



## Lorraine Duran

March 22, 1930 - May 23, 2015

Lorraine Duran Burns died Saturday May 23, 2015 with her large family of loved ones by her side. Lorraine was born March 22, 1930 in Penasco, New Mexico to Dionicio and Bersabe (Ortiz) Duran. Lorraine graduated from Penasco High School in 1948 and then worked for two years as Secretary to the Penasco High School Superintendent, the late Mr. Alfredo Romero. She then attended two years of Business College in Albuquerque after which she enlisted in the US Air Force where she worked at the Pentagon for four years during the Korean War. After her four-year tour of duty she moved to Los Angeles, California where, for thirty years, she was Administrative Assistant to the late Mr. Robert Williams, First Interstate Bank Legal Counsel (now Wells Fargo Bank). Lorraine and her husband moved to the North Valley in Albuquerque twenty-five years ago. They are members at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Lorraine was the best. She was a classy lady, was always a generous and loving person, even as she struggled bravely with the painful effects of Parkinson's disease. Lorraine is now flying higher and higher. Lorraine was a good soldier of God, Family and Country. Gramma Rain, Aunt Lorraine, La Loreh will be missed but loved forever here and in the hereafter. Lorraine is our hero.

Lorraine is survived by her caring and loving husband, James Burns; her three step-daughters, Kim Burns, Karen Hernandez (John), Karla Dillenberg (Brett); and six grandchildren. Lorraine is also survived by six loving siblings: Delia Garcia, Billy Duran (Dora), Frank Duran (Anna Marie), Clarence Duran

(Carol), Luisa Duran (Dave), and Dolores Klingbeil; and by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents; her brothers, Onesimo Duran (Elsie) and Alberto Duran (Marge); her favorite Tia Lina and Tio Luz Lopez and many other good aunts and uncles; Delia's late husband Daniel Garcia; Clarence and Carol's son Michael Duran; and her niece Bernadette's husband Charles Pacheco.

The family will receive and greet friends from 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 31, 2015 at FRENCH-Wyoming followed by a Rosary service beginning at 5:00 p.m. also at FRENCH – Wyoming. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12:00 p.m. on Monday, June 1, 2015 at Risen Savior Catholic Community, 7701 Wyoming Blvd. NE. Interment will follow at 3:00 p.m. at Santa Fe National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, [www.michaeljfox.org](http://www.michaeljfox.org).

# Cemetery Details

## Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe St.  
NM 87504

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 31. 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

FRENCH Funerals - Cremations (Wyoming)  
7121 Wyoming Blvd NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109  
(505) 823-9400  
<https://www.FrenchFunerals.com>

## Rosary

MAY 31. 5:00 PM (MT)

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7121 Wyoming Blvd NE  
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## **Mass of Christian Burial**

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JUN 1. 12:00 PM (MT)

Risen Savior Catholic Community  
7701 Wyoming Blvd. NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109

# Tribute Wall



“ *French Funerals created a Tribute Video in memory of Lorraine Duran*



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**FRENCH Funerals & Cremations** - May 29, 2015 at 04:53 PM

BM

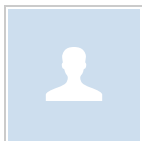
“ *To Louisa Duran*

*Le Roy and Dora Ortiz called and wanted you to know how sorry they were for your loss. They are in Houston and will be unable to attend the services, but wanted you to know why they weren't there.*

*FRENCH - Wyoming*

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**Brandon Morrison** - May 31, 2015 at 06:54 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Lorraine Duran.*



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May 31, 2015 at 01:48 PM



“ *My best memories of Aunt Lorraine are from when I lived in California. Jim and Lorraine were wonderful to me and welcomed me into their home for a time. Aunt Lorraine always seemed to me to have an open heart, always loving and giving. She was incredibly comforting to me when a few years ago, I called to tell her Dad (Albert Duran) had passed. Her grace as a woman always was an example and inspiration to me.*



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**Lorene Wales** - May 31, 2015 at 11:45 AM



“ *Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Lorraine Duran.*



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May 31, 2015 at 05:30 AM

SB

“ Dear Aunt Lorraine,  
Your life brought so many memories to mine and my family. Your gentle personality, beautiful smile, and joyous laughter will always stay with me in my heart. It was always so obvious how much my father, Clarence, loved his big sister. He was always so happy to see you and have our family spend time with you. We loved visiting you and Jim in California and New Mexico. Time with you and Jim meant good food, exciting stories, and relaxing. You always made our family feel so welcome with your classy style and thoughtful hospitality.

