



## Sylvia Calzada

October 30, 1954 - March 14, 2024

Sylvia Rodriguez Calzada was unexpectedly called home to our Lord and Savior on March 14, 2024, at the age of 69.

Born to Jim and Pilar Rodriguez at St. Mary's Hospital in Roswell, NM on October 30, 1954, Sylvia grew up in Dexter, NM with four siblings (3 sisters and a brother). As the daughter of a Deacon much of her childhood was spent in her church, where for many years she sang with her sisters and church choir. Sylvia graduated from Dexter High School in 1973.

She married her first husband in 1978, and although this relationship was not permanent, it brought her two boys. Her sons, Ricardo and Anthony, were the greatest joys in her life and she loved them so very deeply. After the two separated, Sylvia later met Jessie who was the love of her life.

Sylvia and Jessie were married on June 29, 1996. The two blended their families as Jessie had 3 children, two sons and a daughter. Together Sylvia and Jessie shared an adventurous life ... they enjoyed traveling to beautiful places like Hawaii, Corpus Christi, and parts of Colorado, fishing, boating, and shopping. They were also dedicated members of the church.

Sylvia was a devoted member of the church she grew up in, where for many years she planned and organized events like Vacation Bible School, as well

as crafts and studies for the children's classes. Sylvia enjoyed being a member of the choir and would often attend the Asociacion Berea Music Festival and was a part of the (BCNM) Baptist Convention of New Mexico. Sylvia cherished her time as a member of the church and the relationship she built with God is without question, everlasting.

In her professional life, she worked as a paralegal with Atwood and Malone, before going to work for Judge Baldock and the Court of Appeals for several years. She went on to work for the New Mexico State Police for many years and retired in 2017. After a short break, Sylvia returned to work at the Roswell Refuge and retired from there in December 2023.

Sylvia is survived by her children Ricardo Jimenez, wife Andrea, Anthony Jimenez, wife Erica, John Calzada, wife Michelle, Israel Calzada, wife Elsa, and Corina Calzada-Hopkins, husband Nate; she was a proud grandmother to Reagan, Grayson and Payton Jimenez, Gabriel Jimenez, Gabriella, Roman and Cristian Calzada, Catherine and Elizabeth Calzada, Abigail Dominguez, husband Adrian, Joseph Contreras, wife Hailey, Danielle and Jayden Contreras; and great-grandchildren Rosalie Dominguez, Jonah and Abraham Contreras.

Other survivors include her sisters Carolyn Silva, husband Frank and Susie Earnest; and her brother Orlando Rodriguez, wife Sonya. Sylvia also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, family members, and friends.

Sylvia is preceded in death by her beloved husband Jessie Calzada, her parents Jim and Pilar Rodriguez, her sister Sara Boling, nephew Damyn Rodriguez.

Those who knew and loved Sylvia will miss her dearly. A funeral service will be held at her family church Primera Iglesia Bautista in Dexter, NM on

Saturday, March 23, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. with Michael Silva and Sammy Chaves officiating. Interment to follow at South Park Memorial Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

BE

“ *As your flower girl, I will always have a special place in my heart for you , RIP*



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**Bea** - March 29, 2024 at 02:01 AM

RF

“ *My deepest sympathy for your loss. Thoughts and prayers for peace and comfort to all the family.*

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**Rosie Franco** - March 23, 2024 at 08:36 AM

MF

“ *Condolences to your family and sons. You will be dearly missed by your friends and family All these years we have known each other with lots of laughter etc. May you rest in peace, God bless you!!*

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**Mary Garcia and family** - March 21, 2024 at 11:11 AM

MP

“ *Oh Sylvia, I have such good memories of you from our school days, you were such a kindhearted person. Sending my condolences and prayers to the family in this difficult time. I can remember your laugh it was special no one could beat that sound. You gained your wings and now you'll be united with the love of your life and parents rest in peace.*



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**Merlinda Padilla** - March 20, 2024 at 08:55 PM

AG

“ *Rest in peace prima! Our condolences and prayers for all our family and loved ones!* 🙏❤️😞

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**Anthony Garcia** - March 19, 2024 at 07:51 PM

YR

“ *Your friends at the Roswell Refuge purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Sylvia Calzada.*



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**Your friends at the Roswell Refuge** - March 19, 2024 at 02:42 PM

LC

“ *Sylvia came to work with us at the Roswell Refuge in 2018. She was a wonderful, caring person and very quickly became part of our work family. I know that she will be missed and our prayers and thoughts are with her family and friends.*

*Lesli Carrera*

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**Lesli Carrera** - March 19, 2024 at 02:23 PM

JH

“ I met Sylvia when we worked together at Legal Aide for about 4 to 5 years. Sylvia had a delightfully wicked sense of humor. We had a similar upbringing as I was also a deacon's daughter. When we spoke about our mothers it appeared that they were a lot alike. We were also raised by Fathers that we were both profoundly impacted by their relationship with JESUS. We shared stories of Families and just life. I treasure our time together. I hope her Sons and family know how much she adored them. Sylvia was truly with me through laughter and tears in the trials of life. When asked think of her I think of all the laughter we shared

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**Jo Marie Hicks** - March 19, 2024 at 10:28 AM

CC

“ I met Sylvia at a ceramics/crafts class. Taking her time, slowly considering every detail. She had a way of beautifully blending colors.  
We miss her already

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**Consuelo Ceballos** - March 19, 2024 at 09:21 AM

RJ

“ Sylvia

*My dear sweet friend. Met you and Mike when you came to Va Beach and you were pregnant with Ricardo. 3 bachelors threw you and Mike a baby shower and it turned out pretty good. The Lipscomb Family showed up to make that shower special. Life was hard there in Va. Beach and we helped you both as much as possible. I use to tell everyone that Weeds, Doc, and I delivered Ricardo. Well, we did take you to the hospital. Throughout the years we lost touch and then I showed up in Carlsbad and we got together again. Our friendship never ended. When my wife, Veda, passed away I was glad you sent your condolences. I was glad to see the boys grow up and be good men. God bless your family and friends.*

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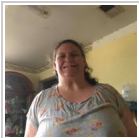
**Ralph Jennings** - March 18, 2024 at 11:17 PM

LW

“ She was such a beautiful lady inside and out ❤️

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**Linda Butts Weldon** - March 18, 2024 at 09:52 PM



“ Liz Moore lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Calzada



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**Liz Moore** - March 18, 2024 at 07:03 PM