



Jessica V. Barela Feltz

September 3, 2020

June 28, 1947-September 3, 2020

Our beloved Jessica V. Barela Feltz entered her eternal home in heaven on Thursday, September 3, 2020 with her loved ones by her side. As her health declined due to a terminal illness, she had a dream about her departed grandson Levi where she hugged him and told him how much she missed him, and he told her “Don’t be sad Grandma you will be joining us soon and it will be on a Thursday. At 12:01am on Thursday morning, our dear Lord called our beautiful Jessica home.

Jessica was born and raised in Fort Collins. She was the youngest of 10 siblings and she needed quick wit to keep up with her brothers and sisters. She graduated from Poudre High School in 1966. After high school she went to Bernal Beauty College and graduated in 1968. She married the love of her life Mike Feltz on May 1, 1971. They had two boys Mikey and Dennis, who she loved with all her heart. She managed her own beauty shop, Jessica’s Hairplace for many years which allowed her to be home with her boys as they were growing up. This also allowed for her to tend to the boys and all their school and sporting activities. She loved her boys, as they were her main priority. A true testament of her love was every hunting season she was right by their side even though she wasn’t fond of hunting. She had to be there to carefully watch and make sure they were all safe. She constantly bragged

about how handsome her boys were. Her boys loved her cooking and all of their friends did too. Her vacation snacks, chocolate chip cookies and her famous sunshine cake are legendary as recalled by family and friends

Jessica was known for her sense of humor and she was always the life of the party. She was very charismatic and always loved telling a good dirty joke. She had a strong ability to make friends and no one was a stranger when she was around. Jessica was extremely generous, and she had a gift to make others feel so loved. She was the favorite Aunt of the family and she found great joy from getting hugs and kisses from all of her nieces and nephews. When we think about the most joyous times in our lives and some of the saddest and she was always there. She was often the first one to arrive and sometimes the last to leave. She showed up for us and stood by our sides in the good times and bad. Jessica was known for not sugar-coating things and her honesty most of the time was one of her best qualities because we all knew it came from her heart. She was a fighter especially when it came to her family, we always knew she would protect us.

She was the first call if anyone in the family needed anything as we knew she would always be willing to help. Jessica has been the rock of the family and has kept us all connected through the years. She was so proud of her family and everyone knew it. She always greeted us with bright eyes, her sweet smile and a "hi honey!" which always made us feel so special and loved. She was sweet, funny and feisty! Jessica always knew how to put a personal touch with gift giving and she had the best taste. She loved to tease and embarrass people. Jessica had strong debating skills and always spoke her opinion. but it was all out of love. If we got mad during one of these teasing sessions, Jessica would tell us "you need to get mad and then get glad." Little did we know she was preparing us for life. Don't take things too seriously and we all need to have a sense of humor. Life is too short.

She enjoyed traveling with her husband across the United States in their 5th wheel camper, she loved cooking and spending time with family. She enjoyed playing cards and slot machines. She loved watching her boys play sports and hosted so many large family gatherings. Jessica was the best hostess and knew how to throw a fun party. It was always a treat going to her house because we knew good times and lots of laughs were going to be had by all! Everyone was welcomed and made to feel at home. We will always remember the Friday night dinners/rosaries as a family.

She was strong in her Catholic faith and it was very admirable. Through her actions and words she emulated her Christian faith. Jessica held tightly to this faith especially during difficult times and this helped keep her optimistic even when challenges presented themselves. Jessica was very proud of being Catholic and she encouraged others to take a look at their own faith.

Jessica is survived by her loving husband, Mike Sr., son Dennis (Nicole). Her grandsons Gabriel, Zane, Zakary, Ty and William. Her niece, Jan Barela-Smith (Ty Sr.), who she considered as her daughter. She had many nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly. They were all her favorites. She was blessed with a compassionate and thoughtful caregiver who is also one of her favorite nieces Mary Castaneda (Tony Rosalez). Her sisters were her first and closest friends: Barbara Gavaldon (Tom) and Judy Solano (Chuck). She loved her brothers Savino Barela (Carmen), John Barela (MariJean) and Bert Barela (Terry). She was preceded in death by her parents Mary and Manuel Barela; son Michael Levi Jr., grandson Levi; her brothers Manuel and Frank; twin sisters Mercella and Percella and great-nephew Remi.

