

DORA MONTOYA GUNCKELBIO

I was born and raised in Albuquerque (South Barela's area), New Mexico. I am Number 7 of 10 siblings (6 girls and 4 boys). Except for one sister who lives in Taos, the rest of my siblings live in Albuquerque (two of my brothers are deceased).

I attended Riverview Elementary (formerly known as West San Jose Elementary), Sacred Heart Catholic School, Washington Junior High School, and Albuquerque High School (AHS Class of 1968). I have been on the AHS Reunion Committee since 1988. I enjoyed high school in general, but my favorite thing to do was to participate in the Girls Athletic Association (I was an officer my Junior and Senior years).

I started my career at Sandia National Laboratories (SNL) in October 1968 shortly after graduating from high school; I retired with 30+ years in 1999. I loved working at SNL, but I retired early to help my husband Fred care for my dad (he lived with us for almost 8 years until his death in 2001). SNL was a great supporter of sports organizations. I bowled in our company league for over 25 years and played softball and volleyball on Base where SNL is located.

I participate in both bowling and volleyball competition at the local, state, and national levels. My volleyball team competed at Nationals in Pittsburgh, PA, in 2005 and an article I wrote about my volleyball team's experience can be found in the New Mexico Senior Olympics (NMSO) Fall 2005 Senior Flame Newsletter. With a different volleyball team, I competed in Nationals in the San Francisco Bay Area, CA, in 2009, and in the Huntsman World Senior Games in St. George, UT, in 2015. I also competed at Nationals in bowling in the San Francisco Bay Area, CA, in 2009, Houston, TX, in 2011, and Minneapolis, MN, in 2015.

I have also competed in both coed and women's volleyball teams in Lobo League (UNM).

Fred and I are volunteers for NMSO at both the local and state levels and were the Tournament Directors for the Bowling Competition at the All Indian Game Day at Isleta Pueblo in 2016. In 2007, I had the honor of being selected an NMSO "Senior Olympic Spirit Athlete."

I have been the Bernalillo County Senior Volleyball Coordinator since 2004, and I provide information regarding volleyball venues and tournaments to Senior players. I have scheduled several clinics, and I oversee Senior open play at both McKinley Middle School and Wells Park.

I am a cancer survivor (back-to-back bouts with ovarian and colon cancer in 2000/2001). I am now in remission.