



Sophia Solazzo

September 30, 1953 - December 26, 2025

Sophia Solazzo, 72, passed away on December 26, 2025, in Lubbock, TX.

There will be a visitation at 6:00 p.m. with a Rosary to follow at 6:30 p.m. at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home & Crematory on Wednesday January 7, 2026.

Funeral services will be held at Assumption Catholic Church on Thursday January 8, 2026, at 10:15 a.m. with Father Jarek officiating. Light reception to follow at Assumption Parish Hall.

Graveside services will be held at Hagerman Cemetery on Friday January 9, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.

On September 30, 1953, Sophia was born to Adelia Velos in Roswell, NM. She attended Dexter High School where she graduated and also continued her education attending college at ENMU-Portales, NM. In 1973 she married Irby Hernandez and by 1980 she was a young widow with three small daughters. Sophia worked for the Roswell Inn a famous hotel known to Roswell working as the General Manager until the hotel closed it's doors around 1998.

Sophia was also the beloved wife of Thomas Solazzo whom she married in

1997. Both were members at Assumption Catholic Church. Prior to her retirement Sophia worked for the Chaves County offices where she assisted indigent clients with dignity and respect and made long life friends that became family. At an early age Sophia knew she wanted to work with the public and her community. She became a CASA volunteer advocating for children in their time of need. Sophia had a creative artistic side with a flare for style and decorating. Sophia loved to be out working in her garden and tending to her home. She was a loving caregiver to her beloved mother Adelia whom she passed November 30th, 2025. Sophia loved spending time with her family and friends hosting get togethers and parties and being the ever gracious hostess she was. Sophia's memory will continue to live on through her daughters and family. Sophia was such an amazing, strong, intelligent, and resilient woman who blessed us all with her beautiful soul.

Those left to cherish and treasure Sophia's memory are daughters Victoria Federico and spouse Jose, Rebecca Morones and spouse Adan, and Renee Hernandez and spouse Liz Virrueta all of Roswell, NM.

Grandchildren Anthony Federico, Bianca Morones and spouse Johnny Perez, Sophia Vargas, Andrew Federico, Mya Vargas and Vincent Vargas.

Great grandchildren Sofie Borunda and Jaylen Perez. Sisters Maria Yolanda Velos of Roswell and Maria Nina Stefhon of Albuquerque, NM and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Also, left to cherish Sophia's memory are life long friends Yolanda Morales, Ann Montoya, Julia Torres, Carmen Bell, Anabelle Rodriguez and Sandra Rodriguez.

Sophia is preceded in death by her mother Adelia Velos, late husbands Irby Hernandez and Tom Solazzo, Aunt Sue Moreno and nephew Pat Stefhon.

The family of Sophia would like to extend sincere thanks to ENMMC in Roswell and Covenant Medical in Lubbock Tx for their tireless efforts and unwavering compassion in caring for Sophia during her final days.

The day God took you home

Our hearts split in two. One side filled with memories, the other side died with you.

We often lay awake at night when the world is fast asleep, and take a walk down memory lane with tears upon our cheeks.

Remembering you is easy, we do it everyday but missing you is a heartache that never goes away. We hold you tightly within our heart and there you will remain.

You see life has gone on without you, but will never be the same.

Missing you always our sweet Momma.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 7. 6:00 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
2609 South Main
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5888
abfh@andersonbethany.com

Rosary

JAN 7. 6:30 PM (MT)

Anderson-Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory
2609 South Main
Roswell, NM 88203
(575) 622-5888
abfh@andersonbethany.com

Funeral Service

JAN 8. 10:15 AM (MT)

Assumption Catholic Church
2808 N Kentucky Ave
Roswell, NM 88201-5814
(575) 622-9895

Light reception to follow at Assumption Parish Hall.

Graveside Service

JAN 9. 2:00 PM (MT)

Hagerman Cemetery
Shoshoni Rd.
Hagerman, NM 88232

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Memorial Video



Anderson - Bethany Funeral Home and Crematory - April 07 at 01:29 PM

CF

“ I became to know Sophia while working with her. Sophie am was a lovely person. Very classy and could win over anyone with her kindness. My sincere condolences to all three of her daughters. Rest in peace Sophia. Clara Fuentes. 🙏

Clara Fuentes - January 10 at 02:25 AM

AI

“ Sophia, you were such a great friend and coworker. Loved the times we shared when we worked together, our lunch conversations, laughing, crying and so much more, you were such a great person heaven has received a wonderful angel, you will be greatly missed, sending my condolences you all your family especially your daughters. You will be missed but never forgotten. Aimee

Aimee - January 05 at 03:54 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Sophia Solazzo.



January 03 at 12:07 PM



“ Angle and Mary Salazar planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sophia Solazzo.

Angle and Mary Salazar - January 03 at 12:07 PM



“ Megan and Matt Bonniwell purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sophia Solazzo.



Megan and Matt Bonniwell - January 03 at 09:48 AM



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Megan and Matt Bonniwell - January 03 at 09:48 AM

BM

“ Oh, Sophie 💔 I can't believe you're gone.

I'm so sorry Vicky, Becky, & Rene. Your Mom was something special and she'll be dearly missed.



Bobby and Teri Moreno - January 03 at 08:19 AM

RH

Thank you so much, Mom was certainly one of a kind! She appreciated all the help around the yard Tio 💔

Renee Hernandez - January 03 at 02:56 PM

BM



Bobby and Teri Moreno - January 07 at 09:16 AM

LA

“ Please accept my most sincere condolences. I knew Sophie for many years and she was a wonderful, caring person.



Lita Aranda - January 03 at 08:17 AM

RH

Thank you very much 💔

Renee Hernandez - January 03 at 08:16 PM

BM

Mom knew Sophie since she lived in Greenfield by Grandma & our Aunt Betty. I remember your Mom back then, too 💔 I was quite young.

Bobby and Teri Moreno - January 07 at 09:18 AM

JT

“ Oh, my sweet friend! How can I say goodbye to you? I can't and won't. Wherever I go, I will take you with me. Thank you so much for everything you did for me and my family. I will always treasure all our memories we had working at Chaves County, all the family parties, the chisme, all of our heartfelt conversations throughout the years, all the laughs and the tears. I always told you I admired and loved the way you raised your daughters and hoped to one day be as good of a mother as you were to your girls. Please give a kiss and a hug to my Javi. Hasta que nos volvamos a ver mi querida amiga del alma 🙏🙏❤️❤️🙏🙏

Julia Torres - January 03 at 12:11 AM

RH

Julia, you were such a good friend to Mom and we are grateful for your friendship! Mom loved you guys so much! We are so heartbroken and lost without her but knowing so many people loved Mom and saw her for the amazing woman she was gives us comfort and strength. We love you ❤️

Renee Hernandez - January 03 at 04:48 PM



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January 02 at 11:40 PM

CP

“ Christine Munoz Patterson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sophia Solazzo.

Christine Munoz Patterson - January 02 at 11:40 PM



“ *She was awesome. I met her at work, at Roswell Inn. She became a friend, became family. We often talked about life, about dreams. Conversation would always turn back to me, to where she would give me heart felt advice. She was a strong, wise, independent woman. I had much respect for her. And ohhhh man, she had so much love for her daughters. She let that be known to everyone.*

Rick Cox - January 02 at 11:26 PM

RH

Rick, you've helped us remember just what a wonderful woman she was, so strong and intelligent, thank you ❤️ we loved her dearly and are grateful for the memories!

Renee Hernandez - January 03 at 08:18 PM

NS

My deepest condolences.

Nancy L. Salas - January 06 at 04:28 AM