



Thelma Velez

February 27, 1933 - April 12, 2013

Thelma L. Velez, age 80, a lifelong resident of Albuquerque, passed away at her home on April 12, 2013, surrounded by her family. She is survived by her son, Mark Garrett and wife Kim of Albuquerque; grandchildren, Matthew, Tyler, and Kaitlyn Garrett of Albuquerque; her brothers, Johnny Johnson and wife Nancy of Phoenix, AZ, Phillip Johnson of Albuquerque, Gary Johnson and wife Gloria of Albuquerque, and many nieces and nephews living throughout the country. Thelma was preceded in death by her husband, Arnold Velez; and her beloved dog, Charlie. Thelma was a true native of Albuquerque. She was born on February 27, 1933 to her Navajo father John Bahe Johnson, and Acoma mother Josephine Hunt. She kept close ties to family in Acoma Pueblo, Santa Ana Pueblo, and Indian Wells, AZ. As a child she participated in many traditional ceremonies and parades. She was a graduate of Albuquerque High School, class of 1950. She was a dedicated civil servant with 36 years of service to the US Army, DOD DASA, US Air Force, with a majority of her career working as a senior investigator for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission. Memorial Services will be held Friday, April 19, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at FRENCH – Wyoming. For family or friends who wish, memorial contributions may be made to either The New Mexico Coalition for Literacy www.newmexicoliteracy.org, or Animal Humane of New Mexico www.animalhumanenm.org.

Tribute Wall

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“ I worked with Thelma at EEOC for a number of years. I was drawn to Thelma's dignity and strength and we became friends. After Thelma retired, we remained good friends. After I left EEOC and New Mexico, we remained good friends. Thelma kept asking me I was "coming home" to New Mexico; but, I had become attached to the Pacific Northwest. I know she understood. I will always remember and miss her. My sympathy to her family and other friends.

Nancy Roach - April 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ I worked with Thelma at EEOC, she was one of the nicest person I could have every met. It was a privilege to have known her. I want to give my sincere sympathy to her family.

Lisa Bonney - April 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Our hearts and prayers go out to you and our family.

Michael and Charlene Johnson - April 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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

Faith Miner - April 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM