



## Theresa Rael

April 12, 1972 - January 22, 2025

After fighting cancer for several years our courageous warrior was called home by her father on January 22, 2025, with her family by her side. She never let the enemy steal her joy and remained strong, positive, and joyful throughout her journey. She was an inspiration of faith to many. Making her grand entrance into the world on April 2, 1972, the beloved daughter of Donna Mary Maes. Theresa lived life to the fullest and she had the most loving, caring and compassionate nature to her. She was a social butterfly. She loved working with people and being involved in the community. She was well known for her baby boutique she had in Alamosa, Itsy Bitsy Baby Boutique. In her free time, Theresa enjoyed dancing to music of all genres, she was a music lover in general. She was devoted to her unwavering faith and her relationship with God. Her infectious laugh and big, bright smile will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

She will live on through her mother Donna Mary Maes of Alamosa, CO; sons Xavier Ward, Malik Ward both of Atlanta, GA; Daughter Shilee Ward of Atlanta, GA; three grandchildren, sister Leonette Rael of Alamosa, CO; brothers Robert Medina of Alamosa, CO; Dieago Rael of Alamosa, CO; Dominick Rael of Pueblo, CO; Lee Huffman of Albuquerque, NM; Jim Leyba of Castle, Rock, CO. She was also loved by numerous aunts, uncles nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Theresa was preceded in death by her birth mother Teresina Lee, Grandson Byron Maes Jr., grandmother Viola Lee and great-grandmother Delfina Medina.

A Celebration of Theresa's Life will be held on Saturday, April 12, 2025 at 9:30 AM for Rosary and the Memorial Mass will follow at 10 AM both at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Alamosa. Reception to follow at the American Legion at 12 PM. To leave Theresa's family condolences or order flowers, Please visit [romerofuneralhomes.com](http://romerofuneralhomes.com). The care of arrangements has been lovingly entrusted to Romero Funeral Home of Alamosa.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

APR **12**. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (MT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
715 Fourth St  
Alamosa, CO 81101

# Tribute Wall

KC

“ Dear Donna & family,

*Sincere condolences to you all in the passing of your beloved. Although I did not know Theresa, I know your pain and feel for you all. She is resting in peace as our Catholic faith teaches us and brings comfort*

*God bless you.*

*Sincerely,  
Kathee & Al Cordova*



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**Kathee Cordova** - April 14, 2025 at 12:45 PM

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*Thank you for your kind words; I will be sure to share them with my mom & family.*

*Sincerely,  
Leonette Rael*

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**Leonette R Rael** - April 16, 2025 at 02:29 AM



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I have many memories of Theresa and our friendship. We both shared a love for God (our Faith), fashion, music and Michael Jackson.

A few memories that stand out was a sleepover we had at my house with her and several friends. She was the light of the party, singing and dancing to Michael Jackson.

I remember in 5th grade, we started a club called Las Chicas and bought matching jackets.

I also remember her and I joining talent shows for school and break dancing at the park & wanting to be in The Supreme Team.

As we grew older, we lost touch but every time we saw each other, it was like no time had passed and we would pick up where we left off.

Theresa always had a big smile on her face & lit up any room she walked into. She had a huge heart, a positive attitude and touched so many lives in the very best way. I'm grateful I got the chance to know her and share a lifelong friendship.

My heart goes out to the whole family for your loss. Thinking of you all and wishing you peace and comfort. I hope your happy memories will help you through this difficult time. Theresa's memory will forever be a reminder of the love and joy she brought into the world.

Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs to the whole family.

May Theresa rest in peace with the Lord. 🙏

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Traci Maestas - April 12, 2025 at 10:36 AM

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*How beautiful Traci - I am so glad to hear she had such a wonderful friendship with you. I will share this with my mom and family.*  
*Love Leo*

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