



Roberta Minchaca

December 11, 1963 - August 15, 2023

Roberta Minchaca, 59, of Blanca, CO, unfortunately passed away at Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs, on Tuesday, August 15, 2023. Surrounded by her loved ones, Roberta fought a tough, short battle against meningitis and an infection throughout her bloodstream.

Roberta was born on December 11, 1963, to Edward and Margaret Roybal in Alamosa, Colorado. She was the oldest of three children, being the only sister. Roberta grew up in a loving household, that included many family gatherings, road trips, and outdoor activities. She attended Sierra Grande High School and graduated as class valedictorian.

During high school, Roberta worked at the Hitching Post in Blanca, CO. After school, Roberta became a licensed practical nurse and then worked for Dr. Mercier at his chiropractors' office. She then worked at the SLV HMO and then the SLV Health Surgery Center. Eventually, Roberta started working at Alamosa County Public Health for many years and then at the Women's Clinic in the Alamosa Hospital. Finally, she changed her career from medical work to becoming a shipping clerk for Blanca Potato.

In 2003, Roberta had her first and only child, Sofia Minchaca. Roberta was the best mother and did anything to take care of her baby girl. She was able to watch her grow up into a young adult and continue her education.

Roberta would take on many volunteer roles. She was a member of the HIPPPY program and would take the time to travel to children's homes to teach the curriculum and provide books. She was also very involved within the

Catholic Church. Roberta taught confirmation for nearly 15 years at the Holy Family Catholic Church in Fort Garland, CO. She recently also began teaching baptism classes.

In her free time, Roberta loved reading, traveling, and spending time with her daughter. She loved collecting snowmen and gnomes, which quickly grew in numbers. She was a strong Denver Broncos and Nuggets fan. Roberta was also a great cook and loved to bake as well.

Roberta was preceded in death by her father, Edward Roybal, her paternal grandfather, Juan Roybal, her paternal grandmother, Clorinda Roybal, her maternal grandfather, Roberto Gallegos, and her maternal grandmother, Adelaida Gallegos. She is survived in death by her daughter, Sofia Minchaca, her mother, Margaret Roybal, her brothers, Edward (Tiffany) Roybal, and Walter (Emma) Roybal, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

The rosary will be held at Holy Family Catholic Church in Fort Garland, CO, on Saturday, August 26, 2023, at 10:30 AM. The funeral mass will be followed directly after at 11:00 AM. Interment will be at the Blanca/Ft. Garland cemetery. A reception will be held after the burial at the Fort Garland/Blanca Community Center.

Cemetery Details

Fort Garland Cemetery

Fort Garland, CO

Previous Events

A Vigil Service with Recitation of the Rosary

AUG **26**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM.

Holy Family Catholic Church
Fort Garland, CO

A Mass of the Resurrection

AUG **26**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM.

Holy Family Catholic Church
Fort Garland, CO

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“ *Sophia, Margaret, Eddie, Walter and Roybal family, My Sincere Condolences for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult and sad time. May God give you comfort and strength today and the days to come. May Roberta Rest in Peace.*

Cheryl Montoya - August 19, 2023 at 06:14 PM