



## Helen Vaughn

March 31, 1945 - October 26, 2015

Helen (Huerta) Vaughn. Our Heavenly Father mercifully called her home on October 26, 2015, in Pueblo, surrounded in the love of her siblings and other extended family. Helen was born on March 31, 1945 in Rockvale, Colorado. She was one of twelve children born to Gregorio and Helen (Carpio) Huerta. She was the eighth child and seventh daughter born to the family. She married Jerry Vaughn on April 26, 1986 in Avondale, Colorado. Helen nursed him through several years of declining health until his death in 2003. She was also preceded in death by her mother and father, brothers E. Edward and Frank Huerta, brothers-in-law Jack Maloney and Louis Lazo, grand-niece Erika Nicole Christensen and grand-nephew Christopher Antonio Martinez. Helen is survived by eight sisters and one brother: Inez (Joe) Gallagher, of Dorchester, Iowa, Martha (Frank) Martinez of Littleton, CO, Patricia Tomko and sister-in-law Marlene Huerta of Arvada, CO; and Felicitas Lazo, Gregoria (Edmund) Vallejo, Rose Marie (Jim) Tafoya, Catherine Maloney, Theresa (John) Martinez and Joseph (Brenda) Huerta, all of Pueblo, and stepsons Stephen and Robert Vaughn. She is also survived by dozens of nieces and nephews. Helen was a 1963 graduate of Pueblo Catholic High School. Immediately after graduation she joined what was then the Mountain Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company as a long-distance operator. Over her career she served in many operational and supervisory capacities in the company that eventually became US West Communications. She retired from there after a distinguished career of 30 years. Helen lived in Arvada for many

years before returning to Pueblo in 2004 after the death of her husband. Once home, she became the primary care giver for her mother until her death in 2013. Helen was an active member of Our Lady of the Meadows Catholic Church. She served tirelessly on the parish council and the bereavement committee. She also served as lector and extraordinary minister of Holy Communion, and she was always available whenever she was called upon. Helen was a generous person with her time, talent and treasure. She will always be remembered for her “take-charge” personality. Her passing leaves a gaping hole in the hearts of her family and all she touched through her faith ministries. Her many nieces and nephews will always cherish her memory.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Cemetery

Pueblo, CO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Romero Family Funeral Home  
110 Cleveland St.  
Pueblo, CO 81004  
(719) 583-1313  
romeroffh@live.com

## Rosary Service

OCT **31**. 9:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of The Meadows  
23 Starling  
Pueblo, CO 81005

## Mass of the Resurrection

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of The Meadows  
23 Starling  
Pueblo, CO 81005



# Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Martha Martinez lit a candle in memory of Helen Vaughn*



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**Martha Martinez** - April 03, 2016 at 04:18 PM

MA

“ *One month ago you left us. You were such a powerful force in our family. I miss you and you will always be in my heart. Love you forever. Martha.*



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**Martha** - November 26, 2015 at 11:14 AM

MA

“ *Martha lit a candle in memory of Helen Vaughn*



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**Martha** - November 02, 2015 at 03:07 PM

NB

“ *Cathy and Family, So sorry to hear of your loss. I know that Helen was very active at Our Lady of the Meadows Catholic Church. May all of you be blessed and share fond memories.*

*Love,*

*Nancy and Bill Bustillos*

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**Nancy Bustillos** - October 31, 2015 at 09:54 AM

RH

“ *We want to offer my deepest condolences. It is our honor to serve your family. - Romero Family Funeral Home and Staff*



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**Romero Family Funeral Home** - October 30, 2015 at 04:43 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Helen Vaughn.*



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October 30, 2015 at 04:22 PM

JW

“ *To my Huerta cousins, my deepest condolences for you at this sad time. May the love of your family and friends give you strength and courage during this difficult time.*

*Janet Hernandez Wilhelm*

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**jan wilhelm** - October 30, 2015 at 09:27 AM

DS

“ *Cathy and family I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you.*

*Love*

*Deanna*

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**Deanna Strait** - October 30, 2015 at 08:58 AM

DL

“ *Our thoughts and prayers go with the Huerta/Vaughn family. Such a beautiful lady and strong influence at our church. She will be missed. God Bless you all. Keeping you in our prayers.*



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**Doris Lucero** - October 30, 2015 at 07:30 AM

DI

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are will all the Huerta family, especially my brother-in-law Joe and sister Brenda. I know what a close relationship you and the kids had with Helen and my heart aches for all of you. She was a beautiful person and I will always remember the kindness she showed to our family. We will all miss her love and laughter but know she is in God's Heavenly Kingdom free from any pain with many loved ones who have gone before her. God Bless you all and may Helen R.I.P. Love, Deb, Tom, Tyler, Kenny and Crystal Idleman.*



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**Deb Idleman** - October 30, 2015 at 03:48 AM

MB

“ My prayers are with your family. Helen and I graduated from PCH (class of 1963) and then we became reacquainted in the Monday night bowling league. She was such a sweet soft spoken person. Hold tight to the memories you all share. Maureen (Sullivan) Braun

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**Maureen Braun** - October 29, 2015 at 08:00 PM

 Brenda Huerta

“ My beautiful sweet sister..... My heart is heavy and my tears overflow. You were one unique person with many talents and lots of love, both which you shared freely. Thank you for always being there for anyone who needed you. Thank you for being that second mother to our children. You were that "special" aunt that they all loved and who knew you loved them to the moon and back. I will hold your memory in a special place in my heart that only you could fill. You were my sister-in-law by title...but my SISTER forever in my heart. I will miss you and our special times together! RIP sweet angel..... XOXOXO Brenda

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**Brenda Huerta** - October 29, 2015 at 03:13 PM

SH

“ Helen was such a kind a beautiful woman. Always so kind to Scott and I . When I was having a hard time after the death of my father she had such kind words when my faith waned. I will always cherish her words. My prayers to the family, especially her sisters. We are so sorry for your loss. Scott and Shirley Filer

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**Shirley** - October 29, 2015 at 11:19 AM