smiling face will be sorely missed. Our prayers and thoughts are with Maria's family.

Joaquin & Patricia Garcia - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Hello, and our most sincere condolences to all. Kyle worked with Cetera at Subway, and we both have known Maria for many years through school, and Wellington happenings... We would very much like to express to the entire family that we are so so very sad about Maria's passing. Lisa and Kyle Smith

Lisa and Kyle Smith - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ *Maria, my sweet little sis. I will forever miss you. You are the sister I never had, but was so blessed that you became a part of my life when I fell in love with-your "Big Sis". You were a wonderful person who accepted all for their differences and loved all the same no matter what they stood for. I learned so much from the way you loved unconditionally, my hope is I can be more like you. You always helped others stand tall and you were willing to support in the name of love. I cannot image how our life will be without you, I love you more than any words can ever say. My sweet Maria, I will always, always remember our beautiful sweet Maria. I miss you too much already!! I can only say my life was blessed because you were a part of me. Love you, Joe*

Joe Ahlbrandt - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Marlena, Tallon, and all family of Maria~ My heart is broken for you. But I know that your daughter and mother is safely home now. You will be with her again in time. Until then, her spirit will always stay with you and keep watch over you. With Love~ MarySue Ehrlich*

Mary Ehrlich - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *I remember your three children running into Cantina Liquor store you opened your arms to hug them and they came running to you. Let your wings comfort them in the next days to come... You will be missed sweet Maria*

Joy Solis - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Maria may you rest in paradise! You were such a sweet person with an infectious smile. I pray for comfort & peace to your children & loved ones!*

Crystal Sikorsky - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Maria we will forever miss you . You were a great friend and employee. You were our second employee at Cantina. I still remember the day I hired you. You walked in when we were very busy so I yelled Maria get behind the counter your hired! Great beginning to a super relationship. You will be sorely missed*

Bert Mccaffrey - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AT

“ *All the words that come to me seem so inadequate... Maria is missed by many and loved by so many! My heartfelt prayers to her friends and family. I miss you sweetie, give me a sign if there is a unicorn in heaven ;*

Abbie Thomas - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *To Maria's family you know we loved her as our own daughter we are grieving with you in her loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all of you that God will heal your pain and give you strength at this very sad time for all of you. Know that we love you all. May God be with you.*

Larry and Thelma Slocum - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *Maria had a beautiful Soul. I was proud to know her. My condolences and prayers are with her family and many friends.*

Laurie Betz - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *The smile you always had on your face and your bubbly personality always made me smile when I saw you. : I have known you for years and it's so hard to believe you are gone. You will be dearly missed Maria! May you rest in eternal beautiful peace like you so deserve :*

Candice McCaffrey - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Maria I hope you have the love in heaven that you shared here on earth. I know several loved ones waiting for you. Our wonderful family that you left behind will always love you. We will remember all the kind and loving things you did for them. I remember when Uncle Dave passed that the only thing that mattered was the love he left behind and the love we sent to him. The same goes for you. We will always have the love you shared with everyone. Know we will always send love to you. Smile down on us. Our hearts will always be full of you. I love you Maria, I'm sorry I can't say it to your face. I will love you forever and like you for always. Nanny Aunt Di*

Diana Friend - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *God's speed for her loving and beautiful soul! Prayers, blessings and peace to the family! Our kids have grown up with your kids and are saddened by their loss. We wish you all the good memories today and forever. In heaven....we meet again!*

The Cooley's - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ One should always keep in mind; that a memory is but a day behind. Of days gone past both bad and good; and so we dream, as dream we should. But one should always keep in mind that memory is but a day behind; So live for today with all it's Joy & sorrow for today is the memory we may dream of tomorrow. May you soar with eagles & sleep amongst angels-- protect us from above, we'll continue protecting down here those that you love!-god bless u Maria live in eternal peace! Xoxo

Jessica davenport - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ I can't put into words what I am feeling, all I can say is I love you and I will miss you sooo much! You are one of the brightest stars I see now!

Tammie - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Maria, I will always remember you as one of our hard working employees at Cantina. We were so lucky to have a good employee who treated our business as their own. It's going to be hard to go into that store now and not see you there. But I will always have good memories of you and your dedication to our business. May you rest in peace and may God watch over your beautiful children until you meet again. Mary McCaffrey

Mary McCaffrey - February 10, 2014 at 12:00 AM