

AN ETERNAL MEMORY

Until We Meet Again

Those special memories of you



will always bring a smile
if only I could have you back
for just a little while

Then we could sit and talk again

just like we used to do
you always meant so very much
and always will do too



The fact that you're no longer here

will always cause me pain

but you're forever in my heart

until we meet again.



Acknowledgment

Perhaps you sent a lovely card or sat quietly in a chair; perhaps you sent a floral piece, if so we saw it there; perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part. May God forever bless each of you.

—The Family

She Shall Rest

Private Cremation
Denver, Colorado

Repast

Laradon Hall
5100 Lincoln Street
Denver, Colorado 80216

CELEBRATING THE LIFE

of

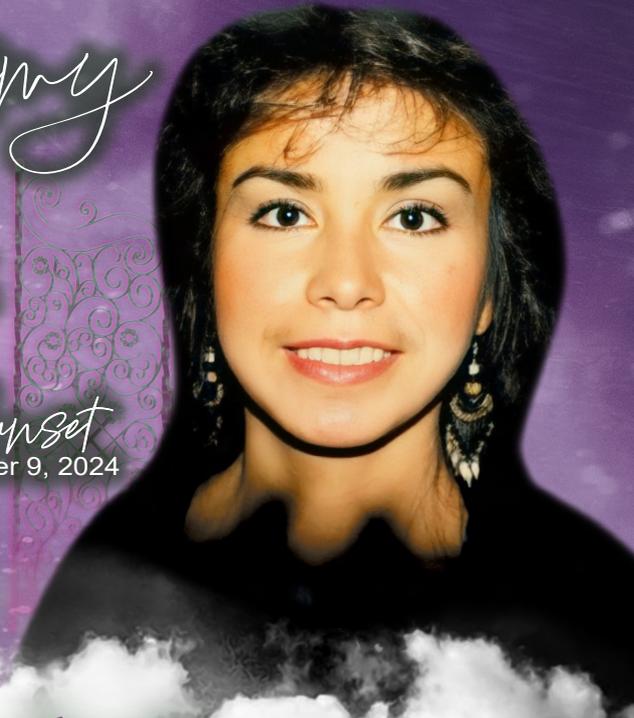
Rhonda

LUPE RAMIREZ RISPOLI

Stormy

Sunrise
February 13, 1964

Sunset
December 9, 2024



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WHEN SOMEONE YOU LOVE BECOMES A MEMORY, THE MEMORY BECOMES A TREASURE™

Rhonda Lupe Rispoli, known affectionately by some as “Stormy,” journeyed into the arms of eternity on December 9, 2024, in Aurora, Colorado. Born on February 13, 1964, in the heart of East Denver, she emerged from her early years with a spirit as vibrant and colorful as the crafts she loved to create. An embodiment of love and resilience, Rhonda’s life was woven with a tapestry of family, friends, and an unwavering commitment to uplifting others.

Her story commenced within the loving embrace of the Ramirez family, where she was lovingly nurtured by her parents, Mary Alicia and Lupe Ramirez. Memories of her childhood were cherished alongside her siblings: Cedric, Rowena, Rise, Tryghve, Ephraim, Abriam, Alison, and Alex, each of whom contributed to the laughter and lessons of her upbringing.

Early in her professional life, Rhonda served as a cafeteria cook for the Denver Public Schools, where her nurturing nature flourished amidst the simple joys of feeding children. However, her entrepreneurial spirit beckoned, leading her to establish Rhonda’s Creative Ceramics and Creative Window Scenes, businesses that bloomed from her boundless creativity. She later extended her caring hands as a manager at a women’s shelter, sharing her warmth and compassion with those who needed it most. Rhonda’s work as a direct service provider at Lardon Hall allowed her to fulfill her passion for helping others, leaving an indelible mark on countless lives.

In the tapestry of her life, love was a recurring thread. On January 19, 1986, Rhonda married Michael Anthony Rispoli, with whom she welcomed three beautiful children: Michael, Vincent, and Giana. Though this union eventually dissolved, her love for her children remained unending. In later years, she found joy with her high school sweetheart, Steven Valdez, with whom she shared innumerable happy moments.

A woman of many interests and talents, Rhonda thrived in her hobbies, reveling in the world of arts and crafts, finding solace and delight in cooking and entertaining her loved ones. She embraced the joy of thrifting, often uncovering treasures that would grace her home. Nature walks provided her peace, while her spirited dancing earned her the title of “disco queen,” a lively testament to her effervescent personality. But above all, her greatest treasure was her grandchildren—Bojena, Michael, Christian, Aliyah, and Victoria—who brought immeasurable joy and purpose to her life.

Educated in the Denver Public Schools, Rhonda pursued her passion for culinary arts, and also became a certified care provider later in her life. Her journey of faith led her to a deep connection with the Colorado Community Church, where she embraced a spiritual awakening that further enriched her life.

As we celebrate the beautiful impactful spirit that was Stormy, a beacon of love who touched the hearts of many, a life marked by generosity, creativity, and a profound affection for her loved ones.

Rhonda leaves behind a legacy of love and kindness, remembered fondly by her surviving family: sons Michael A. Rispoli and Vincent M. Rispoli, daughter Giana A. Rispoli, devoted companion Steven Valdez, sister Rowena E. Thomas, brothers Tryghve, Ephraim, Abram and Alex Ramirez, sister Alison R. Ramirez, and a host of cherished grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many friends. She is preceded in death by her beloved mother, Mary Alicia; father, Lupe; sister, Rise; and brother, Patrick J. (Cedric) Ramirez.

HER LIFE STORY



Celebration of Life

Friday, January 17, 2025 –11:00 A.M.
 PIPKIN BRASWELL CHAPEL OF PEACE
 6601 East Colfax Avenue
 Denver, Colorado 80220
 Pastor Bryan Hester, Officiating

PROCESSIONAL.....Isley Brother Recording
 “For The Love of You”

COMFORT FROM THE SCRIPTURES
 Old Testament..... Minister
 New Testament..... Minister

PRAYER OF SOLACE Minister

SELECTION TBD
 “Wing Beneath My Wings”

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS AND CONDOLENCES
 Rowena E. Thomas

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VIDEO TRIBUTE

OUR JOURNEY
 Steve Valdez

SELECTION Skylark Recording
 “Wildflower”

EXPRESSIONS OF LOVE Two Minutes Remarks

SELECTION Tara Washington Everette
 “I Can Only Imagine”

WORDS OF COMFORT Pastor Bryan Hester
 PIPKIN BRASWELL FUNERAL DIRECTORS
 “I’ll Always Love You”

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 RECESSIONAL..... Earth, Wind and Fire Recording
 “Devotion”