



Helen Gonzales

September 10, 2018

Lifelong Ft. Garland resident Helen L. Gonzales passed away September 10, 2018 at the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center with her loving family by her side. Helen was welcomed into the world on December 15, 1930 in Ft. Garland, Colorado, the beloved daughter of Frank Lobato and Josephine Martinez Lobato. Helen was a remarkable woman and was a member of many organizations and committees. She belonged to the Ft. Garland Revitalization Committee, Friends of the Fort, Ft. Garland Scholarship Fund and Colorado Historical Society. Helen was a devoted and loving mother, sister, aunt, cousin and friend who enjoyed gardening, reading, going for walks and was always known for being a social butterfly to all her family and friends.

Survivors include her daughter Ila Tafoya of Ft. Garland, the answer to Helen's prayers Rey Gomez of Ft. Garland, CO; sisters Della Gallegos of Ft. Collins, CO; Sarah Parsons of Bellingham, WA; Patricia (Jim) Aragon of Lakewood, CO; Evelyn Lobato of Westminster, CO; Angela (Ron) Salazar of Colorado Springs, CO. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Helen was preceded in death by her parents Frank and Josephine Lobato, Husband Levi Gonzales, daughter Rita Cordova, sister Marie Trujillo and three brothers Ivan Lobato, Frank Lobato Jr., and Maggie Lobato.

Cremation was chosen. A Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary will be held on Saturday, September 15, 2018 at 10:30 AM at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Ft Garland. A Memorial Mass will follow at 11:00 AM on

Saturday, September 15, 2018 at Holy Family Catholic Church. Private family inurnment will be held at a later date. The care of arrangements have been entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of San Luis.

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP **15**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM.

Holy Family Catholic Church
Fort Garland, CO

Memorial Mass

SEP **15**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Holy Family Catholic Church
Fort Garland, CO

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Gonzales*

January 29, 2023 at 07:44 AM



“ *Ila, I am so sorry to hear of your beautiful mother's passing. Helen was always so kind to me and my family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. With Sympathy, Cruzita*

Cruzita - January 14, 2019 at 12:19 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy. I was a student at Adams State graduating in 1981. Mrs. Gonzalez was a wonderful, caring and inspirational woman.*

I work at the Santuario de Chi mayo and today on my day off, I went to check on things. On the counter was her memorial card. My co worker found it in the miracle room and placed it on the counter. I was so surprised to learn that she had passed this week. I always wanted to stop by the store on my several trips to Alamosa. I remember I stopped once and she wasn't there, but I fondly remember her. I will pay a mass for her at Santuario for her birthday. Check the bulletin on line. Masses on Sunday are at 10:30 and noon. Daily mass at 11:00 am. God's peace and my love and prayers to her family.



Virginia Vigil - September 19, 2018 at 09:22 PM



“ Dear Ida I'm so sorry for your loss your mom was a beautiful person inside and out. I remember her for her kindness and how she opened her house to me when I would stay with Rita. She loved you girls so much. She was always smiling and greeting everyone at the store. I think of your family often Rita was one of my best friends and she is missed. She will be with Rita and your dad now. Love always Frances Wishert- DeHerrera

Fran Deherrera - September 18, 2018 at 11:31 AM

LS

“ Ila, I am saddened to hear about the death of your beautiful mother. I know the special bond that you both shared. I remember her as an exemplary and dignified educator at Adams State College. She was someone to look up to. My prayers and thoughts are with you, Ila. May she rest in eternal peace.

Lucy Sandoval - September 14, 2018 at 10:00 PM

CM

“ Ila
I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Your mom was an amazing woman who did so much for our community. She will be greatly missed. Through the Mercy of God, may the Perpetual Light Shine upon her. May she Rest in Peace.

Cheryl Medina Montoya

Cheryl A Montoya - September 13, 2018 at 03:59 PM

WE

“ To Helen Gonzalez' family,

Please accept my deepest sympathy. Helen was my elementary school teacher. I never forgot the lessons she shared not just from books; also by example. We stayed in touch throughout the years and I am now 70. Recently my sister sent me an article that featured her as a recipient of an award in recognition of her lifelong contributions as an educator. I sent her a letter and she responded with an uplifting update on her life. I am so sorry for your loss. Find comfort in knowing that she made a difference for many, many students, for the community of Fort Garland, for Colorado and for our Latino community as a whole.

Wilma Espinoza

Wilma Espinoza - September 13, 2018 at 02:39 PM



“ Valerie Vasquez lit a candle in memory of Helen Gonzales



Valerie Vasquez - September 12, 2018 at 06:11 PM



“ So sorry for your loss May she celebrate with our Dear Lord Jesus Christ Amen RIP. Prayers are with you and your family.



Valerie Vasquez - September 12, 2018 at 06:09 PM



So sorry for your loss God Bless you and your family. Praying for you and your family. From the Freda Vasquez

Valerie Vasquez - September 12, 2018 at 06:11 PM