



## Rita Thomas

March 14, 1950 - April 30, 2009

A Memorial service for Rita Thomas, 59, of Roswell, will be held Saturday, May 23, 2009 at 2 pm at St. Johns the Baptist Catholic Church with Father Juan Montoya O.F.M. officiating. Rita passed away April 30, 2009 at her home.

Rita was born March 14, 1950 to Raymond Savedra in Columbus, Ohio. Rita lived most of her life in Roswell. She was a certified dental assistant. Rita was a very free spirited person, who considered her children to be the love of her life. She enjoyed painting, coloring, reading and especially writing scriptures from the bible. Rita always said "I have lived many places, but Roswell will be my final place". She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her two sons; James Thomas and John Thomas Jr. and Jennifer of Portland, OR. two daughters; Raquel Jefferson and Elizabeth of California, two brothers; Leo, Ralph and Charlie of California, two sisters Maria Shifflett and her husband Jeff of Ohio, and Gloria Lara of CA, one niece; Carmen Lara also of CA, one aunt; Mary Solis, numerous cousins and her legacy lives on through her five grandchildren. Rita was preceded in death by her father; Ray Savedra, one sister; Joann and one grandson.

Please share your thoughts and memories with the family in the online register book at [andersonbethany.com](http://andersonbethany.com)

Services are under the direction of Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home & Crematory.

I'm Free Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free, I'm following the path God laid

for me, I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all, I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work or play. Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of the day, If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy. A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, all these things I too will miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish for you the sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I've savored much, good friends, good times, a loved one's touch. Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undue grief. Lift up your hearts and share with me, God wanted me now, He set me free.

# Tribute Wall



“ Rita Thomas

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM

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*You gave me life and although it has been anything but simple, I've managed to make it this far and I plan to keep trudging along as best I can. I talk to John Jr via Facebook every now and then and even engage in the occasional phone conversation. I pray for them both and hope they can remain strong at least long enough to allow me to go up and spend some time with them or have them come down for a much-needed visit. I looked up Raquel and, I think she's less than 1/2 hour away! There's a much needed reunion that's long overdue. I want to make that happen. Day before yesterday I was looking thru photo albums (thank heavens for the individual who invented photo albums! I found a few photos of Raquel and also one or two of Mike and Margaret. There is one where Raquel is riding on my back as if I'm a pony!!! Pretty funny! So there are 4 of us adult kids ... Brothers and sisters, aunts. I never got married nor did I ever have kids. Between you guys and me, I was so scared to get married. I had 2 engagement rings. But I was just too insecure to walk down the aisle. So much occurred (probably/maybe) in your lives as well. I was scared as Heck.*

*The odd thing is that I vividly remember "incidents" from when the boy's dad (John Sr) was around and it was a very scary time. My email is planetliz@gmail.com.*

*Incidentally, Raquel, Bill & Toni are both dead. There's no other family Aunt Ronnie died as well. You may be too young to remember her.*

Elizabeth Ann Rivera - July 30, 2023 at 07:20 AM

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*Love the 3 of you.*

*Liz*

Elizabeth Ann Rivera - July 30, 2023 at 07:23 AM

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Elizabeth Ann Rivera - July 30, 2023 at 07:25 AM

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*Thank you Lord for bringing my sister Raquel back into my life. We have spent some amount of time together. Not as much as I would have hoped and I will work on that.*

Elizabeth Ann (Rita's 1st born) - October 21, 2024 at 02:58 AM

MS

*“ Rita my cousin I will miss you very much. The time we shared will for ever live in my heart. The talks that we had I will always remember. I will pray for your four children that some how they can come to terms with the lost of not only their Mother but also their Father also. May you now have the peace you always look for. love cousin Margie*

margie solis - May 24, 2009 at 10:40 PM

MS

*“ Rita Thomas*

margie solis - May 24, 2009 at 10:32 PM