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Rica Consuelo Ruybal, a long-time Las Mesitas resident, passed away on April 30, 2026. At the age of 73, Rica was able to be in her home, surrounded by her family, when she passed from this world.

Rica was born on September 3, 1952, in Las Mesitas, the daughter of Cristobal and Eloyda Ruybal. She was the 9th and last child born into a family of 9 children. She attended the South Conejos School District, where she graduated from high school in 1970. She went on to attend Adams State University, where she earned her B.A. and M.A. in Elementary Education, Psychology, Reading, and Special Education. Rica was an excellent teacher and spent her career helping shape young minds. Rica started her career in the South Conejos School District. After 6 years, she moved to Colorado Springs and spent the next 25 years in Colorado Springs

School District 11.

Rica was a strong Christian, and she lived out her faith as a ruling elder of the United

Presbyterian Church of Antonito. She was very involved with the restoration of the

San Rafael Presbyterian Church. She used her teaching skills to foster love and

devotion for Christ by teaching Sunday School and organizing many summer Vacation Bible School events. Rica loved to travel, and often shared these adventures

with her family members, taking some treasured trips coast to coast in the continental

U.S., to Hawaii, and internationally to Israel.

She loved art, poetry, music, nature, and her beloved pets: Susie and Mia.

Rica deeply

enjoyed the awaited Valley rainstorms.

Rica loved her family, her sisters and brother, her nieces and nephews, and her great

nieces and nephews. She poured so greatly into the lives of her family and inspired

gratitude for the many blessings she bestowed with her love and care.

Rica is preceded in death by her parents, Cristobal and Eloyda Ruybal, and sisters:

Lorraine Romero, Margie Garcia, Sally Ruybal, Rebecca Boak, and Elaine Martinez.

Rica is survived by her siblings: Theodora Madrid, Cristina Duran, Chris B. Ruybal, as

well as numerous nieces, nephews, family, and friends.

Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa has been entrusted with the arrangements,

and the funeral service honoring Rica's memory will be held at 10:00 a.m. on

Saturday

May 23rd, 2026, at the United Presbyterian Church in Antonito, CO. Interment will

Immediately follow at the San Rafael Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Mogote, CO.

With Rica's passing, a bright light in the Ruybal family has dimmed, and we will carry

her memory with us always.

To leave online condolences, please visit romerofuneralhomes.com

The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

In loving memory of Rica Consuelo Ruybal, forever in our hearts.

Tribute Wall

TR

“ *The Repaskys purchased the Springtime Wishes for the family of Rica Consuelo Ruybal.*



The Repaskys - May 18 at 09:24 PM

LR

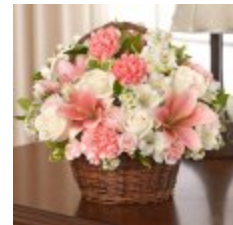
“ *Love, The Madrids, Yunds, and Repaskys purchased the White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Rica Consuelo Ruybal.*



Love, The Madrids, Yunds, and Repaskys - May 08 at 09:44 PM

EA

“ *Edith and Jose Aleman purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White for the family of Rica Consuelo Ruybal.*



Edith and Jose Aleman - May 06 at 06:01 PM

EA

“ *Edith and Jose Aleman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rica Consuelo Ruybal.*

Edith and Jose Aleman - May 06 at 06:01 PM

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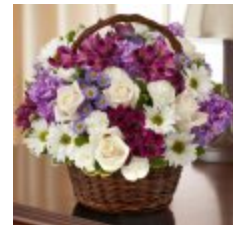
“ *All our Love, Magallanes Family purchased the Fields of Europe for the family of Rica Consuelo Ruybal.*



All our Love, Magallanes Family - May 05 at 09:36 PM

LG

“ *Love Always, Loyda and James Garcia purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Rica Consuelo Ruybal.*



Love Always, Loyda and James Garcia - May 05 at 09:28 PM

LC

“ *We love you!! You'll be missed here, but your beautiful light still burns.*

lori Cunningham - May 05 at 11:40 AM

LM

“ *Love, Tina, Martin, and Mia purchased the Heartfelt Sympathies Blue & White Funeral Standing Basket for the family of Rica Consuelo Ruybal.*



Love, Tina, Martin, and Mia - May 05 at 10:57 AM

LM

“ Love, Tina, Martin, and Mia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rica Consuelo Ruybal.

Love, Tina, Martin, and Mia - May 05 at 10:57 AM



“ Aunt Rica always felt like coming home. She is deeply missed

Corina Timmins - May 04 at 11:30 PM

LO

“ You were more than just a cool aunt; you were a friend and confidant, and I will miss your gentle spirit.

Loyda - May 04 at 11:21 PM

TM

“ You’ve just stepped over the threshold, little precious sister. See you in God’s time.
Love,
Teddy

Theodora Madrid - May 04 at 10:38 PM

EY

“ What can I say about someone so beautiful and generous, gracious, kind and gentle? My daughter, Yael, said it so well. “We will miss her deeply, give thanks for the life she lived, and carry her memory with us always.”
May she rest in peace until we meet again. I love you forever!
Lizzy

Elizabeth Yund - May 04 at 10:28 PM



Rest in Peace dear classmate💕. You carried yourself with quiet confidence. Condolences to your dear family. Linda Romero Tresco

Linda Tresco - May 06 at 04:23 PM