



## Liva Leigh Gonzales

April 15, 1934 - December 9, 2018

Liva "Leigh" Gonzales

Our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend peacefully passed away in her home on December 9, 2018 in Aurora, CO. She was surrounded by her loving family. Liva was the daughter of Juan and Evarista Maestas, born on April 15, 1934 in San Pablo, CO. Liva was united in marriage to Jake Gonzales on December 3, 1955.

Liva worked in the Monte Vista Hospital and St. Joseph Hospital in Del Norte as a nurse's aide for many years. Our loving Matriarch walked through life honoring our Heavenly Father by sharing prayer, compassion, feeding the hungry and guiding by example the virtues of life. She and Jake were active participants for many years with the San Luis Valley Cursillo as well as the Cursillo in Denver, CO. She loved spending time having fun outdoors with her flowers, playing with her grandchildren, cooking, dancing and taking long walks. Finally, she loved the Broncos, mountains, camping and fishing.

Liva is survived by her 5 children; Alan (Sandra) of Pueblo, CO, Richard of Albuquerque, NM, Teresa (David) of Aurora, CO, Julie (Art) of Aurora, CO and Shirley, of Aurora, CO. She is also survived by 26 grandchildren and 39 great grandchildren. Liva is also survived by sisters Mercy, Rose, Lita (Leandro) and

Lydia and brothers Ruben (Francis), Paul. Liva was preceded in death by her husband, Jake in 2000, 2 granddaughters, her parents along with 3 sisters and 5 brothers.

Rosary vigil will be held Friday, December 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Mass will be held on Saturday, December 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. both at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Monte Vista, CO. The internment at Monte Vista Cemetery following the mass.

# Cemetery Details

**Monte Vista Cemetery**

## Previous Events

### **Rosary**

DEC **14.** 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM.

Saint Joseph Catholic Church-Monte Vista

### **Funeral Mass**

DEC **15.** 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Saint Joseph's Catholic Church -Monte Vista  
425 Batterson St  
Monte Vista, CO 81144  
(719) 852-2673

# Tribute Wall



“ *Liva Leigh Gonzales*

January 29, 2023 at 07:44 AM



“ *I happened to run across this obituary today. I was confirmed in the Catholic Church by Liva and Jake Gonzales in Mancos Colorado around 1960. Me and my wife, who was from Monte Vista stopped and visited with my Padrino Jake when we were visiting my wife's aunt. Although it had been many years ago when I was confirmed by Jake and Leva, I do remember them and the Gonzales family from Mancos. I just wanted to pass on my condolences for the passing of both of these fine people. I do remember them somewhat and know that they were warm and friendly people. I know they were good friends of my mom and dad, Lupe and Philemon Garcia. My parents, when remembering Leva and Jake, always had positive comments about them. Peace be with you.*

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Philemon J. Garcia jr.  
West Jordan, Utah*

**Phil J Garcia** - June 01, 2021 at 03:54 PM