



## Nieves Ramey

December 5, 1940 - April 6, 2018

Nieves Ramey, 77, passed away peacefully on Friday, April 6, 2018. There will be a Viewing at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, from 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM. A Funeral Service will be held at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, 1:00 PM. Interment will follow at South Park Cemetery. A Reception will be held after Interment at the American Legion, 1620 N Montana Ave, Roswell, NM. Celebrate Nieves' life by visiting [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com) to offer a memory or expression of sympathy for her family.

On December 5, 1940, Nieves was born in Tornillo, TX, to Gomesindo and Elizabeth Silva. Both her parents preceded her in death. She is also preceded in death by Don Ramey, brothers: Marcello Silva, Steve Silva, James Silva; sisters-in-law: Debbie J. Silva, Nancy Silva, Flora Silva; uncles/tios: Faustino A. Silva, Pete Silva and Emilio Silva, Emeterio "Chapo" Silva; and aunts/tias: Vicenta Saenz, Anastacia Holguin and Maraquita Bonilla.

Nieves married her Airforce man, Otis Don Ramey on May 31, 1960, in Roswell, NM. They moved to Denison, TX, where they lived on base. Then on March 14, 1961, Gregory Don Ramey was born, and he was the light of her life. Greg was her pride and joy and she made sure that she was the best mom to him. They moved to Garland, TX, after Don returned from a tour in Alaska. She moved to Grapevine, TX, where she managed Dons Restaurant La Casa. This is where she got to meet players from her favorite football team, the Dallas Cowboys. Every Thursday at the restaurant there was a

radio show that was MC'd by her friend, Troy Aikman. She also became good friends with some other players, such as Harvey Martin and Drew Pearson, from the Cowboys. Meeting Roger Staubach and Tom Landry were some of the highlights of her life. She sure loved her Dallas Cowboys and was a proud fan. In 1998, she fell ill and decided to move back home to Roswell. She lived with her son, Greg, her sister, Faye who was her right-hand man and brother, Eppie on the Silva ranch. She worked for Dr. Haney, who became more like family than an employer. She was a social butterfly so when it came to helping with parties and get-togethers, she was the one to talk to. Nieves was also a proud life member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars. One of her favorite things about being back in Roswell was getting her family together.

A sassy, funny and loving mom, sister and aunt, Nieves loved life and lived it to the fullest. Her strong will and positive outlook on life were what kept her going every day. She had a heart of gold and would be there for anyone that needed her. Nieves favorite past time was going to the casino in Ruidoso or what she called "the hill," with her family so she could play those slot machines. She had a love for Elvis Presley music and would share it with Greg. Nieves always looked forward to the girl's trips with her wonderful friends Sharon Thomlinson, Patty MaGourick, Judi Bishop, and Jerie Walters. She also loved OD (Ponch) Walters, Jerie's son, who she would babysit when Greg was a baby. She also loved spending time with her friend, Lynn Rivas. One of her other favorite things was going to golf tournaments and supporting her friend, Nancy Lopez and spending time with her friend, Melba Lopez. Nieves had to attend dialysis every week and you would think that she would be miserable having to do this, but she lived a happy life and let nothing stand in the way. The staff and patients at dialysis loved her as a patient because of the goodies that she took every week. She would talk to everyone and put a smile on their face if they were having a bad day.

Those left to cherish Nieves' memory are her son, Gregory Ramey of Roswell; step-daughter, Kristen Ramey; brothers: Gomesindo (Chindo) Silva Jr. and

wife, Patsy of Roswell, Albert Silva and wife, Mary of Roswell, Eppie Silva of Roswell, Fernando Silva and wife, Sheila of Abilene, TX, Jesse V. Silva and wife, Paula of Roswell; sisters: Adella Griffith and husband, Carl of Converse, TX, Faye Silva of Roswell, Maggie Garrison of Roswell, Linda Aylwin of Mesquite TX; brother-in-law, Arnold Ramey; sisters-in-law: Etta Redd, Melba Cannaday; aunt/tia, Virginia Silva of Roswell; and uncle/tio, Albert Silva Acosta.

Chosen as Pallbearers will be nephews: Anthony "Lil Anthony" Silva Jr., Anthony Silva, Albert "Boy Boy" Silva, Jesse "Shay" Silva, Aaron Medina, and Marcello "Chills" Silva.

Honorary Pallbearers are: all of Nieves' nieces and nephews, cousin/primo Emilio Silva, cousin/primo Fernando Silva, special Aunt/Tia Virginia Silva, neighbor and handyman Buddy Castaneda, family friend Margaret Montero, and good friend Brinky Randall.

Nieves family would like to Thank the doctors that cared for her, Dr. Donald Wenner Jr and Dr. Peter Jewell. We would also like to Thank the wonderful and caring staff at Eastern New Mexico Kidney Care Center.

