



## Esther Lopez

January 4, 1935 - April 12, 2013

Esther M. Lopez passed away on April 12, 2013, visualizing meeting our Lord Jesus, and his mother, our Blessed Virgin Mary. Mrs. Lopez is survived by her husband, Lupe Lopez Jr. They were married October 10, 1953, at Immaculate Conception Church in Albuquerque. They were blessed with five children, eldest Jody L. Patterson who was deceased April 14, 2013 and husband, Willie Patterson, their two children, Diana and Jeffrey Patterson, Diana's children, Ernesto (Nesto) and Marissa Padilla, Jeffrey's two children, Jocelyn and William (Buddy) Patterson; second daughter Barbara A. Lopez and sons, Anthony Vitale and Jordan and Matthew Regenie; third daughter, Dr. Mary D. Lopez; son, Clifford J. Lopez and his son, Christopher Lopez. She was preceded in death by her youngest son, Richard A. Lopez; her parents, Clifford and Nancy Morelock; her brother, Malaquias Olvera, and sister, Dorothy White. Mrs. Lopez is also survived by her sister, Priscilla and brother-in-law, Max Gonzales; her sisters-in-law, Priscilla and Esmeralda Lopez and Rosalie Muniz; comadre Stella Miller; numerous nieces and nephews including Kathy Mercer and husband, Monte Mercer who traveled several times from Texas to care for her and Jody during their illness, and Nancy Montoya and Anna Cupich who spent many hours at the hospital and Hospice and family friend, Samia Hindi. She is also survived by her much loved relatives from Colorado Mickey and Tony Espinosa and their children and grandchildren, and by her Godchildren, Orlando Olvera, Anna Cupich, Anna Christine Balderas, Michael White, Yvette Aguirre, and Brian Aguirre. Mrs.

Lopez cherished her family, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren who called her “Abie” as they could not pronounce “Abuela” – grandmother in Spanish. She looked forward to seeing her family every chance she got. Mrs. Lopez was raised by her Aunt, Pacomia Espinosa in her early life. Together with her cousins, they relocated from Colorado to California to work in the factories to support the war effort. Mrs. Lopez babysat with children a little younger than herself while their parents worked in the factories. She rejoined her family in Albuquerque in the 1940s. She attended Washington Middle School, Albuquerque High School and graduated from Saint Mary’s in 1952. During her teens she worked in stores in Downtown Central. In her married life she worked at a company that provided music to restaurants by remote service. She saved enough money to buy their first car, a 1950 Plymouth, while her husband was in England on a three month rotation. While her husband was assigned to Sandia Base on two tours, she worked on various elections and took pride in her work. While her husband worked in D.C., she volunteered at the Ft. Belvoir Library. Mrs. Lopez and their growing family accompanied her husband on assignments to Spain, Panama and Argentina. Mrs. Lopez loved her military life and helped her husband in his career, from which he retired as a Chief Master Sergeant. Mrs. Lopez and her husband were very active at the Shrine of Saint Bernadette’s church ministries. At one time, she belonged to the Altar Rosary Society, the Baptismal Ministry, the St. Vincent DePaul Ministry and was in the first appointed group of Eucharistic Ministers. She also joined and met with Bible Study groups. In Panama, she was an active member of the Beta Sigma Phi. Esther enjoyed a full life with her family. She bowled in many leagues including the Grandmother League in Albuquerque. She loved the Dallas Cowboys and the UNM Lobos. She also attended many soccer games of her daughter, sons and grandchildren and great grandchildren. We miss her so much, and are so sad to see her go. On a visit by a member of the Anna Kaseman Hospice group, Regina asked Mrs. Lopez what she thought about death. Esther answered, “I am looking forward to meeting Jesus and his

Blessed Mother, "The Blessed Virgin Mother." It was said with such a profound expression in her eyes. Rosary will be recited Friday, April 19, 2013, 6:00 p.m. at FRENCH – Lomas. A Communion Service will be Saturday, April 20, 2013, 9:00 a.m. at The Shrine of St. Bernadette Catholic Church, 11401 Indian School Road NE. Enrichment will take place Monday, April 22, 2013, 2:15 p.m. at Santa Fe National Cemetery. The Lopez Family wishes to thank the Anna Kaseman Hospice team for the wonderful care they took of Esther. Thanks also for the rapport she maintained with Dr. Joseph Lopez, Dr. Tarakji, and her primary home hospice nurse, Karen Jentzen. LOPEZ, ESTHER M. PATTERSON, JODY L. Deceased April 2013 The Lopez and Patterson families are grateful to so many for the love and support during this sad period. The Shrine of St. Bernadette, St. Stephens UMC, Kaseman Hospice, and French Funerals were most helpful. Thanks to Samia, Flo (and helpers) for the reception at the church and for the reception by St. Stephens. Thanks to Shelly of Santa Fe for reception for family and friends after interment.