Now, I pray for your eternal life in heaven where you may find peace, comfort, and rejoice with your beloved ones who await you there. While your soul rises to heaven, your spirit remains here with the lives you touched.

Jim you were such a devoted and loving husband to Aunt Lorraine. Your love and commitment to each other was a true love story. My prayers to you and your daughters.

Love,  
Sandra, Richard, Taylor and Brett

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**Sandra Duran Bigelow** - May 30, 2015 at 10:49 PM

DD

“ Delia, Billy, Frank, Clarence, Luisa, and Dolores purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Lorraine Duran.



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**Delia, Billy, Frank, Clarence, Luisa, and Dolores** - May 30, 2015 at 11:28 AM

DD

“ *Delia, Billy, Frank, Clarence, Luisa, and Dolores purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Lorraine Duran.*



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**Delia, Billy, Frank, Clarence, Luisa, and Dolores** - May 30, 2015 at 11:20 AM

GM

“ *Aunt Lorraine,  
Thank you for being such an awesome Aunt.  
Your love and kindness was always felt when  
you walked in a room. When I was little and  
you would come visit from CA, I would get so  
excited that you were in Penasco. I also remember when I first  
moved to Las Vegas and I flew to CA to keep you company while  
you drove to NM. The time I spent with you on that road trip was  
special. Again, thank you for your love to every one. We will take  
care of Uncle Jim for you, although now you can do better from up  
above 😊  
Love, Geraldine*



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**Geraldine Martinez** - May 30, 2015 at 11:13 AM

LD

“ Aha! Now we know who the favorite aunt is, Lorraine. Did you see all the love from our nieces and nephews? With a broken heart I have now written a nice Eulogy for you for Sunday evening. All has been prepared with great care and love from Jim, Dolores and all of us for a send-off that we hope reflects your spirit and would please your good taste. Ok, maybe just a bit more "varullo" fanfare than you would have liked, but you know how the rest of us Duran's like to show-off and brag. And It was right and proper to brag and honor you now, mi 'jita. Y no te olvidaremos nunca. Con mucho amor . . .

*Tu hermanita Luisa y David*

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**luisa duran** - May 30, 2015 at 10:23 AM

FW

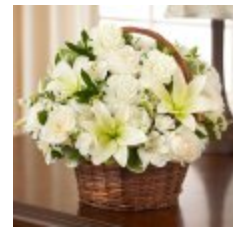
“ You will be missed Lorraine. You were the most gentle soul that I have ever known. I will always remember how nice and pleasant you were every time I saw you.  
*Frank "Bubba" Fast Wolf*

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**Frank Fast Wolf** - May 29, 2015 at 10:26 PM

ST

“ SCE BID Compliance Team purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White for the family of Lorraine Duran.



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**SCE BID Compliance Team** - May 29, 2015 at 10:25 AM

GD

“ *DuranBurns Families*

*Sad to know of your loss of Lorraine.... she was a true blessing and treasure in your lives... Her wonderful memories will provide the close connection and relationship with all of you forever...from her glorious resting place she will continue to always be there for you. Con carino, Geri y Ron*

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**Geraldine Rivera Dirks** - May 28, 2015 at 12:55 PM

RD

“ *Aunt Lorraine I will always remember you for the hospitality you and Uncle Jim showed us over the years. You always made us feel special when we stayed with you. One of my favorite memoires from my youth is visiting you in California when I was 14. You and Uncle Jim went out your way to show us a great time. Over the years your love, genorosity and kindness were felt by my wife (Leni) and children (Ernesto and Michael) as well. Thank you Aunt Lorraine and rest in peace.*

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**Rick Duran** - May 28, 2015 at 11:53 AM

CD

“ Lorraine - I miss you very much already! I spoke to you on Mother's Day ( May 10th) and now you are gone. However in my heart and mind you are very much with me. Last week when I saw you I said "Lorraine this is Clarence - I love you" and you replied saying " I love you too". When I last saw you on Thursday morning, once again I said " Lorraine I am leaving for Tucson - I love you very much". You again gently said "I love you". Hearing those beautiful words and feeling the love coming from you made my trip worthwhile. As I left you behind I felt a deep heartache knowing that I would not see you again. However, I felt some comfort knowing that Jim was there with you as he had been with you for so many wonderful years. I cannot forget you - for there are many happy memories! When I was a young man fighting fires in California I was able to spend special time with you. When I was on my way to Okinawa and also to Thailand I stayed with you. I am happy for those times. You will be remembered as a quiet, generous and loving sister. You and Jim have always been wonderful to me, Carol and the entire family. You are now in peace - no longer suffering. I want to thank God for having you as one of my sisters. Please pass my love to Mom, Dad, to Michael and to Albert and Oney. (Don't forget Tio Luz and Tia Lina) Love you forever, Clarence.