Nieves' tribute was lovingly written by her family in her honor.

I am not gone

I remain here beside you

Just in a different form

Look for me in your heart

And there you will find me

in our love which forever lives on

In those moments when you feel alone

Look for me in your thoughts

And there you will find me

in sweet memories that burn strong

Every time a tear  
Forms in your beautiful eyes  
Look up to the heavens  
And there you will see me  
Smiling down from God's glorious skies

I AM NOT GONE  
By Injete Chesoni

# Tribute Wall



“ *Nieves Ramey*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *I am still in disbelief that you are no longer here. I truly miss seeing your beautiful smile. I hope and pray that you are resting now without worry. P.S. we will miss all of the good treats you would make us.*

**Jolie Horton** - April 12, 2018 at 12:05 AM



“ *Trula Williams lit a candle in memory of Nieves Ramey*



**Trula Williams** - April 11, 2018 at 08:36 AM



*Thank you cuz Trula.*

**Etta Lou Ramey Redd** - April 11, 2018 at 08:33 PM



“ *This is so hard for me. My heart is breaking. I loved Nieves so much. She was the kindest lady the best wife to my brother Don. And Greg could not have had a better mother. She will be missed by many who loved her. Rest In Peace my sweet sister. And when you get through rejoicing with all your family in heaven tell that brother of ours we miss him. I will always love you Nieves and miss your sweet smile.*

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**Melba Cannaday** - April 10, 2018 at 02:18 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family - especially Greg. Nieves was a very special woman, a good friend and loving Mother. She will be greatly missed.*

*Nancy & Malcolm Reed*

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**Nancy Reed** - April 10, 2018 at 12:04 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Nieves Ramey.*



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 April 10, 2018 at 12:01 PM



“ *Ms. Ramey was the kindest sweetest person I have known. She always had a beautiful smile on her face. She was my patient and I saw her every Wednesday at dialysis. Never a complaint, just always happy. I will truly miss seeing her smiling face. Rest in Peace Ms. Ramey. Julia Jones*

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**Julia Jones** - April 09, 2018 at 02:34 PM

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“ *Nieves, or Mavis, as she asked to be called, was truly an angel from heaven, with a dash of spice. She cared for my father, Dick Blackmar, my aunt, Louise Parkinson, and my Mother, Estelle Blackmar during their last days. She gave them joy. She gave me peace of mind. She showed my daughter a shining example of a strong, independent woman.*

*Without her capable, cheerful, loving presence, and her sister Faye Silva's, I would have been lost. They are more than family to me. Mavis will live forever in my soul. Fly free, sweet angel. I love you.*

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**Babs Blackmar Shelton** - April 09, 2018 at 11:55 AM

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“ *Diane, Dave, Gavin Ramey, Melissa & Tony Strawn purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Nieves Ramey.*



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**Diane, Dave, Gavin Ramey, Melissa & Tony Strawn** - April 09, 2018 at 11:26 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Nieves Ramey.*



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April 08, 2018 at 11:02 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Nieves Ramey.*



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April 08, 2018 at 08:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Nieves Ramey.*



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April 08, 2018 at 08:06 PM

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“ Nieves was married to my younger brother, Don, but I never thought of her as my sister-in-law, but as my 'beautiful beloved Mexican sister'. We met in August 1962 and bonded immediately and became closer than blood sisters.



*With her beautiful smile, Nieves could light up any place she entered, her funny wit kept you laughing, her kind words made anyone in her presence feel special, her loyalty, love, and devotion to family and friends never wavered, she saw only the best in people and criticism, as well as gossip, was not in her vocabulary. She was indeed a unique person blessing each life she touched, especially mine.*

*Rest in Peace 'my beautiful beloved Mexican sister'. I will love, miss, and grieve for you as long as I draw a breath. Etta Lou Ramey Redd, Orlando, Florida*

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**Etta Lou Ramey Redd** - April 08, 2018 at 10:16 AM



*While it is sad that Nerves has passed. It should. Be known that she and Don Ramey divorced in 1976 (42 yrs ago) and Don remarried Anita Utley in 1978 and the two bore one daughter. Kristin Michelle Ramey in 1980. Nieves and Don never remarried but she was employed as was Greg in Don's restaraunt as an employee. Greg's wife proceeded him in death in the DFW area. Kristin was never Nieves' step daughter being born 4 years after Nieves' 2nd divorce (a necessity due to property owned) and a remarriage never took place between the two.*

*While not married to Nieves for decades he did remain there for her if needed as he did for me, Anita and Kristin Ramey.*

*Rest in peace and I am sure the short period you were married that he was the best person he could be to all of us despite his alcoholism. Taken too soon.*

*Anita Ramey*

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**Anita Utley Ramey** - June 12, 2018 at 06:31 AM