



## Crystal Simmons

August 16, 1977 - January 4, 2024

Crystal Xan Simmons was reunited with her grandbabies in Heaven on January 4, 2024, at 7:45 pm. She was 46 years old. She was born on August 16, 1977, and was raised in Roswell, NM. After she graduated from Goddard High School, she spent many years in the hospitality industry. She managed multiple hotels and performed every job that came with that title - whether that meant she was the housekeeper or the front desk clerk or served breakfast. She always did what needed to get done. She ventured out into other employment opportunities and spent time as a Dispatcher in the oilfield and as a bookkeeper for a grocery store in her final years here on earth.

She had a Gypsy Soul and spent many years living on the road in an RV. She was able to see so much of the United States during that time of her life. She taught herself to crochet (she was a self-proclaimed “hooker”) and gifted her friends and family with blankets, scarves, hats and her specialty - messy bun beanies. She enjoyed visiting museums, thrifting, symphony orchestras and porch sittin’. She loved nature and when they were younger, she would take her daughters hiking, camping, and arrowhead hunting. She treasured her friends and would always show up for a friend in need.

Crystal had four true loves in her life. The first were her daughters, Brooklynn and Alexandra. She was a loving, caring mother, truly one of a kind. The second were her grandbabies, Andrez, Jr. (AJ) and Adalina (Nina). She was so excited to be called Memaw. She never fully recovered from their loss. She was met at the doors of heaven by her parents, Rita Gratz and William

(Bill) Treat, her grandbabies Andrez (AJ) and Adalina (Nina) Herrera, sisters Donna Lollis, Hazel Gratz, Xan Carpenter and brother Raymond Gratz Jr. Those left to cherish the memories of Crystal are her daughters: Brooklynn (Andrez) Aguilar, and Alexandra Lewis; her Parents in-law: Richard and Donna Lee; sister, Tiffany Johnson; sister in-law, June Lee; brother in law, Tony Lewis; nephews: Richard and Joseph Lee, and Eddie Carpenter; nieces: Brandy and Billie Carpenter; along with many cousins and loving friends. A Celebration of Life will be held at Christ's Church, 2200 N. Sycamore Avenue on Saturday, January 27th at 10:00 am. Crystal's favorite color was purple. The family requests you wear purple or bright colors.

Your Mother Is Always With You

by Deborah Culver

She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street.

She's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick, the fragrance of life itself.

She's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well.

She's your breath in the air on a cold winters' day.

She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colors of a rainbow.

She is Christmas morning.

Your mother lives inside your laughter.

She's the place you come from, your first home.

She's the map you follow with every step you take.

She's your first love, your first friend, even your first enemy.

But nothing on Earth can separate you.

Not time.

Not space.

Not even death.

# Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album *Memorial Video*



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**Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory** - February 02, 2024 at 04:55 PM

EG

“ *RIP Crystal you will never be forgotten!  
I will never forget our trip to California, you  
were my first friend and I always loved you  
and now I will always miss you.*



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**Elizabeth Grant** - January 26, 2024 at 01:46 AM

AM

“ *Rest in peace crystal*



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**Amanda** - January 19, 2024 at 01:03 AM

PF

“ Paddy Forrester lit a candle in memory of Crystal Simmons



Paddy Forrester - January 18, 2024 at 01:05 PM

TJ

“ My beautiful sister I'm going to miss you so much I hate the fact we grew apart over the years. But. Never the less we loved each other ever much I hate a lot of memories growing up together like when Grandma use to make us run after the car to make us tired for our naps I would want to cry but I would hold my hand and have me run w you telling me theirs a treat n the car for us... I know it at peace now and w that said im at peace 🕊️ you no longer in pain w the loss of your grandbabies your reunited w them and do me a favor b sure and get along w my husband he truly loved everything about me . Emmanuel Ezekiel and myself will now put you in our prayers every night we will say good night to you .. til we are reunited again I love you so very much sissy

Tiffany Johnson - January 18, 2024 at 12:44 PM

TJ

I ment have a lot of memories w my sister not hate I'm just noticing this please accent my apologies I'm so embarrassed

Tiffany Johnson - January 20, 2024 at 11:25 PM

TJ

*You came to me in a dream last night I remember alit of it and it clear we was having a picnic at a drive in movie. And u was telling me that you was told that I need to open myself up to be happy not to feel guilty if I did. Ur hair was super short like mine tho and very red you had a basket filled w cherries. We Was eating them and juice was running down our elbows we was laughing so hard then I woke up this morning at 5am thank you for coming to see me please tell my husband I wish he would visit me too 🥹 I love you sissy til I see you on the other side watch over us all xoxo*

Tiffany Johnson - February 01, 2024 at 08:22 AM

AL

“ Alexandra lit a candle in memory of Crystal Simmons



Alexandra - January 16, 2024 at 04:38 PM

AL

“ i love you so much mom! keep the babies safe up there, i can't wait to see you once again ☐ forever in my heart

Alexandra - January 16, 2024 at 12:15 PM

DL

“ Donna lee lit a candle in memory of Crystal Simmons



Donna lee - January 16, 2024 at 11:28 AM

TW

“ You are will be forever greatly missed lady!!! Till we meet again may you rest easy!!



Tina Wooddell - January 15, 2024 at 01:10 AM

CY

“ God Bless you Crystal. Rest in peace my friend; may a blanket of Love & Comfort enrobe your family!

Always..... Undersheriff Charles Yslas



Charles Yslas - January 09, 2024 at 11:32 PM

TR

“ Tocayo Marlene Rodriguez sent a virtual gift in memory of Crystal Simmons



Tocayo and Marlene Rodriguez - January 08, 2024 at 12:10 PM

RG

“ roy sylvia gonzales lit a candle in memory of Crystal Simmons



roy and sylvia gonzales - January 08, 2024 at 11:41 AM

TR

“ *Tocayo Marlene Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Crystal Simmons*



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**Tocayo and Marlene Rodriguez** - January 07, 2024 at 05:04 AM

PL

“ *Paul Lollis lit a candle in memory of Crystal Simmons*



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**Paul Lollis** - January 06, 2024 at 11:55 AM