A rosary will be held on Wednesday, September 16, 2020 at 7:00 pm at Saint Joseph Catholic church. A Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday, September 17, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. at Saint Joseph Catholic Church. Interment will be at

Grandview Cemetery. A reception will be held at Elks Lodge in Fort Collins after the graveside service. In Lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Boys and Girls Club of Larimer County.

Rosary and Mass will also be streamed live online at: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfTYqQ96sVNI3ED-UZFF0eA> or on facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/StJosephChurchFC/>

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

1900 West Mountain Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80521
<http://www.fcgov.com/parks/grandview.php>

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP 16. 7:00 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
300 W Mountain Ave
Fort Collins, CO 80521
<https://www.stjosephfc.org/>

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 17. 2:00 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
300 W Mountain Ave
Fort Collins, CO 80521
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Interment

SEP **17**. 4:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Jessica V. Barela Feltz

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ I have fond memories of being called a goat-head at our fun filled canasta card game nights!! When it was my turn Jess would say go ahead Marty, which turned into goat head hahahaha. Gonna miss that mighty fine green chile, laugh, jabbing, caring, hair cuts (ya I had hair back in the day) and on and on. True Friend if there ever was one, folks.

Mike, I'm so sorry for you I can't begin to express my thoughts. Love you My Friend May
God Bless you all.

Marty Gerlach - September 17, 2020 at 02:11 PM



“ Marty Gerlach lit a candle in memory of Jessica V. Barela Feltz



Marty Gerlach - September 17, 2020 at 02:04 PM

LB

“ As much as Aunt Jessie and I could talk and laugh together, I am speechless on what to say about losing her. The emptiness she's leaving here is so great, that it's hard to imagine life without her. I liked to tease her about how 'extra' she was - at dinner she was always asking for something extra. She was loving, happy, generous, and always ready to go anywhere. Missing her comes without saying. I just hope she's having a really great reunion in Heaven. Love, Leslie

Leslie Barela - September 14, 2020 at 10:45 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessica V. Barela Feltz.



September 14, 2020 at 10:29 PM

PV

“ Oh Mike; I'm so sorry to hear your loss of Jessica!! I knew her for years playing Bingo with her on North College. She was always so much fun to be around! She will definitely be missed! Prayers and thoughts to you and your family. 🙏

Patricia Venable - September 14, 2020 at 04:17 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Jessica V. Barela Feltz.



September 13, 2020 at 09:41 PM

AC

“ My Aunt Jessie was truly one of a kind. She had a heart of gold and loved her family like no other. I always looked up to her and wanted to be like her since I was a little girl. She was pretty and funny and she was the hip cool aunt. I wanted to look like her so I begged my mom for wire rim glasses just like hers and I was only in the 3rd grade! I loved being with her. And then she married my awesome Uncle Mike and had Mikey and Dennis. I loved babysitting for them. She always had the best chocolate chip cookies and pizza for us. She took me to get my ears pierced because I wanted pierced ears like hers for my 13th birthday. We spent the day together and made the best memories. We still laughed about how fun that day was. She was the best. No one could make me laugh more than her. She made me laugh so hard in church at Cameron's confirmation we embarrassed my husband Rick. We still laughed about that. We'd remember our fun times and then we'd laugh some more. Oh I will miss my Aunt Jessie. I will miss her jokes, her laugh. I will miss the life lessons she taught me. But mostly I will miss the beautiful person she was inside and out. I'm blessed that I got to call her my Aunt. I love you Aunt Jessie.

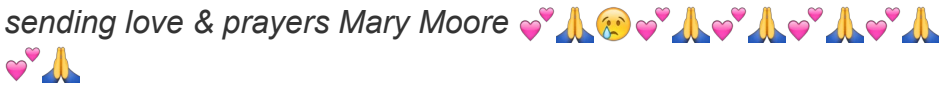
April Calder - September 12, 2020 at 05:56 PM

PF

“ So sorry Jessica is gone. All those memories. She always seemed to be taken back by my greeting to her Hi "Aunt Jessie" when in reality she was my sister-in-law. Fun times. Those jokes, I always wanted to remember some. Her life and humor are gone, but the memories will never fade.
Paul Feltz and Linda too

Paul Feltz - September 12, 2020 at 01:33 PM

MM

“ Sending prayers & love to all of Jessie’s family & friends she was such a beautiful lady inside & out .I know she will be greatly missed by all .She was always so kind to people &made them feel comfortable & what a great sense of humor .God bless you all sending love & prayers Mary Moore 

Mary Moore - September 12, 2020 at 01:41 AM

KL



“ Our deepest condolences go out to all of Jessica's family. She was a very beautiful and fun loving person. We will surely miss her laugh and her jokes.

