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Gloria was born in Lincoln County, New Mexico, to Daniel and Caroline C. Vigil on June 26, 1935. They moved to Roswell, NM, where she graduated from Roswell High School in 1953. Once out of school, she married the most handsome guy in town, Charles Leon Noriega. They had four children together that survive them, Sadie Noriega Carrillo, Lillian Marie Noriega, Charles Edward Noriega, Louis Oscar Noriega; grandchildren: Cari Ann Gonzales, Christine Wiggins, Ross, Gabriel and Hector Solis, Carlos, Steven and Rita Noriega, Chelsie Brianna Noriega, Sonny and Andriana Noriega; her great-grandchildren; as well as her sister, Patsy Neatherlin of Farmington, New Mexico.

Gloria is preceded in death by her granddaughter, Stormey Rae Rodriguez; parents: Daniel and Caroline Vigil; sister, Erminda Gutierrez; brother, Danny J. Vigil; and her little protector (chihuahua), "CHAPO."

Gloria's first job was working for the Welfare Department, where at the time, she handled the distribution of food stamps. After that, she became a social worker for children, and later her job progressed to being there for elderly adults. She would also interpret for the courts and was very fluent in both English and Spanish.

A devoted Catholic, Gloria paved the way for God to her family. She was an Assumption Catholic Church Catechism teacher and a member of their choir,

she loved to sing for the Lord. Gloria's most treasured gift from God was the opportunity to speak and teach his word by preparing the children for their First Holy Communion, it was a blessing.

Mom loved good conversations and family gatherings, especially when her brothers-in-law would play their guitars and sing. She loved dancing and would always brag about teaching Daddy how to dance.

Her life was full of adventure, traveling to Brazil with her sister-in-law Soledad Noriega, even driving up to Ruidoso to play the penny machines, and never finding the time to be bored.

Gloria's favorite sayings were "Never believe anything you hear, and only half of what you see," "If you can't say anything nice, don't say nothing at all," and the last one that makes us laugh is, "Who's who in park Zoo?" She had a good sense of humor, that's for sure.

I want to thank the Hospice staff in Roswell for taking good care of her. Tim Arlet (Chaplin) who sang beautiful Christian songs for her, Stacy Maxwell and Valerie Alvarez (CNA's) for leaving Mom so refreshed and comfortable, Rebecca her nurse that took her vitals and Helen the social worker. Also, Hospice in Albuquerque for the wonderful and gracious treatment, Issac (social worker) for handling all respite care and especially Donna (nurse) for always being there for her. I thank all of you for your care, compassion and love.

Mostly, I thank her therapists throughout the years that put Mom back on her feet in the past. Sharon B. Pasiona for her love and care she gave Mom and Lori Brown for also being there.

We love you for your dedication.

A Viewing will be at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Thursday, July 8, 2021, from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A Graveside Service for Gloria will be held at

South Park Cemetery on Saturday, July 10, 2021, at 10:00 AM.

Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Gloria's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

Gloria's tribute was written in her honor by her family.

Oh Heavenly Father, can you hear me?
I'm sending a prayer your way,
I'm clutching hard to my faith, as mom taught me,
As she draws closer to you each day.

I talk to her in whispers,
and hope she hears me pray,
I hope you send an angel
To guide her towards your way.

I continue to tell her I love her
And thank her for all the sacrifices she has made
And for her unconditional love,
No matter what kind of behavior I displayed.

Mom, can you hear me?
I have so much more to say.
I will continue with your legacy.
I hope I can be as strong as you one day.

You taught me the importance of family.
I have learned from the very best.

Don't you worry yourself now, Mom,
You keep yourself at rest.

I'm sorry if I'm selfish.
I'm not ready to let go of your hand.
I'm trying to remember the message
From "Footprints In The Sand."

Dear Mom, can you please wake up?
I have not heard your voice today.
I promise I would sit and listen
To everything you want to say.

I know you are getting weary.
You are ready to go home.
I imagine you are dreaming of your Savior
Sitting upon his throne.

I hope you take my love with you,
As tears fall on your cheek.
Dear God, please carry me through this,
I'm feeling very weak.

Dear Mom, I'm very thankful
For all the years we've had.
I'm trying to remember you laughing
So I will not stay very sad.

Through the rest of my life I will carry
All your love with me.
I promise I will be the best mom,

grandmother and person that I can possibly be.

God must think your time is almost done here.

I feel you going away,

I love you, Mom. No goodbyes.

I will see you one day.

Cemetery Details

South Park Cemetery

3101 South Main St
Roswell, NM 88203

Previous Events

Viewing

JUL 8. 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
2609 South Main
Roswell, NM 88203
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Tribute Wall



“ *Gloria Rita Noriega*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I vaguely remember 'Gloria. I was very young when my dad, Manuel Chaves Vigil used to visit his brother Daniel, my uncle and she would be there. Rest in Peace cousin Gloria.*

*Manuel Vigil
Little Lake, Michigan*

Manuel Vigil - August 16, 2021 at 01:04 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Gloria Rita Noriega.*



July 08, 2021 at 07:48 PM



“ *Pamela Sutton lit a candle in memory of Gloria Rita Noriega*



Pamela Sutton - July 05, 2021 at 04:41 PM

CC

“ *RIP Gloria, condolences to Noriega Family* 🙏



cecilia chavez - July 03, 2021 at 07:37 PM

JR

“ *Joe And Emma Reyes lit a candle in memory of Gloria Rita Noriega*



Joe and Emma Reyes - July 02, 2021 at 11:04 AM

WA

“ *Wendy Marsh Alexander lit a candle in memory of Gloria Rita Noriega*



Wendy Marsh Alexander - July 02, 2021 at 09:01 AM

G/

“ *I remember every time we were hungry or needed to talkyou were always thereI love you grandma so much ...and will miss you.*

Germain solis /grandson - July 02, 2021 at 02:47 AM

CL

“ *Cyndi Rae Lara lit a candle in memory of Gloria Rita Noriega*



Cyndi Rae Lara - June 30, 2021 at 09:25 PM

LM

“ *To all the Noriega family, I am so saddened to read about Gloria. She was such a nice lady. May she rest in peace.*

Lupe Morales - June 30, 2021 at 02:27 PM

CM

“ *Cathy Mendiola lit a candle in memory of Gloria Rita Noriega*



Cathy Mendiola - June 29, 2021 at 08:17 PM

RF

“ *I worked with Gloria in Roswell at both ISD (Income Support Division) and at Social Services (child welfare) from 1973-76. She was a wonderful person with radiant smile and a kindness to match. I was honored to know her and privileged to have worked with her. Although I hadn't seen her in many years, I remember her well. Condolences to her entire family.*

Ricardo Salas Flores

Ricardo Flores - June 29, 2021 at 03:21 PM