

## Rita Garcia

April 7, 1986 - May 7, 2024

Rita Marie Garcia, 38, of Roswell, NM, USA passed away peacefully early morning on Tuesday, May 7, 2024. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Rita's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

Rita was born on April 7, 1986, to Ronnie L. Garcia and Bobbie Ann Romero in Roswell, NM. Rita grew up under the care and guidance of her beloved paternal grandparents Andy and Mary Garcia; whom she affectionately referred to as "Grampo" and "Mom." She was a cheerleader and a skilled basketball player at Berrendo Middle School and Goddard High School; she graduated in 2003. After high school, she became an independent insurance representative selling policies under Aflac Insurance. During that time, she was able to buy her own car with her own hard-earned money. She also became a real-estate agent associate, however during that time the housing market was not at its best. She also was a homecare provider for her younger cousin, Dwayne Garcia Jr, who resided with her and her children for several years; caring for him like her own. She also took in her younger cousin, Savannah Briseño as her own as well. She was very skilled and talented in many ways and a very hard worker. She put in many hours working labor intense jobs such as painting, laying flooring down or even tossing shingles on the roof in the hot sun; all for Grampo Garcia. When no one else would show up to work there she was "Jammin' it." Rita was often heard jokingly saying, "Eeee, Grampo roasted me (eee eee eee)." She most definitely got her sense of humor from her father. She had a natural ability to make others laugh or

smile when they were feeling down.

Rita was always willing to lend a helping hand to those who needed it, especially when it came to moving; she would help pack up, haul off and unload. Rita was a very giving person even to a fault, one who loved with her whole heart. If you were one of the lucky ones she said, "I Love You" to, you best believe she meant it! She never did anything halfway in her life; she always gave it her all, until there was nothing left to give. She had an amazing fighting spirit, a strong-willed personality, a beautiful smile, a soft heart, and an infectious laugh; anyone blessed to have known her would agree. Rita was adventurous, living life fearlessly and to the fullest. Her love for fast cars began at the age of eight and she went through plenty. Her fondest outlet was riding on her ATV; on the trails along the arroyo next door to Grampo Garcia's house. She attributed her agile riding skills to her uncle Dwayne whom she thought highly of. She enjoyed quality time spent outdoors camping and cook-outs. She was also content with just chillin' in the garage at home, listening to music with close family and friends.

Rita's children Richard, Rael, Rianna, and Ravae are her greatest treasures, and they always will be. There is nothing she would not do to see them smile. Rita made sacrifices for them, even though she knew it would be difficult; no matter how much it hurt, she knew it was in their best interest. They gave her strength during rough times, sharing laughter and joy, through it all. Rita always made sure their needs were met before those of her own. No matter how tired she was, she always made sure their bellies were full and that they felt safe before seeing them off to bed. She also ensured that they had more than what they needed and almost everything that they wanted. She always made it a point to be present at her children's school and sporting events, cheering them on. She was incredibly supportive and encouraging of them and reminded them of how much faith she had in them even at times when they did not have faith in themselves. Rita always made sure she reminded them of how proud she was to be their mother and how much she loved each of them. Regardless of what anyone else thought or said, she reassured them

that she would always have their backs.

Rita dedicated her spare time to helping those whom she loved the most, opening her home to all who entered. She was always thinking of others; calling or texting to see how you were doing. Her nurturing qualities can be attributed to “Mom,” who modeled those values for Rita at an early age. Rita was Grampo and Mom’s right hand for whatever they needed; devoted to ensuring they would not have to lift a finger. Rita was a great cook and housekeeper, she took pride in the appearance and upkeep of her home and that of her vehicles, most recently her Chevy Tahoe; She was often seen cruising around listening to music in it or that pristine old '28 Ford Model A of Grampo Garcia’s. Rita will be missed but not forgotten; her memory will remain forever etched upon the hearts of those whose lives she touched. This is not goodbye but rather ‘till we meet again.