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**Clarence Duran** - May 27, 2015 at 10:08 PM

SP

“ Shirley Peterson  
a day ago

*I will miss my Auntie She was the kindest, soft spoken , and generous Auntie I could of asked for. For many years when I struggled as a single parent, she without fail year after year send me a beautiful gift that allowed me to provide Christmas for my children. She had impeccable taste in clothing which I benefited from when I was just getting started in the business world I blame her for my addiction to expensive clothes I was blessed by Aunt Lorraine in profound ways that I will never forget and I will continue to pay that forward. May you rest in peace Auntie and give my dad a big hug for me I love you and I am glad that you are not in pain anymore.*

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**Shirley Peterson** - May 27, 2015 at 09:22 PM

RU

“ Aunt Lorraine, you will be missed but I am glad you are not suffering anymore and that you get to be with grandpa, grandma, Uncle Oney, Uncle Albert and Michaeil and all the others that are home with our Father in Heaven. I always admired your beauty, strength, independence and kindness. I remember visiting you in CA a year after I graduated high school, I went to see a friend in Riverside but I think you were going to take me to the airport so I stayed the night with you and it was the first time I met Uncle Jim. You guys took me to dinner, I was grateful for your love and hospitality. Rest in Peace Aunt Lorraine, I love you!

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**Ruthie** - May 27, 2015 at 01:51 PM

CD

“ Dear Lorraine, my most beautiful memory of you is when shortly after Michael passed away and we visited with you and Jim, you led me to your living room to show me Michael's picture that you had placed there. During all of our subsequent visits I made it a point to pass by that special place in your living room. Michael loved you very much. Thank you for your generosity, kindness and love that you gave to my children and grandchildren. God Bless you. I know you are enjoying the beauty and peace of heaven that you so deserve and earned. Love, Carol

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**Carol Duran** - May 26, 2015 at 10:38 PM

DO

“ My beloved sister, what will I do without you? A part of me has gone with you and I will not be complete again until I join you, Albert, Oney, and Mom and Dad. Intercede for me, Lorraine, as you enter God's mysterious, everlasting, and loving embrace.

*I lived with Lorraine three different summers while I was in college. She got me a job every summer at the computer center of First Interstate Bank in Los Angeles. On weekends, she allowed me to sleep in until 1 in the afternoon! Eventually, she would wake me and say, "I was worried you were dead!" We went two or three times each summer to Mr. Williams' condo on the beach at Laguna Beach. And we always went to Dodger games! What incredibly happy times - and all because of my beloved sister, Lorraine. She could never give you enough - the most considerate and generous person I've ever known. This is just one of many, many wonderful memories. What did I do to deserve such a blessing as Lorraine?*

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**Dolores** - May 26, 2015 at 05:27 PM

SP

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**Shirley Peterson** - May 26, 2015 at 08:27 PM

BP

“*Aunt Lorraine was such a beautiful woman. She is going to be missed by all of us. Charlie and I went to visit her and Uncle Jim in LA in 1983. I remember they took us to a restaurant in Chinatown. I agree with Luella...she was very glamorous! She is now dancing with the rest of the gang in heaven!*

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**Bernadette Pacheco** - May 26, 2015 at 03:37 PM

LD

“ I loved my Aunt Lorraine. I remember when I was just a little girl, my parents took me to visit her in her swanky LA apartment. She had just met my Uncle Jim, but they had not moved in together yet. I thought she was so glamorous, independent and sophisticated. I wanted to be just like her. She had a profound influence on my life and my life choices. Later, she and Uncle Jim did move in together in different home, where they hosted us several more times before they moved to New Mexico. Aunt Lorraine and Uncle Jim would take us to the coolest restaurants and exposed me to new foods. Foods that I had never heard of, like Moo Shu Pork! One of my favorite dishes to this day. She was always so hospitable and generous. Never letting us pay for anything. We were so lucky to have her in our lives. And Tia, well she is now lucky to be with so many of our family, including her 4 parents, in a new special place, at peace and watching over all of us. If only I could have had one more Chinese dinner with her. Guess I will have to wait a little longer for that. Love and Kisses to you Tia! Luella



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**Luella D'Angelo** - May 26, 2015 at 03:31 PM

BM

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

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**Brandon Morrison** - May 26, 2015 at 12:06 PM