



Heather Leigh Hernandez

June 13, 1982 - March 25, 2026

Heather Leigh Hernandez, 43, of Roswell, NM, died outside her home due to lifelong struggles with mental illness. She was born on June 13, 1982, to Vickey Jo Robinson and was adopted by Julio Salas Jr. in Roswell, NM. Heather attended ENMU-R and completed certifications in both medical assisting and phlebotomy. She worked as a comfort care coordinator at Cosan for two years and loved her connection with her patients.

Heather was an avid movie watcher who could spend hours enjoying her favorite films, always finding comfort and joy in them. She also loved watching TV shows, especially *Finding Bigfoot*. In addition to her love for movies and television, she enjoyed outdoor activities like fishing and hiking.

Heather is survived by her daughter, ShayLeigh Hernandez, and partner Eli Forrest; her sister, Laretta Dozier, and spouse Chancey Dozier, and their children Rochelle Bartlett and her spouse Cody Bartlett, Bryce Dozier, Jade Dozier, and Taylor Dozier; her father, Julio Salas Jr., and spouse Amie Salas; her aunt, Nancy Salas, and partner Ruben Reyes; her grandmother, Linda Rickard, and the Dawn-Rickard family; and her uncle, Ricky Morgan, and his children Chelsie Bates and spouse Johnathan Bates and family, Nathan Morgan and family, and Misty Morgan and family.

She is preceded in death by her mother, Vickey Jo Robinson; her

grandmother, Wilma Reynolds, and her spouse Ralph Reynolds; her grandfather, Robert Rickard; her grandmother, Charlotte Robinson; and her grandfather, Gerald Morgan.

Heather will be cremated as she requested. She will be incredibly missed and forever loved by her family. Her memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew her, and the love she gave so freely will never be forgotten. She touched many lives in her own way, and her presence will be deeply missed every single day. Though she is no longer with us, she will always be carried with us in our thoughts, our memories, and our hearts.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 2. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (MT)

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

Tribute Wall

SI

“ My deepest condolences to you and your family during this incredibly difficult time. Heather was truly one of a kind—she was deeply loved by her patients and brought compassion, warmth, and kindness into every interaction. Her impact will not be forgotten, and her presence will be greatly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her.

Keeping you in my thoughts and sending strength, comfort, and love as you navigate this loss. ☐

Samantha Ireland - May 02 at 09:17 PM

ME

“ Mel purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Heather Leigh Hernandez.



Mel - May 01 at 08:20 AM

ME

“ Mel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Leigh Hernandez.

Mel - May 01 at 08:20 AM

AW

“ *Adelina Wright sent a virtual gift in memory of Heather Hernandez*



Adelina Wright - May 01 at 06:55 AM

LD

“ *Great pictures shared from Grandma Rickard. Thank you for sharing these wonderful memories*♥♥



Lauretta Dozier - April 30 at 11:27 PM

LD

“ *Many friends and family have asked about services. Services will be held May 2nd @3 p.m. @ Anderson Bethany Funeral home in Roswell.*

Lauretta Dozier - April 28 at 10:49 PM

AS

“ I'm so sorry to hear this. I worked with Heather at a medical facility and she was very patient oriented and kind.. Rest easy now Heather!



Almetra Strange - April 27 at 01:14 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Video



Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory - April 24 at 12:02 PM

PS

Rest in peace Heather. Sending my deepest condolences and prayers the family.

Pamela Sutton - April 24 at 07:24 PM



I am so sorry Sonny. I know you were close to the girls

Donna Mcway - April 24 at 09:23 PM

LR

Thank you Reta ❤️ Wonderful video Heartbreaking. Still can't believe it! Love Gramma

Linda Rickard - April 25 at 12:50 AM

SH

I'm so Sorry primo for your lose I just seen it now didn't know my prayers going out to you and your Family and to her Children may God O Mighty be with you all and may he comfort each one off you alls Heart in the loss of your Daughter and mother to her Children , God bless her and give her Rest and wings for now she wild Be the Angel watching over you All , GOD BLESS YOU ALL

Salas PRIMASSO EL JIRO HAGERMAN - April 25 at 10:54 AM

SA

My dear friend, my deepest condolences to you n her family, I know you where very close to then the best step dad they had ,my heart n love goes out to family..may God be with you'll during this hard time..love Sylvia H Aguilar

Sylvia Aguilar - April 27 at 12:06 AM

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Samantha Ireland - May 02 at 09:22 PM

LR

“ 1 file added to the album Heather in Ohio



Linda Rickard - April 23 at 06:17 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album Heather in Ohio



Linda Rickard - April 23 at 03:29 PM

WG

“ With all our love. Gramma purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Heather Leigh Hernandez.



With all our love. Gramma - April 22 at 02:35 PM

WG

“ With all our love. Gramma planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Heather Leigh Hernandez.

With all our love. Gramma - April 22 at 02:35 PM

LR

“ Heather's Grandpa, me and her entire family, here in Ohio, will always treasure her Summer visits with us! She found a special spot in each of our hearts! Those hearts are broken 💔 We will treasure those memories. So hard to believe they are over ! Gramma

Linda Rickard - April 22 at 02:05 PM

MA

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Melinda, Brenda & Audrey - April 10 at 12:29 PM

AF

“ Ahmad Alayli and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Heather Leigh Hernandez.



Ahmad Alayli and family - April 01 at 09:48 PM

AF

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Ahmad Alayli and family - April 01 at 09:48 PM

SM

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Psalm 34:18: "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit". Love you all! Sincerely, The Mahan family

Sheryl Mahan - March 30 at 09:51 PM

CF

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. Cortez family

cortez family - March 29 at 12:00 PM