Rita is survived by her children: Richard Garcia of Roswell, NM, Rael Mendoza of Deltona, Florida, Rianna and Ravae Carrillo both of Roswell, NM; father, Ronnie L. (LaDonna) Garcia of Roswell, NM; siblings: Brian (Jessica) Tafoya of Portales, NM, Ronnie Daniel, and Calista Garcia both of Roswell, NM; mother, Bobbie Ann Romero of Roswell, NM; brother, Manuel Candelaria of Roswell, NM, who never left her side; sister Reyna Romero, and her son & daughter of Arizona; paternal grandparents: Andy and Mary Garcia of Roswell, NM; maternal grandparents: Momma Loy, and Juan Peña of Arizona; paternal uncle, Dwayne Sr. (Rachel) Garcia of Portales, NM, and their children all of whom Rita considered her nephews and nieces; and maternal uncles: Gabby Gabaldón, Paul Romero, Juanito Piña, Fernando Piña, and Felipe Piña all of Arizona.

Honorary Pallbearers: Rita’s brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews, her closest family, and friends.

Services for Rita are as follows:

A Viewing will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 10:00 AM – 6:00 PM at the Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home located at 2609 S. Main Street, Roswell

NM 88203.

Rosary Services will be held on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 6:00 PM at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home.

Mass will be held Friday, May 17, 2024, at 9:00 AM at the Assumption Catholic Church located at 2808 N. Kentucky Ave. Roswell, NM 88201.

Interment following at the South Park Cemetery located at 3101 S. Main St. Roswell, NM 88203.

Repast Meal to follow at the Assumption Catholic Church Parish Hall.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

MAY 16. 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory  
2609 South Main  
Roswell, NM 88203  
(575) 622-5888  
abfh@andersonbethany.com

## Rosary

MAY 16. 6:00 PM (MT)

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2609 South Main  
Roswell, NM 88203  
(575) 622-5888  
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## Funeral Mass

MAY 17. 9:00 AM (MT)

Assumption Catholic Church  
2808 N Kentucky Ave  
Roswell, NM 88201-5814  
(575) 622-9895

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial video



Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory - March 21, 2025 at 06:15 PM

MP

“ Andy and Mary, I was saddened to hear of the loss of your granddaughter, really your daughter because you raised her. Be sure she is now dancing in the sky with her other relatives that welcomed her, she had that personality that glowed when she walked into a room. We will keep you all in prayers for this time in your life, we will see her again. Love you all



Merlinda Padilla and Orlando Padilla - May 24, 2024 at 07:19 PM

CR

There's no amount of words to describe such a beautiful person. Tho I never met her grandpa I feel like I know him by how close they were and how much he was mentioned being her rock. No one should have to lose a child so young. My condolences to y'all and my heart, thoughts, and prayers are with her children always.

Channing Russell - May 26, 2024 at 07:54 PM

LW

“ Such a beautiful girl, from a beautiful family. My heart goes out to you and all who loved her.

lenya warner - May 17, 2024 at 12:59 AM

LO

“ Such a beautiful girl with such a beautiful heart. Way too young to go but too beautiful for this ugly world. Bobby Ann and Manuel I am so so sorry for your loss. May God be with you all.

Lora - May 15, 2024 at 10:17 PM

DM

“ I had the privilege of meeting Rita on my trips back to my hometown of Roswell. She was a beautiful person. My condolences to all of the family 🙏

Debbie Maes - May 15, 2024 at 08:04 PM

MW

“ Rita u where a good friend and person had a big heart we well never forget u u are always in are heart love Sammy Gabaldon Melanie Samario u well never be forgotten

Melanie Ward - May 15, 2024 at 07:59 PM

NA

“ My heart is broken for you baby such a beautiful person inside n outside God bless you Rita always so sweet to me 🌻



Natalie - May 15, 2024 at 07:42 PM

MC

“ I love you sister I hope I get to see you again someday 😭

Manuel Candelaria - May 15, 2024 at 02:02 AM

CC

“ We were saddened to hear about the passing of Rita she was such a beautiful person, we have known her since she was little may she rest in peace, may the Lord take care of the children she left behind our condolences to all the families. God bless you all.

