



## Lucy M. Arevalos

December 28, 2021

Lucy Mary Arevalos, also affectionately called Lucia, Lucinda, La Luz, Vieja, and Old Woman, was born in Fowler, Colorado on March 4, 1927 to Luis Castaneda and Tomasa Salcido. She grew up and lived in Fowler until 1990 when she, her husband, and a small herd of cattle moved to Fort Collins, Colorado where she passed away at home under the loving care of her adult children and husband, Salvador, on Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

Mom and Dad married on December 20, 1948 and were together for 73 years. Dad knew she was the one from the first time he saw her. She stood out for how hard of a worker she was and for her singing voice while working. We have many memories of Mom singing the old and contemporary Mexican “Rancheras” and “Corridos” solo and with Dad in harmony. Singing was a gift she shared with family and friends. She continued to sing and hum until her voice became silent.

Mom’s greatest love and joy were being a Mother, Grandmother, and Aunt. Make no mistake, she was not an angel, she was not perfect. In a note she wrote to us, she admitted that she knew we did not always like her “old fashioned” parenting skills. While that was true, she succeeded in instilling in us to be hard working, respectful, responsible, and decent individuals. She also stressed the importance of setting and achieving goals and to never give up. As she would say in Spanish, “no te rajes”. She taught us well.

Mom loved her entire family. She always remembered and prayed for her parents and siblings who passed before her and had a special place in her big heart for her nephews and nieces. To many, she was their “favorite Aunt”, the aunt they could seek out for advice, share problems with, or just enjoy spending time with her. And no one who came to visit could leave the house and say good bye without receiving her special blessing.

She is fondly remembered for being fun loving, generous, caring, feisty, self-confident, forever young, and a very strong and independent woman. She had a sweet tooth for pies, cakes and cookies and savored her daily serving of vanilla ice cream. Mom was an animal lover having had numerous dogs and cats. Her two favorites were Linus (dog) and a stray

cat, Sam, that Mom and her granddaughter Carisa brought into the family. She was an avid sports fan of the Denver Broncos, the Colorado State Rams and the Colorado Rockies. She enjoyed watching ball games on TV and a few times at Coors Field but never forgave the Rockies for trading Galarraga.

Mom loved her family and our love for her will be forever. She was preceded in death by her parents, her first born infant son, Juan Ramon, siblings Frank, Consuelo Ramirez (Juan), Ruth Flores (Sam), Manual, Salvador, Louise, and in January 2021 by her beloved granddaughter, Carisa Kohutek (we know they are playfully arguing with each other in Heaven over who is prettier). Those immediate close family members remaining in life to keep her memory alive include her husband Salvador Arevalos, children Arturo (Peggy); Anna; Dale; Lenora; Lisa; granddaughter Alicia McGeer (Paul); and three great-grandsons Darien and Ashton McGeer, and Kaysen Kohutek (Daniel "Cain" Kohutek).

She considered Fowler home and will be laid to rest in the Fowler Cemetery alongside so many of her family members and long-time friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Lucy treated me like family! From the first day I met her until my last blessing I knew she loved me. She was the best cook I have ever known. Her Chile was amazing*  
*I wanted to learn to cook like her. I was so honored when she took me under her wing and taught how to make many great dishes. Her enchiladas and chili chicken were a few of our lessons together. Mine never even came close to hers. She would always encourage me and praise me. I tried to take notes when we cooked. How much is a pinch of this and a pinch of that, lol! She made making tortillas look so easy. I always "pinched" too much salt! Oh how Lucy loved her ice cream! I have enjoyed a bowl with her a time or two. When it came time for me to leave to go home I never left without Lucy giving me the blessing. Oh how I will deeply miss her Blessing. I love you Lucy and you will forever be in my heart.*

Shawn Pugel - January 05 at 10:35 PM

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*.Lenora, Anna, Lisa, and family. This is a wonderful description you wrote for your mother; you really honored her. It is clear her work-ethic, loyalty, and dignity lives on through her children. I pray for comfort of many many wonderful memories.*

Joel Stewart - January 08 at 12:50 PM

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*Anna, Lisa and family. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother and Anna, your daughter. To lose someone so close is very hard! Knowing you Anna and Lisa, she must of been a wonderful person because you certainly both were. I am sorry this condense is late, I just recently hear about this. I also know that her sing must of been grand, because yours Anna was so wonderful, I used to love listening to you and the apple does not fall far from the tree sometimes. My prayers are with you and your family. With Love Nora Cruz*

Nora Cruz - February 23 at 05:08 PM