



Jessica Pena

May 10, 1947 - March 6, 2026

Jessica Pena, 78, affectionately known as "The Sheriff", "Nana" or "Mama Pena" passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family on March 6, 2026. Jessica was born on May 10, 1947, in San Bernardino, California. A proud Mexican American and Native American woman, Jessica carried her heritage with strength, humor, and unwavering love for her culture. Born to the late Primo and Carmen DeAnda, Jessica was raised in California. Her life took a beautiful turn when she met a handsome Airman while working at her parents' bar and restaurant. That love led her to Colorado, where she married the love of her life, the late John David "Angel" Pena. Together, they shared 54 beautiful years of marriage, building a life rooted in devotion, laughter, and family. They also shared a love of traveling, creating cherished memories side by side throughout the years. Jessica leaves behind her son and baby boy, Vicente Pena; her daughter aka "HER TWIN", Victoria DeAnda Pena; her daughter-in-law, Danika Pena; and her forever daughter, Desiree Pena. She was a proud and loving Nana to her grandsons Tre Pena and Elijah Apodaca (Amanda Maez); her precious granddaughter and baby girl, Shilynn Santistevan; her grandson-in-law Matthew Santistevan.; Jessica was also Nana to Vinessa Aguilera-Pena. She is also survived by her loving siblings: her brothers Jim Anda, Joe Anda, and Jesus "Chewy" Anda; and her sisters Liz (Mike) Martin, Margaret (Daniel) Escarzaga, and Yolanda (Jeff) Moore. Jessica also leaves behind many nieces and nephews, whom she adored so dearly and loved with all her heart. Jessica was truly one of a kind, known for

her quick wit, sassy attitude, and fearless honesty. She proudly held the unofficial title of Neighborhood Watch on the East Side, where she made her home for over 50 years. She enjoyed the simple pleasures in life: the warmth of the sun, a good cold drink, and of course, a Winston cigarette. She loved to jam out to her men, Barry White and Snoop Dogg, and when “Can’t Get Enough of Your Love Babe” by Barry White comes on, we will always picture her singing and dancing with pure joy. But above all else, being a Nana to her grandchildren was her greatest joy. Her son and daughter were her everything until her very last breath. Her deepest wish was to know they were okay, standing strong together, before she reunited in spirit with her beloved husband. The family would like to extend a special thank-you to her brother-in-law, Carmen Hernandez, and the Hernandez family, for always making the trip to check in and visit with her. Thank you to her dear friends Celestina Romero and Debbie Nival, for their love and support. A heartfelt thank-you is also extended to Erika Hatchett and the staff at Arikare Homecare Services for the loving and compassionate care they provided. The family is deeply grateful to all the staff at Allelon Hospice and Palliative Care for their kindness, support, and dedication they provided for their mother. At Jessica’s request, a private service will be held at the Pikes Peak National Cemetery, where she will be lovingly placed beside her beloved husband, John. Jessica will be missed dearly by all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her love, laughter, music, and unforgettable spirit will live on forever in the hearts of her family and friends. “If Barry White is playing, Jessica has entered the room.”

Tribute Wall

CL

“ The family of the late Edward L Apodaca and Theresa Apodaca send their deepest sympathy for the loss of your beautiful mother. We are very sad to hear of her passing. My mom really wanted to visit. She said that they stood up for your parents when they got married. We will keep you Vicente and Victoria and your families in our prayers. Lots of Love, Theresa Apodaca and family.

Carol Lopez - March 26 at 01:46 PM

AS

“ Vicky and Vince my staff and I would like to thank you for allowing us to care for your mother. Jessica was full of jokes gossip laughter and of course love. We watched ice road truckers together on one of the last days she stayed up for hours. We gossip talked about life and her accomplishments. She will be deeply missed. Rest in power your “homegirls”.

Arikare Homecare Placement Services - March 11 at 02:55 PM

VP

Thank you all so very much, mom mom loved each and everyone of you all like her own! She sure could remember all the gossip she heard...and we loved that!

Victoria DeAnda Pena - March 11 at 11:25 PM

AM

“ Anna & Victor Meza purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Jessica Pena.



Anna & Victor Meza - March 11 at 01:07 PM

LC

“ I am so thankful that I knew Jessica and John and their family. She was such a genuine woman. Always made me feel so welcomed in her home. Was so supportive of who I was. A very wonderful woman, she was! My prayers of comfort and healing to her family. Special hug to Vickie! Rejoice In Paradise, Jessica!

Lawrence Chavez - March 11 at 11:31 AM

VP

Thank you so much Lawrence for the kind words. Mom was wonderful at making people feel seen and loved, so I am so happy to hear that you felt that. We often spoke of the pancake breakfast at the church and of you! Thank you for the hug and if you are ever in town, please reach out, I would love to see you!

Victoria DeAnda Pena - March 11 at 11:29 PM

TF

“ The Payne Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Jessica Pena.



The Payne Family - March 10 at 10:45 PM

CE

“ My best friend will always be in my heart had a heart provider done yesterday and I know she was right ny me telling me come Celistina you can do this. Love my Jessie.can do this.

celistina - March 10 at 07:26 PM