Rest in peace Jessica.

Love from Joe & Kathy Lucero

Kathy A Lucero - September 11, 2020 at 02:23 PM

MB

“ my grandma jessie , i am sure going to miss you! i'll also miss your laugh, your beautiful smile, all of your funny jokes & your quick comebacks for everything. I always looked forward to coming to your house. it was a place filled with tons of love, lots of laughs & special memories. i find comfort in knowing you're no longer in pain & that you are rejoicing with your boys in heaven. love you grandma jessie, until we meet again 

melia barela - September 11, 2020 at 10:19 AM

MB

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i am sure going to miss you! i'll also miss your laugh, your beautiful smile, all of your funny jokes & your quick comebacks for everything. I always looked forward to coming to your house. it was a place filled with tons of love, lots of laughs & special memories. i was so blessed to have you in my life. i find comfort in knowing you're no longer in pain & that you get to be with your boys again. love you grandma jessie!
xoxo
melia

melia barela - September 11, 2020 at 09:31 AM

PH

“ Mike, Marcia and I send our condolences to you and the family. We remember Jessica from our State Forest Service retirement parties and other events and when we lived in the same neighborhood. Our sympathies while you go through this period of grieving. Also realize that Jessica will live on in your memories. Phil Hoefer

Philip Hoefer - September 09, 2020 at 12:34 PM

PA

“ Aunt Jessie, as a little girl I loved going to your house it was always filled with laughter and if I was lucky some of your homemade chocolate chip or ginger snap cookies. As I got older I knew I could go to you for honest advice no mincing of words you would just tell me like it was. Sometimes hard to hear, but it was always out of love. Years later I have my own 2 daughters who love their Grandma Jessie very much! They would take the teasing, the laughing & the joking just like the rest of the kids. They would get mad, get glad, laugh and ask if they could go back and see grandma Jessie. We are going to miss you so much. We are blessed we have so many beautiful memories of you. We take comfort knowing you are not in pain, no more suffering and we will all be together again someday.

Penny Sarah & Anna - September 08, 2020 at 11:15 PM

EP

“ Oh Mike, I just lost one more of my best friends to the Other Side. I have more people waiting for me there, than I have to wave me off on this side!! Jessica was one of the best friends I ever had. I loved her so! I DO understand your huge loss. She loved you so!



*Her across-the-street neighbor,
Evelyn Pilkington*

Evelyn Pilkington - September 08, 2020 at 08:56 PM

BB

“ Aunt Jessie,
Growing up I always looked forward to going to your house. We would order pizza and stay up late watching scary movies. Your smile, wittiness, sense of humor, and charisma was infectious. Your presence lit up any room. I will miss looking for you at St. Joe’s and meeting up after for breakfast. Truly blessed to be your Godson. I miss you, but you will never be forgotten. I love you!

B.C. Barela - September 07, 2020 at 06:09 PM

LB

“ Aunt Jessie always said it how it was, no sugar coating. I always appreciated that about her. There was always so much laughter happening when you were with her, never a dull moment. I am so thankful for the memories and fun times that we got to share with her. I am happy she is now with Jesus in heaven and at peace. Praise God for the love and light that he showed us through this beautiful soul. Rest In Peace Aunt Jessie.

Lacey Barela - September 07, 2020 at 05:25 PM

MJ

“ Merlyn J Jones lit a candle in memory of
Jessica V. Barela Feltz



Merlyn J Jones - September 05, 2020 at 12:01 PM

BA

Jessica my friend you will be missed. Especially your sense of humor and even in the bad times, your deep Christianity and optimism. Barb and Charlie.

Barb - September 06, 2020 at 10:34 AM

DS

Mike and Family , May the memories Jessie left help you through this time of sorrow and loss. She was truly a great person to be around and there were many fun hours spent in her hair salon solving all the problems of our families and the world. Thoughts and prayers with you.
Darlene Stout

Darlene Stout - September 06, 2020 at 12:01 PM

BS

Mike, we are so sorry to hear of the lost of your best friend and wife. The few occasions that we met Jessica was a warm and fun person to be around. We hope you can hold on to the many wonderful memories of your years together. Bob and Nancy Sturtevant

Bob Sturtevant - September 09, 2020 at 11:04 AM

MJ

“ *Jess will be missed by all of us. Many years of fun, laughter, memories, and togetherness, those time will always remain in our hearts.*

Merlyn J Jones - September 05, 2020 at 12:01 PM