



Lucy M. Baca

August 1, 1946 - October 19, 2025

Lucy Baca, 79, of Willcox, Arizona passed away peacefully with her son John by her side on October 12, 2025, at Via Elegante Assisted Living Facility in Tucson, AZ. A celebration of life service will take place at Westlawn Chapel and Mortuary on November 9, 2025, from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.

Born in Roswell, New Mexico on August 1, 1946, as Maria Luz Baca whom we all know as Lucy. She attended and graduated from Artesia High in Artesia, NM Home of the Bulldogs in 1966. She then worked at the Artesia Public Library until 1972, until Lucy moved to Willcox in that same year with Danny Catano. Lucy then spent over 50 years as a respected resident who was known for her dedication to the community. Lucy was very active volunteering with several notable organizations in Willcox, such as WASA, Willcox schools, Wings over Willcox, and Friends of the Library to name a few. Lucy enjoyed performing as Buffy the Clown, to spread joy and laughter. Lucy was a published poet, with poems published around the country.

“Lucy was preceded in death by her parents Mike and Sostena Baca, brother Mike Baca and sisters Lupe Cadena and Corina Arnold also her son Robert Catano. Unfortunately, 2 days after her passing, she was joined by her baby brother Bobby Baca on 10/21/25. She is survived by her brothers Jerry Baca of Willcox and Raymond Baca of Las Cruces and sisters Mary Morton of Las Cruces and Cathy Griffin of Willcox.

Lucy is survived by her Children Teresa Quinones, Refugio Catano and wife Elizabeth, John Catano and wife Marissa. She also is survived by nine grandchildren: Cassi, Brittney, Hannah, Emilio, Anthony, Damian, Gena, Malachi, Celeste, Dominic, 8 great grandchildren, and her beloved dog Yoda.

Lucy will be remembered for her kindness, unwavering integrity, enduring friendship, love for her family and we can't forget her love for the Dallas Cowboys. Her laughter and wisdom were gifts to everyone who knew her. Lucy's dedication to the community and school is well known. Lucy was awarded "Citizen of the Year" in 1999 she was also honored by the Governor of Arizona in 2005 for the Governor's Art Award for her Special Education Art class contribution. She was always excited to participate in several local programs and traditions. Lucy was

privileged to have decades long friendships with several residents in Willcox. Lucy will be greatly missed by all whom were fortunate enough to have known her. Rest in Peace

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.
105 S Arizona Avenue
Willcox, AZ 85643
(520) 384-2413
westwx@vtc.net
<https://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com>

Tribute Wall

ML

“ *Rest in peace Miss Lucy I had the pleasure of working with her at the school and seeing how much she would volunteer of her time for the community and how she would make the kids happy face painting . We will definitely miss you.*



Marissa Leal - November 10, 2025 at 09:03 PM



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Mahoney Moyer - November 09, 2025 at 09:34 AM

JB

“ *Reading all the memories everyone has shared of my Aunt Lucy and It's undeniable that she was one amazing Lady!! I remember the summers I spent with her in Wilcox and it was always filled with love, arts and crafts, and Good food!! I remember going to Wilcox for Rex Allen Days... You rest now Aunt Lucy, I love you and Ill miss you very much!!*

Julian Baca - November 08, 2025 at 12:12 PM

DF

“ *Danny/Jessie Catano and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Lucy M. Baca.*



Danny/Jessie Catano and Family - November 06, 2025 at 12:33 PM

GL

“ *I'm going to miss u Mrs Baca you were always nice to me my freshman year im sure going to miss u*

Gerald Largent - November 02, 2025 at 04:00 PM

KS

“ *Kevin Schmelzla lit a candle in memory of Lucy Baca*



Kevin Schmelzla - October 31, 2025 at 09:06 PM

CD

“ *Carol Dunagan lit a candle in memory of Lucy Baca*



Carol Dunagan - October 31, 2025 at 07:54 PM

TB

“ Tommy & Rita Bedolla lit a candle in memory of Lucy Baca



Tommy & Rita Bedolla - October 31, 2025 at 07:20 PM

RH

I'm sorry to hear about your loss I just love Miss Lucy. My condolences to the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Robbin Hinton - November 01, 2025 at 11:52 PM

JH

“ Jeannie Harris sent a virtual gift in memory of Lucy Baca



Jeannie Harris - October 31, 2025 at 06:33 PM



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Mahoney Moyer - October 31, 2025 at 06:13 PM

KG

“ She was a very sweet special lady! Will miss her smiling face!!! RIP Lucy!!!

