



Joyce Tena

April 30, 2021

Joyce Rae Tena, 65, of Windsor, CO, passed away peacefully at her home on April 30, 2021, after a long, hard-fought battle with cancer. She was strong and uncomplaining until the end and was blessed to have had her husband, children, and pet by her side during her transition.

Born on May 19, 1955, in Riverside, CA, Joyce was raised in El Paso, TX, by her parents Ray and Ysela (Arredondo) Ellis, where she married and had six children. In 1996, she moved to Colorado with her family. She loved her work at the Good Samaritan Society, Fort Collins Village where she worked for many years as a Certified Nurse's Assistant and later supported life enrichment activities for seniors.

Joyce was a happy and wonderful caring human being who enriched the life of everyone she touched. She was deeply loved by all who came into contact with her. No matter where she was, Joyce always had open arms and a warm meal for anyone in need. She was an animal lover, a great ghost storyteller, and loved cooking for her family, travel and adventures.

Joyce is survived by her husband, Jorge, her children Ron, Robbie, Ray, Elyse, and Russ. She leaves behind her grandchildren Jake, Michelle, Ronny, Isaiah, and Daniel. Joyce is also survived by her siblings Ray Jr., Chris, Peggy, and Emily. She also leaves behind her beloved chihuahua Lily.

Joyce's love and attention to her family was unparalleled. She was a very patient, stable force, and source of strength for her family.

Joyce is joining her parents and her daughter, Michelle Ann Minjarez in Heaven.

A service will be held Thursday, May 6, 2021, at 12:00 pm at Windsong Estate Event Center, 2901 Saddler Blvd. in Severance, CO, with a burial to follow at Lakeview Cemetery in Windsor.

In lieu of flowers, her family asks that memorial contributions be made to the activities department at the Good Samaritan Society, Fort Collins Village.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

MAY 6. 12:00 PM (MT)

Windsong Estate Event Center
2901 Saddler Blvd
Severance, CO 80524
(970) 686-9690

Tribute Wall



“ Goes Funeral Care & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Joyce Tena



Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - May 05, 2021 at 09:12 PM

LG

Rest in peace Joyce. Thank you for sharing. This was Beautiful ❤️ Love you Cousins. My heart and thoughts are with you all. ☐

Lidia Guerra - May 07, 2021 at 02:43 PM

NF

If anyone sees this please contact me. This is Nicole Ray's daughter Karen Browns daughter. I have been trying to get a hold of grandpa Ray or Emily or Joyce. I am so sad to see this. Will someone please call me. 8184260485 I would really appreciate it. I would love to talk to emily

Nicole Funaro - December 08, 2023 at 03:14 AM



“ **Joyce Tena**

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM

MB

“ My sympathy goes out to all of the family of Joyce. Joyce always had a positive spirit and shared her faith with many. I met Joyce when I was volunteering in the Lifebio program at Good Samaritan. Sharing space with me and a resident in her little office gave me the opportunity to see what a remarkable woman she was. She always made me feel valued as a volunteer. She and Karen were like two peas in a pod and I hold both of these ladies in highest esteem. Joyce was like a butterfly who spreads as much kindness, joy and love with those she encountered. God has now added another beautiful soul into His kingdom. May God bring His peace and comfort to all of you who will forever this beautiful person in your hearts.

Margaret Beckman

Margaret Beckman - May 07, 2021 at 11:43 AM

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Goes Funeral Care & Crematory - May 06, 2021 at 07:55 PM

RU

“ My Tia was amazing. Loving, caring, forgiving, everything that is good she was. I loved her smile and laugh. I was lucky enough to grow up with her as a role model. She was strong and a great mom and aunt. I will miss her so much. Until we meet again tia.

-Rosalie



Rosalie Urquieta - May 06, 2021 at 07:01 PM

CM

“ Cindy Minjarez sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Tena



Cindy Minjarez - May 06, 2021 at 04:56 PM

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“ Cindy Minjarez lit a candle in memory of Joyce Tena



Cindy Minjarez - May 06, 2021 at 04:55 PM

MM

“ Marisol Veronica Marquez lit a candle in memory of Joyce Tena



Marisol Veronica Marquez - May 06, 2021 at 01:17 PM

KS

“ Kathy Soto sent a virtual gift in memory of Joyce Tena



Kathy Soto - May 05, 2021 at 01:40 PM

KS

“ *Kathy Soto lit a candle in memory of Joyce Tena*



Kathy Soto - May 05, 2021 at 01:39 PM

KS

“ *My visits to El Paso growing up were always fun. I will always remember hearing my cousin Joyce laugh & she had the whole room laughing as well! What a fun loving beautiful person Joyce was. She sure was a force! RIP* ❤️🙏

Kathy Soto - May 05, 2021 at 01:38 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joyce Tena.*



May 04, 2021 at 03:21 PM

SP

“ *Thoughts and prayers to the Tena family. I met Joyce at Good Sam over 10 years ago when I volunteered on Sunday mornings. Rest in peace dear friend.*



Schanna Preuit - May 04, 2021 at 08:36 AM

SR

“Joyce was a joy to know. When this first started I got a breast cancer tatoo on my wrist to support her. I thought of her often but have not seen her in a while. Heaven has a beautiful new angel!

Sandy Coneer RN - May 03, 2021 at 11:57 PM

LC

“I remember her coming over to our house and hanging out. She was like a sister to us. She always made us laugh until we would pee. I remember her beautiful long blonde hair and her sweet laugh when I was growing up. She will be with her school days friend, my sissy Guillian. I will miss her. My prayers to all her family.



Lily Contreras - May 03, 2021 at 09:03 PM