



Shirley Sierra

March 1, 1957 - August 22, 2024

Shirley Ann Sierra (Garcia) was born on March 01, 1957, in Center, CO and lived to be 67 years

old. Shirley moved on from this life as we know it on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 6:30 pm at

Common Spirit Penrose Hospital in Colorado Springs.

Shirley's parents were Tom and Loyda Garcia. She was 1 of 10 children in her family, including

her brothers: Tom, Gary, Lloyd, and Fred as well as her sisters: Yvonne, Jenny, Renee, Marie,

and Brenda. She had several brother-in laws, sister-in-law's, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and

nephews. There are too many to count.

Shirley graduated from Center High School in 1975. She married Jim Sierra on August 20th,

1977, and had just recently celebrated their 47th wedding Anniversary. Shirley had one

“biological” son, Josh Sierra, yet was a “mother” to several other family and friends throughout

her life. She was a grandmother to her only grandson, Sorin Sierra and a “Nina” to Lloyd John

Garcia, Melissa Garcia, Jay Garcia, Alicia Garcia, and Esther Casanova.

Shirley spent her life in the San Luis Valley and worked hard throughout as a seamstress, early

childhood education teacher, and most of all a caretaker for her family as well as other families

alike. She had a heart of gold and truly cared about the well-being and happiness of others.

Shirley’s language was “love” and she shared that with everyone she met. She was a

coordinator and would always bring family and friends together for special events.

Shirley loved her entire family and would do anything for anyone if she could. She was a

“giver”, but not the best person at receiving favors and/or help. Yeah, she was stubborn to an

extent. She was proud of who she was and how she wanted to live.

Most of all Shirley loved her “boys” Jim, Josh, and Sorin. She supported them all in many

endeavors throughout life. Whether it was cutting up Jim’s elk or fish, preparing and cleaning

for camping trips, going to Josh’s and/or Sorin’s sporting events, decorating for Christmas,

canning green chili, finding the “clicker”, or yelling “stop it Jimmy”, Shirley was ALWAYS there

for her “boys”.

Shirley will always be cherished and remembered for her caring ways and the LOVE she gave.

There will be a Memorial Mass on Saturday, November 16, 2024 at St. Francis Jerome Church in Center, CO. Inurnment will be held at a later date.

To leave online condolences please visit: romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

Previous Events

Mass of the Resurrection

NOV **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (MT)

Saint Francis Jerome Church
781 Warden St
Center, CO 81125

Tribute Wall



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Shirley Sierra.*



August 27, 2024 at 09:24 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Shirley Sierra.*



August 27, 2024 at 06:37 PM



“ *Praying for the whole family in this loss. My family and I will never forget her many years of love, caring, and selfless help to Paul and Catherine Beck.*
Suzy Beck Nesmith

Suzanne Beck Nesmith - August 24, 2024 at 11:37 AM



Sending our deepest condolences to Jim and family. Shirley was a lovely woman to know who taught my kids in preschool. She was loved by so many and miss her smiling face and personality. Very sorry for your loss.

Amy Holland - December 21, 2024 at 10:47 AM