



## Rena Krause

August 29, 1967 - May 28, 2023

Rena Carole Krause (Nelson), 55, of Ruidoso, New Mexico, passed away on May 28, 2023, surrounded by her immediate family.

A celebration of her life will be on October 21, 2023 at 11 a.m. at White Mountain Meadows pavilion in Ruidoso, NM.

Rena was born in Bryan, Texas to Charles and Rita Nelson on August 29, 1967. She married Edwin T. Krause, also of Bryan, on March 4, 1986. For a number of years, Rena and Ed owned and operated a Sonic Drive-in in Caldwell, TX. In 1994, they moved with their two daughters to Ruidoso, New Mexico. It is there that she opened Krause Kleaning Service, a commercial cleaning company that has served many Ruidoso businesses ever since.

Rena loved to bake sweet treats for anyone who liked to eat, as well as loved turning every event into something special. She never let you leave her house empty handed and when she found out you liked something, she got you lots of it. She loved the sunshine, getting dressed up to go out to eat, and being around people who made her laugh. Throughout her life, she enjoyed gardening, sewing, and home improvement projects. Rena's favorite thing, however, was being a mother and spending time with her two girls.

Rena is preceded in death by her father, Charles B. Nelson of Bryan, TX, her

in-laws, Delma and Rimp Krause, and her beloved cat, Kitty Kitty.

Rena is survived by her husband, Edwin T. Krause of Ruidoso, NM, daughter Charli Rená Krause of Austin, TX, daughter Erica Krause Muñoz and son-in-law Cory of Albuquerque, NM. Her mother, Rita Nelson of Bryan, TX. Her four siblings, Tamara Paulos and husband Clay of Roswell, NM, Laura Olexey and husband Martin of Bryan, TX, Karl Nelson and wife Melanie of College Station, TX, and Dana Tobeck and husband Greg of Houston, TX. She also had several nieces and nephews from both sides of her family.

In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to the Humane Society of Lincoln County.