Karen Gonzales - October 31, 2025 at 05:48 PM

SG

“ *Our deepest condolences to her family.
Prayers for all. RIP*



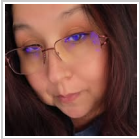
Susie and Frank Gonzales - October 31, 2025 at 05:39 PM

GW

“ *Always such a sweet lady. Condolences to
the family*



Gloria and Bill Wood - October 31, 2025 at 04:48 PM



“ *Debbie Salas lit a candle in memory of Lucy
Baca*



Debbie Salas - October 30, 2025 at 03:58 PM

TN

“ *My dearest sister-in-law Lucy, you were one
of kind always helpful and kind. Lucy, your red
enchiladas were to die for although too hot to
eat sometimes. It's a pleasure to have known
you, May you rest in peace with our Lord our
Savior. 🙏❤️🙏*



Terry Baca, Las Cruces NM - October 29, 2025 at 06:15 PM

CI

“ *A very sweet kind woman who will be missed.*

Cindy-Rae - October 28, 2025 at 01:10 PM

CB

“ *Lucy was a sweet lady, ready to help whomever and wherever. Our sincere condolences and prayers.*

Marty and Cheryl Bowlby

Cheryl Bowlby - October 27, 2025 at 03:32 PM

JB

“ *Johnny and Donna Brown lit a candle in memory of Lucy Baca*



Johnny and Donna Brown - October 27, 2025 at 11:14 AM

TM

“ *Tommy&Robin Miller lit a candle in memory of Lucy Baca*



Tommy&Robin Miller - October 26, 2025 at 03:27 PM

TH

“ *Lucy was a great friend and a wonderful person. I was sad when she had to move to Tucson. You will be missed my friend.* ”



Teresa Hatch - October 24, 2025 at 02:08 PM

LB

“ *Rest in Peace dear lady! You were very special! I always enjoyed visiting with you. I'm sure you are flying high with the angels!* ”



LaDonna Burgess - October 24, 2025 at 12:07 AM

GM

“ *Gus & Rita Morales lit a candle in memory of Lucy Baca* ”



Gus & Rita Morales - October 22, 2025 at 05:13 PM

JR

“ *Juan & Shirley Rubio sent a virtual gift in memory of Lucy Baca* ”



Juan & Shirley Rubio - October 22, 2025 at 04:56 PM

RR

“ Lucy was such a warm vibrant person. She loved all the kiddos in the community. Memories of her dressing up like a clown for festivities that the community would have. God bless her. ❤️

Roxanna Roffey - October 22, 2025 at 03:44 PM

KT

“ Kathy Thatcher lit a candle in memory of Lucy Baca



Kathy Thatcher - October 22, 2025 at 12:52 AM

PJ

“ Lucy was the sweetest, most generous person that I have ever met. She loved and cared for the youth in our community by sharing her talents and helping them create and believe in themselves. She will be a very special angel in heaven for all who need her.

Peggy Judd - October 21, 2025 at 09:52 PM

ES

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. She will be greatly missed. She was a wonderful lady and a great friend.



Eva Smith - October 21, 2025 at 07:20 PM

SA

“ *Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of Lucy Baca*



Susan Arbuthnot - October 21, 2025 at 06:33 PM

DF

“ *My condolences to the family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Judy & Domingo Figueroa*



Domingo and Judy Figueroa - October 21, 2025 at 05:25 PM

ME

“ *Memories of Lucy's positive attitude will remain with me. She embraced life's journey with acceptance and kindness. May God's peace be with the family.*



Margaret Estavillo - October 21, 2025 at 12:47 AM

JM

“ *Our sincere condolences. Rest in peace sweet Lucy. Rey & Jonnie Martinez*

Jonnie B Martinez - October 20, 2025 at 09:12 PM



“ *Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of Lucy Baca*



Betsy Ajeman - October 20, 2025 at 08:08 PM



“ *The world is less without Lucy in it. She loved all children and was a wonderful friend. She was a strong supporter of the Willcox youth and a great volunteer. I love you, Lucy. You believed strongly in your angels and I know you are with them now.*

Julie Long - October 20, 2025 at 04:28 PM