



## Jennie M. Casarez

December 25, 1931 - January 8, 2024

Jennie M. Casarez, 92, of Grand Island passed away on Monday, January 8, 2024 at CHI-Health St. Francis Medical Center.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 at All Faiths Funeral Home. Rosary will begin at 7 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, January 18, 2024 at St. Mary's Cathedral. Fr. Richard Piontkowski will officiate. Burial will follow at Westlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

All Faiths Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements, memorials are suggested to the family for future designation.

Jennie was born on December 25, 1931, daughter of Refugio and Joaquina (Marquez) Aldana in Omaha, NE. Around 1940 she moved with her family to Grand Island where she completed the 10th Grade.

On September 7, 1954 she married Santos D. Casarez Sr. They made their home in Grand Island and welcomed four children into their family. Despite the loss of their infant daughter, Monica, together they worked hard to build a life full of love, family (immediate and extended), comfort and stability and in the process made memories that have lasted a lifetime. On October 17, 1982 her

world was upended with the loss of her Husband and Son. With internal strength, Jennie pushed through hardships and always did whatever needed to be done, in the best way that she could.

In her earlier years of adulthood, Jennie worked at Twin Rivers and Redman's Manufacturing. She became a wonderful stay-at-home Mom in the 1970's. She always kept her home tidy and clean with the BEST home cooked meals around that were enjoyed by many, family and friends alike. Jennie returned to the workforce during the mid to late 1980's working as a Caseworker for the Department of Health and Human Services, giving great advice and assistance to many and sharing her knowledge of life with a kind heart. Later she worked as a Spanish Translator for both the Hall County Court and local Private Attorneys until her retirement.

Jennie enjoyed watching action and martial arts movies, Husker Football, and Mexican novellas. She loved listening and dancing to Mexican music. Jennie was a fantastic cook- her pork chops and chili were known and loved by many. Family meant everything to her. Her most favorite times were when her family was gathered together and she could just sit back, watch and listen. She was a warm, caring, loving nurturer to her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and to many of her nieces and nephews. Jennie's quiet strength and love will be missed by her family.

Her memory is cherished by her daughters, Diana (Carlos Sr.) Guerrero of Grand Island, Lori (Bryce) Knudsen of Seward, Daughter-in-law Keri (Eddie) Rossi of College Station, TX; grandchildren, Stephanie (Josh) Wooten of Wylie, TX, Melissa (AJ) Schuldt of Grand Island, Mikayla (Gil) Frank of Seward, Caleb Knudsen of Seward, Tommy Dodge of College Station, TX; great-grandchildren, Jaxson and Jordan Schuldt, JJ Wooten, Brylor, Cyrena and Kaynan Frank; sister-in-law, Gloria Martinez of Bartlett, IL; along with numerous loved nieces, nephews and extended family and friends.

Jennie was preceded in death by her parents, father & mother-in-law; husband, Santos Casarez Sr.; infant daughter, Monica Casarez; son, Santos Casarez Jr.; grandson, Carlos Guerrero Jr.; siblings and spouses, Henry (Lupe) Aldana, Joe (Carmen) Aldana, Mary (Frank) Rivera, Trina (Val) Torres, Carmen (Leland) Luebbe, Pedro, Carmel and Johnny Aldana; brother-in-law Gilbert (Chato) Martinez and friend Simon Ramirez.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home  
2929 S Locust St  
Grand Island, NE 68801  
(308) 398-2929  
allfaiths@giallfaiths.com  
<https://www.giallfaiths.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Cathedral  
112 S Cedar St  
Grand Island, NE 68801-5897  
(308) 384-2523

# Tribute Wall



“ *All Faiths Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Jennie M. Casarez*



**All Faiths Funeral Home** - January 17, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Jennie M. Casarez.*



January 16, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jennie M. Casarez.*



January 15, 2024 at 01:27 PM

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“ *Melissa and family, we extend our deepest sympathy to you and your entire family. Losing the senior generation is losing a lifetime of knowledge. We turn to them when we need to know so much. That loss is so difficult. It sounds like she built a wonderful foundation of love for her family to build on. May your memories shared with family and friends heal your heart in some way as you share them. Our thoughts, prayers and hugs are sent. Sue & Wes Wahlgren*

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**Sue & Wes Wahlgren** - January 12, 2024 at 02:47 PM

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*Diana and family we are so sorry for your loss. Your mother sounded like a wonderful lady. I wished I had met her. You are a lot like your mother in many ways and through you she will carry on in your family. We are wishing the lords peace and comfort now and and throughout the coming year. Love, Frank and Marsha Prucha*

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**Marsha Prucha** - January 12, 2024 at 07:38 PM

GL

*My beautiful nieces sending my Deepest condolences, how I wish I could be there with you both and the rest of the family, please know I am here in spirit. Another piece of my heart is shattered . My dear sister in law /sister how can I describe my gratitude . I have always considered you the sister I never had from the day my brother brought you home to meet the family. You were welcome from the start with open arms and loved you. I certainly got lucky to have a sister. It's been so many years since we first met and have been through lots of good times and bad we have been through so much together. Thank for giving me my first beautiful loving nieces and nephew making me an aunt for the first time and acting like Diana was also my baby spoiling her which I also spoil Jr and Monica, years later God sent us our beautiful baby girl Lori which was loved and spoiled by all of us. Diana and Gracie thought she was their baby. I always admired your Mom her ability to have fun and be kind to others not only was she beautiful on the outside she also had a beautiful soul. She always listened to me speak and actually cared what I had to say, I am beyond blessed to have had a sister like her, I will miss you forever one day we will be together again. Thank you for loving me, thank you for never judging me, thank you for loving my brother and parents , thank you for bring the best Mom / Grandmother ever, thank you for being my sister and best friend. As soon as the gates from heaven opened all the angels we lost were there to greet you with open arms. God has given us another beautiful angel 🙏 you will forever be remembered, I love you my sister my Angel. Sending hugs and kisses, Love? GCM / Gloria*

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**Gloria** - January 19, 2024 at 12:14 AM