



Margie A. Garcia

September 30, 1935 - January 25, 2025

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Margie A. Garcia, cherished wife,

Mother, sister, grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend who left us on Jan. 25, 2025, at the age of 89. Margie was born on Sept. 30, 1935, in Mogote, Colorado to Cristobal and Eloyda Ruybal. She was the 3rd child born into this family of 9 children.

Margie met the love of her life and beloved husband, Jose S. Garcia, and they were married on June 2, 1956, in the San Rafael Pres. Church in Mogote, Colorado. Their beautiful life together lasted 68 years. Four children were born to this union, Jimmy Garcia, Loyda Garcia, Felix Garcia and Lydia (Garcia) Authement.

She was an educator for 30 years who taught P.E., History, Government, and Civics at Antonito schools. She received her Bachelor and Master of Arts degrees at Adams State College. She attended Western State University in Gunnison while working on her Counseling degree and was a counselor with Centauri School District. She was inducted into the Who's Who of Colorado Educators along with our father.

She enjoyed embroidery, sports, especially baseball, traveling with her sisters

to watch the Chicago Cubs, visiting Washington D.C., and to Las Vegas, Nev., with her family, playing Scrabble with her sisters, reading her Bible, books, magazines and keeping up with the news. She was a very faithful person, loving to go to church. She was a member of the Presbyterian Women's group which met to plan bazaars, donate to charity groups, have fellowship, read scriptures and enjoy lunch. She also helped with Vacation Bible School.

She always loved being with her family, visiting or being visited by family members. Her joy knew no bounds when her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren came to visit. She spear-headed the restoration of the San Rafael Presbyterian Church in Mogote, Co. Work started in 1999 and was completed in 2010 and is still used today as a place of worship, fellowship, memorial services and hymn sing-alongs. She loved the joy people had while attending services and activities at this church. This was a labor of love.

She was preceded in death by parents: Cristobal & Eloyda Ruybal, sisters: Elaine Martinez, Rebecca Boak, Lorraine Romero, Sally Ruybal, her son Jimmy Garcia, grandson, Dane Authement and nephew Anthony Madrid.

She is survived by husband Jose. S. Garcia, daughters Loyda Garcia, Lydia Authement, (Rick) son, Felix Garcia, (Susan Garcia), sisters: Theodora Madrid, Cristina Duran (Martin Duran), Chris Ruybal (Carol Ruybal) and Rica Ruybal.

Grandchildren: Skylar Authement, Stacey Garcia (Adam), Felix Garcia Jr. (Nicole), Sydney Salazar (Danny), Jaymie Garcia and Evan Garcia. Great grandchildren: Kaleb Garcia (Araceli), Isabella Garcia, Jude Garcia, Danny Salazar Jr., Journi Salazar, Jasper Hobbs, and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

Margie's passing leaves an unfillable void in our lives, yet we find comfort in

the memories and everlasting love she shared. You will be greatly missed!

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2025, at 11:00 A.M. at the United Pres. Church in Antonito, Co. There will be a family only, viewing at 10:00 A.M. Interment will follow at the San Rafael Pres. Church in Mogote, Colorado. To leave online condolences please visit: romerofuneralhomes.com. The Care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Tribute Wall

CG

“ I was profoundly saddened to hear about Margie's passing. I have many fond memories of her from our childhood days, as well as the limited times we spent together during our adult years. My deepest condolences to James and her entire family. Buddy

Carl Gallegos - February 07, 2025 at 12:12 PM



“ I just recently found out that my Aunt Margie had passed away and was shocked to say the least. I always remember Aunt Margie to be a very kind and caring person, someone who always spoke eloquently and always had good things to say about everyone.

I am so sorry to the family, and wish them strength and peace during this hard time. I love you Uncle Santi, stay strong.

Cee Dee Gee - February 05, 2025 at 12:39 PM

RG

“ Cousin Margie has always been an inspiration to me. Sharing Family events has always been special. Her continuing life achievements are a path to be proud of. My condolences to all the Family. Margie will be missed.

Robbie Gallegos

Robert Gallegos - February 04, 2025 at 11:53 AM

IR

“ *James Garcia Family:*
Please accept my condolences. I am sad to hear Margie passed on. She & I were Classmates grades 1 thru 8th in Mogote school. Margie was brilliant & I remember she was the Valedictorian when we graduated from 8th grade.. Margie was always kind to everyone. She will be missed. May she rest in peace. My prayers go out to all of the family & friends.
Sincerely, Irene Singletary Ruybal, Aurora, Colorado.

Irene Singletary Ruybal - February 01, 2025 at 05:04 PM

RG

My thoughts and prayers go out to the family may she RIP always was a wonderful person

Raymond Garcia - February 01, 2025 at 05:53 PM

TG

Much Love and Respect to my HS Counselor ❤️

Tomas Gonzales - February 04, 2025 at 11:29 PM

MZ

I was sorry to hear of Margie's passing. She was always so welcoming and fun when we went to visit. She certainly left a powerful legacy of love and hope that we can all benefit from. My condolences to all the family and hoping that wonderful memories will bring you comfort. Mae (Gallegos) Zufelt

Maareen Zufelt - February 05, 2025 at 05:53 PM

GR

My absolute condolences to Coach Garcia for the loss of his wife and special mate , my deepest sympathies to the families of Mrs. Garcia . Sending healing thoughts and prayers to all and may she rest peacefully in eternal comfort . So sorry for the loss 🙏 Her legacy will never be forgotten!

Gerald Romero - February 07, 2025 at 10:38 PM

PM

The Frank & Patsy Mestas family send our deepest sympathy to all the Garcia and Ruybal Family, Coach Garcia and Frank taught school for several year in Antonito and we have the highest respect for both. So very sorry

Patricia Mestas - February 11, 2025 at 04:33 PM