



## Maria Sandra "Sandy" Diaz

December 13, 1958 - November 28, 2022

Our beloved Sandy passed away on November 28, 2022 at her home in Monte Vista CO surrounded by her loving family. She was 63.

Sandy was born in Del Norte, CO on December 13, 1958 to Jose R. Rivera and Maria A. Rivera and she had five siblings Charlie, Danny, Leroy, Beatrice and MaryAnn.

Sandy graduated from Del Norte High School in May of 1977 and pursued an education at Mesa State College where she later received her Cosmetology Certificate. Shortly after, Sandy ambitiously pursued and graduated with a degree in Accounting at Trinidad State College. Sandy later went on to work for the Colorado State Veterans Center where she whole-heartedly committed 25 years. She loved the residents and talked about them daily, even after retiring.

Upon retiring Sandy began investing more time in her passions which included jewelry making and sewing, but above all Sandy loved being amidst family. In the summers you would find Sandy camping with family, going on four-wheeling excursions, and later cooking up something tasty. Sandy loved playing cards with her family and going to bingo with her sister Beatrice and her friends.

Sandy will be remembered for how immensely she loved others – especially her granddaughter Oralic whom she adored beyond measure. Sandy was a remarkable sister, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, nina and friend. Those that knew her best knew that she would go to the ends of the earth for them. She would set you straight at times but she loved everyone so deeply.

Sandy is preceded in death by her parents Refugio Jose and Antonia Maria Rivera, her brothers Gaspar (Danny) Rivera and Leroy Sanchez and her niece Dawn Rivera.

Sandy's memory lives on through her devoted husband of 17 years Anthony Diaz of Monte Vista, CO, her son Kevin DeMasters of Del Norte, CO, her daughters Trish (Frank) Archuleta of Del Norte, CO and Antonette Rivera of Alamosa, CO, her granddaughter Oralic Archuleta of Del Norte, CO, her brother Charlie (Elvira) Rivera of Del Norte, CO, sisters Beatrice (Frank) Hudson of Del Norte, CO, Maryann (Harold) Martinez of Colorado Springs, CO, sister-in-law Anna (Tony) Jorda of Cypress, CA, along with several nieces and nephews as well as great and great-great nieces and nephews.

A Recitation of the Rosary will be held at 6:00 p.m. Friday, December 02, 2022 at the Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish in Del Norte, CO. A Funeral Mass will take place at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 03, 2022 also at the Holy Name of Mary Catholic Parish in Del Norte, CO. Interment will follow services at the Aqua Ramon Cemetery. A reception will be held at the High Valley Community Center located at 595 Grande Ave Del Norte, CO. Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa is in care of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hi my Love, this Sunday would have been our 18th Wedding Anniversary. We would always go to Chimayo for our anniversary, and stay at the Chimayo Hacienda. But this year has been a sad one for the whole family. I know Jesus picked you up in his arms and took you home when your failing health was too much. Now Heaven has another Angel to spread her Love.  
Love you forever and ever and ever !!!  
Your Loving Husband Anthony

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**Anthony Diaz** - August 10, 2023 at 05:53 PM



“ Maria Sandra "Sandy" Diaz

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January 29, 2023 at 07:44 AM

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“ I met Sandy in 2005 when Vicki Olsen admitted my brother Frankie Olivas to the Monte Vista Veterans Center. We became friends instantly she was like a magnet of love. You just felt the love, caring she had in her heart. My life was easier with my brother in the best Veteran facility in Colorado, Thank you Sandy. I'm sure Franke/residents that are gone had their arms open & waiting for their girl in heaven. I will miss you dearly you were needed in Heaven. I want to thank Sandys family for sharing this amazing, precious, gifted woman with all that had the privilege/honor to have known her. Sandy was a gift to all that knew her.  
Via Con Dios Quiere. Amiga



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**Suzy Olivas** - December 03, 2022 at 10:33 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Maria Sandra "Sandy" Diaz.



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December 02, 2022 at 02:06 PM



“ *Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket* was purchased for the family of Maria Sandra "Sandy" Diaz.



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December 01, 2022 at 01:01 PM



“ *Skyline Potato Company* purchased the *Red & White Sympathy Floor Basket* for the family of Maria Sandra "Sandy" Diaz.



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**Skyline Potato Company** - December 01, 2022 at 11:16 AM



“ *Fields of Europe* was purchased for the family of Maria Sandra "Sandy" Diaz.



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November 30, 2022 at 08:01 PM

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“ I would like to give my condolences to all of Sandy's family. My heart goes out to all of you.

*My name is Eileen, Sandy and I were roommates in college in Grand Junction and also after we got out of college. We stayed friends ever since. She was a kind person to everyone. We had some great times her and I and I will never forget her. I just saw her and Anthony this summer after not seeing her in a long time. She was still the same kind person. We always called each other on our birthdays. I will miss talking and texting her. Goodbye Sandy I will miss you.*

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**Eileen Archuleta** - November 30, 2022 at 05:51 PM