# Tribute Wall

RP

“*Lupe, May it comfort you to know my friend that, your loved ones are safe in God's care now, and that friends are praying for you in your time of sorrow. As you comprehend this untimely and profound loss of family members so close together, let yourself cry knowing each tear is a note of love rising to the heavens. Each time we embrace a memory, we meet again with those we love for the heart never forgets. Gone from our sight, but never our memories. Gone from our touch, but never our hearts. With deepest sympathy, on your losses, Barbara and I will pray for you and your family Your amigos from the 871st AC&W*

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**Ron and Barbara Parmeter** - April 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SG

“*Dear Barbara and Family: I was so sad to read about your losses. We were honored to have spent time with your family and witnessed the love you all had for each other and not only that but how you were always there for each other, even toward the end when I saw you at the ER with Jody. Such love will be passed on forever! Love and prayers, Suzie*

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**Suzie and Shawn Gaffney** - April 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

LD

“*My wonderful Aunt Ester is now an angel and no longer in pain. My deepest condolences to my Uncle Boy and my dear cousins. Just know that she is in a good place now with her beloved mother, brother, sister, grandson and daughter.*

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**Lorraine (Olvera) DaSilva** - April 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ To Barbara Lopez and the entire Lopez family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time of loss. May you find comfort in your faith and with your family during this time.

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**Beth Barrett** - April 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ Barbara & Lopez Family, Please accept my sincere and heartfelt condolences for the loss of your mom. Moms are the heart of the family. I pray for peace and comfort for your family, now and for the hard times ahead.

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**Michelle Edwards** - April 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ To Nino, Lopez Family, and Patterson Family. Your Wife, Mother and Daughter Lives On In You She lovingly nurtured you when you were small and guided you as you grew. Her attitudes, values, hopes, and dreams became a part of you. And though she is gone, her love for you remains, and always will... your wife, mother, and daughter lives on within your heart, and their spirit will guide you. Embrace the love they left you and this will be a source of strength and comfort for you now. With my deepest condolences and may God Bless You all. Love Jerry, Vicki and Family

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**Jerry, Vicki and Family** - April 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ I was so very blessed to have Nina as my Godmother. She will always be with me spiritually and in my heart as I have fond memories of time spent with her and Nino. Her patience with me and Cliff as we got into trouble on Love Avenue was to be commended. I love you Nina.

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**Michael White** - April 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ Our Love and Prayers go out for Esther and for Lupe and his whole family with our sincerest condolences.

Ernest & Priscilla Padilla Griego - April 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ My Deepest Condolences to the Family my prayers are with you.

Constance Carr - April 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ I did not know Mrs. Lopez that much but I am an employee of her daughter Mary Lopez. I am sorry for the family's loss but she is happy and with the lord and savior now, no longer suffering. may his embrace hold the family during this tough time

Amanda Rammelsberg - April 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Good bye to a lovely lady who was much loved by her family. She will be sorely missed.

Jane Burnette - April 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Sending our deepest sympathy's! I know you will miss Mrs. Lopez!Heaven has gained another angel now!

Karen and Jim King - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ With our deep sympathy to Lupe and family.

Bob & Marge Cumby - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ To the Lopez Family my you are in my prayers Ester was a great Wife, Mother Grandmother and will be missed, All my loveRoberta and Family

Roberta McEachern - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Lupe we are sadden by the news that you have lost both Esther and your daughter. You will be in our prayers. Let us know anytime we can help with anything.

Jim & Ginny Rollins - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Lupe, Nell and I send our deepest condolences to you and your family. You are in our Prayers.

John and Manuela Heil - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ My most sincere condolences to the Lopez family. May Our Lord comfort you in the knowledge that she is now in the arms of Our Father.

Dolores Washburn - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ On behalf of the Gonzales family, Wally and I want to express our sincerest condolences on the passing of your wife and daughter. May the peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and family at this sorrowful time in your life. God bless you always, Julian (Orderly Rm guy, 871st AC&W Sq, 1961-1962)

Julian & Wally Gonzales - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CA

“ My condolences at the home going of your life partner.

Cliff Autry - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ Lupe, you and your family are in our thought and prayers. It was such a pleasure getting to know Esther. She was indeed a special lady. We are thankful she and Jody are at peace and with each other once again. God bless you all!!

Eulie and Cindy Eulenbach - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ To your family we give our deepest condolences. You qwill always be in our thoughts and prayers. Esterwas a great friend and she will be missed.Ann and Dick

Ann and Dick Sunbury - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Both of us are saddened to learn that not only have you lost Esther but your daughter also. The Lord has put a heavy burden on your shoulders, Lupe. But know this, that our prayers are with you and your family. If we can help in any way, please let us know.

Jack & Jimmie Goodman - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Sorry for your loss. Your probably don't remember me, but I was at 871st 62 63. Carol and I will remember your family in our prayers.....

Ken and Carol Nunley - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

G5

“ *My deepest sympathy.*

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**Gerry Beane-871st 58-60** - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Dear Family, We were so saddened to hear of Esthers passing. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Our sincere condolences. Jim and Jill Neu, Eric & Chris*

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**Jim and Jill Neu** - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KG

“ *Thoughts and prayers to you all. She was a great lady and will be truly missed!*

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**Kim Giangola** - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Our deepest condolences to Lupe and the rest of the the family. Esther was a wonderful lady who will be missed by members of the 871st AC&W. Our lives were enriched by knowing her. Heaven has been joined by another angel.*

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**Pete & Carla Torrez** - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RO

“ *To the family I give my deepest condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Diana, Ernie, Nesto & Marrison I love you.*

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**Renee Ortega** - April 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

FD

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.*

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**Francisco Delgado** - April 15, 2013 at 12:00 AM