



Velta Carol Jimenez

April 7, 1943 - January 25, 2024

IN MEMORY OF:

Velta Carol Jimenez

Serving Location:

CRAIN FUNERAL HOME – ANNA

135 West Vienna Street, Anna, Illinois

Velta Carol Jimenez, age 80, of Cobden, Illinois, passed away on Thursday, January 25, 2024 at her residence.

She was born on 1943 in Red Oak, Oklahoma. Carol was blessed with a life journey as a teacher/educator, having taught in private and parochial education in Oklahoma, Dixon, Illinois, and Rockford, Illinois. She received a Bachelor's Degree from Southeastern State University in Durant, Oklahoma, a Master's Degree from Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois, and did her postgraduate studies at Universidad de Salamanca.

Carol contributed to education in the field of Adult Education, English as a Second Language, Bilingual Education, and as a schoolteacher of Spanish, English, and French.

In 2003, Carol, her husband, and family relocated to Southern Illinois and

found their “Pedacito de Tierra” or small acreage of land. Growing 21 varieties of specialty hot peppers, Carol soon became known for her Habanero Honey Spread, Orange Jalapeno, and a list of seven spicy jellies and jams. Darn Hot Peppers soon became a favorite at farmers markets across the state and large coverage in the interstate online market.

Carol’s greatest joy was in having raised a family of two boys to be men that are of God’s spirit; hard working and loving of their family, and caring contributing members of their community and nation.

Carol is survived by her husband of 59 years, Gerardo Jimenez, son, Xavier Jimenez with spouse, Erica Smith Jimenez, grandsons, Kai Ke and Rio Le Jimenez, living in Truckee, California, Victor Jimenez with spouse, Nikhia Griffith Hamm Jimenez, living in Fairfax, Washington, and three siblings, Duane, Rose, and Judy.

Carol was preceded in death by her father, Ivan Nelson, mother, Juanice Nelson, six siblings, Randy, Gail, Jean, Frances, Ann, and Virginia.

The family will host a memorial service for Carol Jimenez on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 2:00 PM until 3:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church of Cobden with Rev. Sterrett Collins officiating and a reception following from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM.

A private family union will be held at a later date for the spreading of her life’s ashes.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be sent to Hospice of Southern Illinois, 305 South Illinois Street, Belleville, IL 62220.

Previous Events

Family Held Memorial Service

FEB 3. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (cst)

First Presbyterian Church
103 N Jefferson St
Cobden, IL 62920-2424
(618) 893-4424

Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Velta Carol Jimenez.*



February 01, 2024 at 08:03 AM



“ *From the Carroll Loomis Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Velta Carol Jimenez.*

From the Carroll Loomis Family - February 01, 2024 at 08:03 AM



“ *Jerry and families, we were sorry to hear of Mrs. Jimenez passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We always had a great time at the Darn Hot Pepper Fest! She was always the perfect hostess! With much love, Geoff's kids Todd and Kim Davis*

Kimberly Davis - January 29, 2024 at 05:53 PM