



Vera J. Mancera

November 19, 1951 - June 21, 2023

In Loving Memory of Vera Jean Mancera (nee Martinez)

Vera Jean Mancera, aged 71, peacefully passed away on June 21, 2023, after a courageous battle with a long illness. Vera was born in Joliet, IL November 19, 1951 and was a lifelong resident. She leaves behind a legacy of love and cherished memories.

Vera was a remarkable woman who touched the lives of many through her friendly nature and active involvement in various social circles. Her love for travel and genuine interest in others' adventures made her even more likeable.

She was a proud member of the prestigious Red Hats Society, the Moose Lodge and Elks Lodge. Vera's love of line dancing led her to the Kingsway Kickers Country Dance Club, where she shared countless laughs alongside dear friends. They brought their dancing talents to various senior centers as well. Among her many accomplishments, Vera was a longtime member and president of the United Singles Club, where she was a driving force behind successful relationships and marriages. She was quite the match maker.

Vera was a valued employee of Nicor and retired with 42 years of loyal service. During her tenure, she also served as a union steward for at least 4 of those years.

She is preceded in death by her parents, David J. Martinez and Vera Martinez (nee Garcia); one brother Ralph who passed away before the age of 2. She had fond memories of Ralph who was affectionately nicknamed "Fuzzy."

Vera is survived by her longtime life partner, Ray Sellars; her siblings, Cindy Ortiz, Ronald D. "Ronnie" (Marietta), Eugene and David Wayne (Heather) Martinez. Vera Jean also leaves behind numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and dear friends. Her niece Rachel played a significant role as the primary caretaker during Vera's illness, offering consistent support and assistance.

Her cheerful sunshine phone calls will be greatly missed by many. No matter where you went with Vera, it was inevitable she would recognize someone or be recognized by someone. Whether you knew her as Vera, Vera Jean, V.J., Nonnie or Non, we find comfort knowing that her soul has found eternal peace. May her memory forever be a blessing to us all.

A Memorial service in honor of Vera J. Mancera will be held at: Delgado Funeral Chapel, 400 Landau Ave. Joliet, IL 60432, on Friday June 30, 2023, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Cemetery Details

Cremation Rites were accorded

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN **30**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (cst)

Delgado Funeral Chapel
400 Landau Ave.
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Tribute Wall



“ Delgado Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Vera J. Mancera



Delgado Funeral Chapel - June 30, 2023 at 09:14 AM



“ 12 files added to the album LifeTributes



Delgado Funeral Chapel - July 13, 2023 at 09:28 AM

BB

“ I grew up with Vera Martinez.
Then years went by she got married.
When I was going thru a divorce she helped me thru it. She's was always an
Angel on earth now an Angel in heaven. Miss you Vera. 🙏🏻✝️

Barbara Churchill Pirc Bernier - July 01, 2023 at 07:10 PM

JK

“ Ray and Veras family our hearts and prayers go out to all of you. Vera and I
worked together for many years, Shes boot scooten in heaven now.

jean keith - June 29, 2023 at 10:26 PM



“ 140 files added to the album Life Tributes



Delgado Funeral Chapel - June 29, 2023 at 09:08 PM

K&

“ K&B purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Vera J. Mancera.



K&B - June 29, 2023 at 12:18 PM

VJ

“ Dave, my sincere condolences in your loss, may God grant you peace at this time. --Vic

Victor Jones - June 28, 2023 at 02:20 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vera J. Mancera.



June 27, 2023 at 07:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Vera J. Mancera.

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June 26, 2023 at 10:47 PM

HM

“ When I think back about all the special occasions you shared with us, it's pretty amazing. My graduation from Roosevelt University, our engagement party, our wedding, the luncheon that we announced we were pregnant with Ava - you were so genuinely happy for us! The subsequent baby shower - and thank you for the mariachi band. You came to support Wayne at the hospital while we were waiting for Miss Ava's arrival and then after she was born. All the birthdays that followed too. You were such a great Aunt to both Ava and Vincent, giving them sunshine calls on the weekends. You always asked about how Marty the lemon dog was doing and more recently, Teddy. You will be missed but you left us with some fond memories and reasons to smile! Rest easy, Non. Watch over us and tell us when to stand down when needed. Love you lots.

Heather Martinez - June 23, 2023 at 07:12 PM

RO

“ One of my fondest memories of my aunt is when my brother and I were younger and we were out riding bikes in the neighborhood. It was a hot day. I remember my aunt calling us to the gate saying “I want to talk to you two”. So we rode our bikes over to the front gate. All of the sudden she threw a bucket of cold water on me and my brother and we just stood there in shock all wet. She said here I thought I'd help cool, you off. I don't think I ever seen her laugh so hard she said she almost wet her pants. There my brother and I stood all cold & wet looking at each other like did she just do that? The three of us just stood there laughing for quite a while. That has to be one of the best memories I have of her that I will forever carry with me.

Though there is a huge void in my heart I have some sort of comfort knowing that you are now at peace. Say hi to my Granny May up there!

Luv Your Caretaker/Special Niece

Rachel



Rachel Ortiz - June 22, 2023 at 05:28 PM

BL

Vera was such a beautiful lady and friend for 25 years, lots of Country dancing , trips and dinners together. Such a sweet and loved friend you will be missed. Now you can put back on your dancing boots, loved you girl.

Brenda Leonard - June 23, 2023 at 07:38 AM

JD

*My Sweet Loving Cousin Vera,
All of our childhood memories will forever be in my Heart. You are in the arms of Angels now & all of our family will be at the gates of Heaven to celebrate your Eternal New Life in Heaven. Rest in Peace Sweet Beautiful Cousin.*

Juanita Garcia Duering - June 23, 2023 at 03:13 PM