



Blasa Rivera

January 14, 2020

2017 Colorado State Fair Silver Queen, Blasa Rivera, 96, peacefully left this earth January 14, 2020. She drifted off to sleep and straight into the warm embrace of our Lord. She was born February 3rd, in Monterrey, Nuevo Leon Mexico, the first of six children, born to parents Lina Carrizalez Rodriguez and Esteban Rodriguez. Lina and Blasa arrived in Pueblo just before Blasa's first birthday. They joined her father Esteban, a steel worker, grandmother Simona and Aunt Lina. Blasa grew up in Bessemer where she attended Minnequa Elementary, Keating Junior High and Pueblo Central High School through her sophomore year. She remained a proud Wildcat throughout her life. She lived in Monterrey Mexico for 9 years, finished High School there and met and married Juan Rivera. She returned to the United States in 1948. Blasa had four children; Lucia (Robert "Bob") Rivera Aragon, Juan (Sandra) Rivera, George A. (Kathryn) Rivera and Martha (Matthew) Yarusso, twelve grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Blasa worked at the Alpha Beta Meat packaging plant for 28 years making her way from the kill floor to be the first woman in management in the Pueblo facility until the plant shut down in 1980. Blasa was always a good cook so she took her culinary skills and parlayed them into a job at the Eastside Child Care Center. She enjoyed her work at the Center and loved being around the children and making lots of delicious treats for them. Blasa retired in 1985 and immediately set off on many new adventures. She traveled to Europe, the United Kingdom and Mexico, did many trips here in the United States to New

York, Ohio, New Mexico, California and more and spent a lot of time enjoying her family. Blasa LOVED the Denver Broncos and Bronco Sundays with Grandson Eric (Beverly) Martinez and his family. She loved singing and performed whenever the opportunity arose. Blasa was a most extraordinary woman with many talents and a lust for life! She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, aunt, cousin and friend and is greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. Throughout her life Blasa was active and involved in the Pueblo community. She was Music Director at St. Anne's Catholic Church for 20+ years. She was the first associate of the Sisters of Charity in Colorado. She was an avid swimmer and spent many years swimming at the YMCA and being active in book club and Silver Sneakers. She belonged to the "Forever Young" Group at Our Lady of the Meadows Catholic Church, and she was the life of the party at the Pueblo Regent where she lived for two years. In later years she attended St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church where she was in the Spanish Choir and was a Proclaimor. Blasa was preceded in death by her parents, Lina and Esteban Rodriguez; children, Lucia (Robert "Bob") Rivera Aragon and Juan (Sandra) Rivera; Grandson Juan "Johnny J" Rivera; beloved aunt Eutimia Vallejo; cousin Augustina Garcia; and friend Rosa Orozco; siblings Hortencia "Tenne" Saldaña, Esteban "Steve" Rodriguez and Guillermo "William" Rodriguez, Jesus "Jess" Rodriguez, Evelyn (John) Rodriguez Alderson; and husband Juan Rivera. She is survived by daughter, Martha (Matthew) Yarusso and son George A. (Kathryn) Rivera; Granddaughters Deann (Matt) Pujol, Monica Johnson, Stephanie (Herb) Cork, Jenny Rivera Trujillo; Grandsons Eric (Beverly) Martinez, Edmund (Michele) Martinez, Mark (Jennifer) Martinez, Cesar (Emily) Rivera, Christopher Yarusso, George (Diana) Rivera; Great Grandsons Sean (Emma) Johnson, Blaze Johnson, Eric "Mookie" Martinez, Benjamin Martinez, Emmett Rivera, Jacob Trujillo; Great Granddaughters Bridgette (Paul) Garcia Dominguez, Jesse Rose Johnson, Brooke Tafoya, Aurora Martinez, Lia Rivera, Jillian Trujillo; Nieces Maria (Eloy Trujillo) Saldaña, Cecilia Saldaña, Rosita Rodriguez; Nephew Paul (Masumi) Rodriguez; great niece, Thavela (Eric) Montano-Vallejos as well as many

other great grandchildren; great-great grandchildren; nieces and nephews; great and great-great nieces/nephews; dearly loved friends, Frances Rivera, Stella Isais, Jackie Pacheco, Mary Rivera, Sr. Andrea Vasquez, Tom Munch and so many more. The Rosary will be held at St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church 611 Logan Avenue Pueblo CO 81004 at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 23, 2020 and the Funeral Mass will immediately follow at 11:00 a.m. Interment: Roselawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please donate to the Sisters of Charity 5900 Delhi Rd, Mount Saint Joseph, Ohio 45051 or to the charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

Pueblo, CO

Previous Events

Rosary Service

JAN 23. 10:00 AM (MT)

St. Francis Xavier Church
611 Logan Ave
Pueblo, CO 81004