



## Jean P. Arellano

December 5, 1943 - July 21, 2013

Jean Arellano, 69 of Ft Collins, CO, died July 21, 2013 in Loveland CO. Known by many as the fun and friendly 'lunch lady', loved by everyone she met at Lincoln and Poudre over the years. A memorial mass will be held at 11:00 on Saturday July 27, 2013 at St. Josephs Catholic Church 300 W. Mountain Ave, Ft Collins, a private interment will be in Grandview Cemetery following the services.

Jean Gonzales was born December 5, 1943 in Ft Collins to John and Mary Garcia Gonzales. She lived her whole life in Ft Collins, graduated from Ft Collins H.S. in 1961 and married Philip Arellano, the love of her life, on September 5, 1963. After 46 wonderful years of marriage, sadly Phil passed away four and half years ago.

Her job with Poudre R-1 began at Lincoln Jr. High shortly after both kids began school and concluded when she retired from Poudre H.S. as kitchen manager. She ran a successful yet casual catering business in her free time, organizing events, designing and making cakes for graduations, birthday parties and weddings.

Jean not only loved cooking and learning new techniques, she was also a very talented artist. When not creating or learning new things, she truly enjoyed people and all their diversities, a pioneer with an open mind and an open heart, and most of all, loved dancing with Phil.

Jean is survived by her daughter Cindy and husband Kyle Curran of Ft Collins; son Felipe Arellano and partner Richard Cooper of Denver; Brother Ronnie Gonzales; sisters, Lydia Gutierrez, Sylvia Gonzales, Ramona Wilson, Tania Jones, Ruby Olsen; and two grandsons, Cory and Robert. She was preceded in death by her husband Phil and a brother Jerry.

# Cemetery

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## Grandview Cemetery

1900 West Mountain Avenue  
Fort Collins, CO, 80521

# Events

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**JUL**   **Memorial Mass**   11:00AM - 12:00PM

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St. Joseph Catholic Church

300 W Mountain Ave, Fort Collins, CO, US, 80521

# Comments

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“ So sorry to hear of Jean's passing. She and Felipe were great neighbors all of these years. Condolences to all family members.

**Doug Wilkerson** - August 05, 2013 at 09:50 PM

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“ Sweet Jean,  
I am so grateful that the Divine blessed me with you big sister. I have so many good memories of you and realize you were there for all of the milestones of my life. Being the baby of the family, you took part in raising me. From braiding my hair when I was a little girl, to taking me to my first interview for a job right out of high school, I couldn't even drive yet. You and Phil let me have my 18th birthday party at your house. You came to get me on weekends to spend time with you in Denver, you took me to the Church of the Immaculate Conception and a vision of that church showed up in my dreams, just days before you left us. You demonstrated such strength and courage during these past 6 years, and I respect and honor that in you. I know at times having 5 sisters telling you what to do and how to do it was trying for you. I love you Jean and I know that your energy and light will continue to shine forever. Rest in peace dear heart....Much love, your little sister Tania

**Tania Jones** - July 26, 2013 at 09:46 AM

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“ All our thoughts and prayers to Jean and her family, Even though really didn't know you, between Jan and I we weaved in and out of your family since the '60s. The ones left behind are the one's who need the hugs.  
Denny Whitehead and Jan Thayer

**Denny Whitehead** - July 26, 2013 at 07:38 AM

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“ Jean, I'm so sorry you had to leave us so soon, but GOD must have wanted someone like you with a sense of humor. You will be missed dearly, your sisters who took such good care of you will miss you too. I'm sure glad we had a chance to visit, but it won't be the last time cause we will all unite at sometime or another when the dear LORD calls us home. Love you, Ida

**Ida Gonzales** - July 25, 2013 at 11:45 AM

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“ I moved to the city of Fort Collins to begin my first teaching job in 1984. I did not know a soul. Members of the Lincoln Junior High School community quickly became my family away from family. Jean Arellano was a light in my life each day. Jean and her niece, Lori Gutierrez, welcomed me to my new home and teaching career, quickly making it a school that I loved. I will never forget the difference Jean made in my life and the life of so many other staff members and students.

Karen McKee DeVries  
Lincoln Junior High School Choral Director 1984-1994

**Karen DeVries** - July 25, 2013 at 10:58 AM

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“ Fairwell my friend.. say hi to Debi and Phil for me. love and prayers to your family.

**Wendy Cohen** - July 25, 2013 at 09:32 AM

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“ To the Family;  
So very sorry to hear of Jeanie passing but happy that she is no longer suffering and is now in the arms of our lord. Dave and I remember her as a very beautiful women inside and out. Her smile was contagious.

May God bring peace to her family  
David and Toni Gallegos

**David and Toni Gallegos** - July 24, 2013 at 05:40 PM