



Maya Rivera

July 24, 1990 - January 30, 2024

Maya Paloma Rivera, 33, passed away on January 30, 2024, in Lubbock, Texas. Please take a moment and share a kind thought or memory with Maya's family at www.andersonbethany.com.

There will be a Visitation at St. John's Church on Friday, February 9, 2024, from 8:00 Am to 9:30 AM, and a Rosary to begin at 9:30 AM. Mass will also be held at St. John's Church on Friday, February 9, 2024, at 10:00 am. Interment will follow at South Park Cemetery.

On July 24, 1990, Maya was born to Arturo Rivera and Teresa Rivera in Roswell, New Mexico. She attended Roswell High School, where she graduated as an honor student. Maya cherished being a teacher at Monterrey Elementary School and loved all her students very, very much. She always found time to help those most in need and a favorite pastime of Maya's was taking care of her friends and family. She always had a project to accomplish with loving care. Maya loved her country home, collected cute photos of cows, and was always trying to learn something new every day. Maya will be missed by her family and friends.

Those left to eternally treasure and cherish memories of Maya are her parents Arturo Rivera and Teresa Rivera; boyfriend, Bill Akin; her nephews and niece, whom she was practically a mother to and helped raise: Frankie Guzman, Mario Guzman, and Karizma Guzman; brothers: Arturo Rivera and Marin Rivera; aunts and uncles: Mario and Kathy Rivera, Stella and Steve Montes, Esther and Juan Rodriguez, Margaret Gallegos and Patsy Gallegos; close

friends: Carolina Anchondo, Myra Alvidrez, Tara de la Cerda, and many good friends from Monterrey Elementary School; her doggies: Lulu, Minny and Bean; her kitty, Meow Meow; special cousins: Anna and Isabel Rivera and Mireya Montes.

Also left to eternally treasure and cherish memories of Maya are her boyfriend's family: Maya's mother-in-law, Rosa Akin; brothers and sisters-in-law: John Akin, Robert Akin, Larry Akin, Raphael Akin, Maria Akin, and Andrea Gonzales; nieces and nephews: Francisco Guzman, Karizma Guzman, Mario Guzman Casandra Gonzales, Axieana Gonzales, Patrick Gonzales, Angel Gonzales, Freddy Gonzales, Ricky Gonzales, Ayden Gonzales, Weston Gonzales, Leam Akin, Evan Akin, Noah Akin, Sadie Akin, Jaeden Akin, Isabel Akin, and Ezekiel Akin.

Maya is preceded in death by her grandparents: Apolonia Rivera, Ruben Rivera, and Elvira Lujan; great-grandparents: Benigna Lujan, Cuca Lucero, George Lujan, Petra and Jose Rivera; siblings: Esther and Rafael Marin; uncles: Mike Gallegos, Fernando Gallegos, and David Rivera.

Those blessed to be chosen as honorary pallbearers are Karizma Guzman, the Akin family, and Maya's nieces and nephews.

Those honored to be chosen as pallbearers are Arturo Rivera, Marin Rivera, Ruben Rivera, Leo Rivera, John Akin, and Frankie Akin.

Maya's tribute was lovingly written by her family.

"Maya is and shall always be the light of our lives. She reached the hearts of everyone she knew. She was our "Baby Girl" with a big heart full of compassion for those who were most in need. Fly free with the angels my sweet baby girl. Jesus has you in his care, we love you forever more. Our hearts are broken, though we know you are safe with our Father Jesus who needs you more."

- Love Mama Terri and Papa Arturo, your brothers Arturo and Marin, we love you so.

