



Leona McKnight

June 10, 1945 - February 22, 2026

Beloved Mother, Grandmother, and Friend. Known for her sense of humor, adventurous lifestyle, and sharp wit. She was born June 10, 1945, in El Paso, TX. She passed peacefully in her home, February 22, 2026.

She was the type of woman you met one time and could not forget. Her laughter radiated through the room. She always made her presence known and had a luxurious sense of style. She believed in always looking her best. She would never leave the house without her red lipstick and spearmint gum. She was always up for a new adventure, from parasailing to skiing and horseback riding. Her one of kind personality will surely be missed and remembered.

She is survived by her two daughters, Yvonne Caldera-Olivas (John Olivas), Eliza Dillard. Her long-term companion, David Baker. Grandchildren Robert Flenoy V (Jannifer Heiner), Yvette Lujan, Cassandra Olivas, Crystal Olivas, Angel Gonzalez, Daniel Garcia, Dylan Dillard (Conrad Nevares), Julia Dillard, Lauren Dillard (Thomas Arias). GREAT-Grandchildren: Robert Flenoy VI, Jerimiah Sambrano, Anaveah Nevarez, Benji Talamantes, Adoni Arias, Lumina Arias. Siblings Dianna E. Huckabee, Rosalind K Huckabee.

Preceded in death by Parents Julia Marrujo, Leo Huckabee. Spouse Patrick W. McKnight. Grandsons, Lawrence Q. Dillard Jr, Levi S. Dillard.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in Heaven Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and

forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever.

Amen

Her family would like to give a special thank you to David Baker, her companion and best friend, who was there until the very end to love and care for her. Also, to Gentiva Hospice for their care during her transition. A Viewing will be held at Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home, February 28, 2026, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM with a Service to begin at 1:00 PM.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB **28**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
2609 South Main
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5888
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Funeral Service

FEB **28**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Hey Mom I wish I could call you on the phone like I was almost every day you're not there anymore I miss you so much already love you with all my heart I wish we would have had more time private time together time we will when I get to heaven

Eliza Dillard - April 02 at 06:28 AM



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Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory - March 02 at 05:56 PM

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I am missing you so much Mom 😭

Eliza Dillard - March 29 at 09:41 AM

NM

“ There’s a new angel in Heaven, and her name is Leona.
Her face is bright and beautiful,
Her generous heart is full of love, as always.
She is back with loved ones passed before her, and the reunion is beyond magnificent.
I imagine Leona is adding her contagious humor to the peacefulness there...a perfect balance.
Thank you Leona, for the treasure chest you left in California, full of cherished and humorous memories to be enjoyed over and over again.
Thank you for your fabulous spaghetti with so many delicious ingredients, and thank you for your immeasurable kindness and love.
God bless You 🙏❤️.
I send you love, big hugs & kisses
-Nena

Nena Marquez - February 27 at 10:39 PM

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“ Mom do you remember how we always used to walk to Marina del Rey to hi nanos we did it for the exercise and just to be together it was a good memory walking on the beach every day with you it was fun

Eliza Dillard - February 27 at 09:18 PM



I am so sorry for your loss

Baisayne Singleton - March 09 at 02:03 PM

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“ I remember when we were little my mom you taught us how to play backgammon and we got so good that me and our mother played every night it was very fun a good memory

Eliza Dillard - February 27 at 09:15 PM

LM

“ Yvonne and family, I'm so sorry to read about leona, may she rest in peace

Lupe morales - February 27 at 02:35 PM

DB

“ Leona called me King David and she was my Queen we shared the last fourteen years together. I loved her with all my heart, and she loved me with hers and I felt it every day. She went to Heaven with her white gown on and I will miss her.

david baker - February 26 at 10:16 PM

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I'm going to miss my beautiful mama I love you so much

Eliza Dillard - February 28 at 10:23 AM