Cary & Steve Candelaria - May 14, 2024 at 06:19 PM

CA

“ You were like my sister I never had but I guess God needed a Beautiful Ángel 😊 at his Throne so I will forever cherish every moment we have and miss you dearly ☐ 🧡 😊 🙏 🌸 🕊



Ciara Alonso - May 14, 2024 at 05:15 PM

TF

“ The Arias Family lit a candle in memory of Rita Garcia



The Arias Family - May 14, 2024 at 05:00 PM

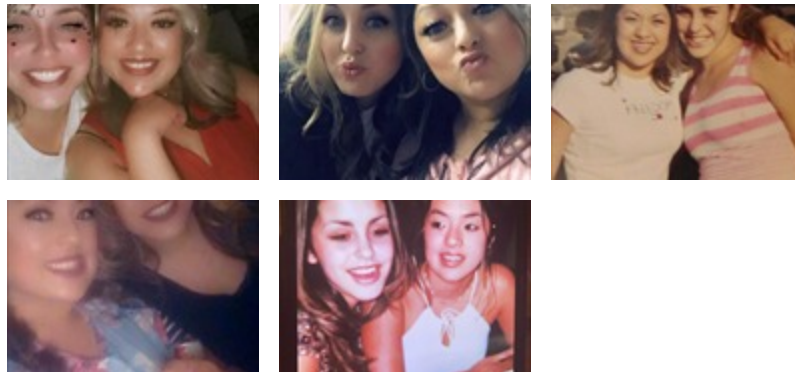
MC

“ I love you sister thank you for always being there for me and having my back no matter what. I hope I get to see you again

Manuel Candelaria - May 14, 2024 at 04:33 PM

ME

“ Rita, you were such a beautiful person inside and out. I was blessed to have been a part of your life for as long as I was. Thank you for always believing in me when I didn't even believe in myself. You were a true friend and I'll forever cherish our memories we made. Life will never be the same without you. You were there to comfort me when I lost so many ppl close to me and now I have to go through this hurt of losing you, I know you knew how much I loved you. Ill always say you were my protector when we would go out and i protected you in other ways always being the “mom”. Rest in heaven my beautiful bestie until we meet again.



Melanie - May 13, 2024 at 11:14 PM

CD

“ My Thoughts and Prayers are with Rita and her Family ☐



Corinne Duran - May 13, 2024 at 09:48 PM

VR

“ *virginia romero lit a candle in memory of Rita Garcia*



virginia romero - May 13, 2024 at 07:31 PM

AG

“ *Rest in peace Mija! You fought until the end! Rest in God's arms !  
🙏❤️😔 Our condolences to all Rita's families & loved ones !*

Anthony Garcia - May 13, 2024 at 02:48 PM



“ *Rita was a good friend to my daughter Lindsey when she was 5 to 10 years old. She would stay at her grandparents house on Fifth street, and these girls would often ride bikes and play with each other. I will always remember Rita as such a beautiful young girl and later I met her in her 20s and she was still so beautiful, sweet and kind. My daughter went to heaven in 1996 at the age of 11, and I envision the huge reunion with many loved ones that welcomed Rita to her heavenly home. My condolences to her children and family for the loss of their beloved Rita. May God carry you all through her absence. Sheryl Mendoza (formerly Cooper).*

Suni Cooper - May 11, 2024 at 12:06 PM

AR

“ *Rita you are now home with our Lord Jesus no more pain or suffering. I can only imagine how Robert and uncle Raymond (Hollywood!!) rejoiced and greeted you. Give them a big hug for me. Life will never be the same again. I'll miss you and love you forever. Prayers for all the family.*

Annette and Frank Ramirez - May 09, 2024 at 07:05 PM

PR

“ I love you mija ! Your uncle Paul I'm sorry i didn't answer your calls on 12/27

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Paul Romero - May 09, 2024 at 05:54 AM

ME

“ I don't want to believe you're gone. My heart is at ease knowing you're not suffering anymore. You fought all you could. I promise to never ever forget you, we shared a great friendship for over 20 years. You were the true definition of a best friend. We have a lot of history and some of my greatest moments in life, we experienced together, you were there for me always without hesitation. I love you Ritz and I'll see you again someday. Until then come to me and show me a sign you're always near. Love always your Bestie- Mel Bel 💔😭❤️

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Melanie - May 09, 2024 at 03:18 AM