Tribute Wall

KA

“ *Kandis sent a virtual gift in memory of Maya Rivera*



Kandis - August 17, 2024 at 09:06 PM

KA

“ *Hi, this is one of her students from Monterrey, I still go to Monterrey, and I just wanna say that she was the best teacher inside and out. I know that God will protect you. So, thank you Ms. Rivera. - Kandis Clements*

Kandis - August 17, 2024 at 09:03 PM

HR

“ *Maya,
You really were such a beautiful person inside and out. You always wore smile no matter what. You were a blessing to those you came in contact with. You had just such a kind soul. Thank you for the laughs you gave me when we were younger and for being an ear when I needed someone to hear me out. Most of all thank you for being a great friend to my brother Ruben. I know he will miss you tremendously. You are now walking with the great lord and I'm sure you look beautiful with your wings. May you rest in love and peace Maya. 🙏👉👈 - Hope Ramirez*

Hope Ramirez - February 08, 2024 at 10:57 PM

TR

Thank you so much for your beautiful words . Maya was Pure ❤️ we are broken . Though every kind word we hear of our Daughter is appreciated more than you know. She is with Jesus and safe from pain.. All the good memories is what we have of our wonderful daughter. She is our angel now.💙🙏👐

Teresa Rivera - February 11, 2024 at 12:57 PM

RP

“ *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?. The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?. You will be missed by all who were fortunate enough to have known you. Rest easy Maya.*

- Ruben Peña

Ruben Pena - February 08, 2024 at 10:29 PM



Gracias Ruben ✨🙏🙏

Tierra Sol - July 14, 2024 at 11:36 AM

LS

“ *lilys shop lit a candle in memory of Maya Rivera*



lilys Flower shop - February 08, 2024 at 05:02 PM

PT

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Penny, Natalie, and Tami - February 08, 2024 at 03:39 PM

YR

“ Yolanda Rivera lit a candle in memory of Maya Rivera



Yolanda Rivera - February 08, 2024 at 11:07 AM

JS

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family. I am so sorry for your loss. Maya was an amazing person, she will be greatly missed.

Josie Silva - February 07, 2024 at 11:07 PM

SA

“ It is with great sadness to have to say goodbye to such an amazing person and teacher. You will truly be missed amiga. I truly can't believe you are gone.

Stephanie Del Angel - February 07, 2024 at 06:43 PM

FA

“ *Familias Carrasco, Antenucci lit a candle in memory of Maya Rivera*



Familias Esquivel, Carrasco, Antenucci - February 07, 2024 at 03:57 PM

FD

“ *My husband & I would like to express our condolences to the family. May The Lord comfort you during this time. 🙏*

Frances Dishman - February 07, 2024 at 01:44 PM

SL

“ *Sr y Sra Rivera no tengo palabras que pueden mitigar su dolor..los tengo en mis oraciones para .que Dios de alive su dolor desde el fondo de mi corazon .mi mas sentido pesame..Sandra Lucero*

Sandra Lucero - February 07, 2024 at 03:04 AM

ES

“ *My deepest condolences to the Rivera Family my prayer are with you all!*



ELVINA DE LOS SANTOS - February 06, 2024 at 03:01 PM

TR

Thank you so much 🌹

Teresa Rivera - February 07, 2024 at 09:42 AM

ES

“ *ELVINA LOS SANTOS lit a candle in memory of Maya Rivera*



ELVINA DE LOS SANTOS - February 06, 2024 at 02:54 PM

LS

“ *Lily's shop lit a candle in memory of Maya Rivera*



Lily's Flower shop - February 05, 2024 at 09:51 PM

RY

“ *Mrs. Rivera was my daughter's 4th grade teacher this year and we are saddened by her loss. She will be greatly missed and many prayers to her family, friends and colleagues.*



Rosa York - February 05, 2024 at 04:55 PM

TR

Thank you so much 🌹

Teresa Rivera - February 07, 2024 at 09:41 AM

RY

Continued prayers to all

Rosa York - February 08, 2024 at 12:24 PM

SR

“ Are prayers and condolences to Miss Rivera family may she RIP 🙏🕊️ Sophiah is going to miss you



Stella Rivera - February 02, 2024 at 09:32 AM

LT

I'm so sorry for your loss. My grandkids loved having their cousin as their teacher at Monterrey. She will be greatly missed

Liza Trujillo - February 05, 2024 at 05:31 PM

MC

Teri and family, So very sorry to hear this sad news. May the Lord give you peace and strength during this difficult time 🙏🙏🙏

Melissa Urban Cobos - February 07, 2024 at 08:18 PM