



Isabell Rosa Rivera

October 8, 1935 - April 3, 2019

Isabell was born on October 8, 1935 in Denver, Colorado and entered into rest on April 3, 2019, in Fremont, CA at the age of 83.

Isabell will be lovingly remembered by her beloved husband Charlie Rivera of 62 years, and their children Anna (Bill) Martinez, Mark Rivera, and Steven (Jenny) Rivera; brother David Gregory; daughter-in-law Renee Gilbert; grandchildren Brett, Brittany, Savannah, Mariah, Sheena, Ashley, Cody, Juanita (Tony) and Sabrina (Ed); great-grandchildren Shaylah, Kehlani, Jayla, Antonio, Eva, and Anamarie; great-great-grandchildren Brooklin and Aaliyah. She will also be deeply missed by extended family and many friends. Isabell was preceded in death by her son Nicholas Rivera, and her parents Martha and Jerry Gregory, and her brothers Jerry and Alfred Gregory.

Isabell and Charlie moved from Denver to California in 1957, first to Hayward and then settling in Newark. Isabell was active in the PTA at Milani Elementary School in Newark, where her three boys attended. Her friendly demeanor made her a wonderful yard duty supervisor for three years at Milani, where she worked after her boys were grown. She worked for five years at Trinity Christian Center with preschoolers and in the school kitchen. She also volunteered in Vacation Bible School for many years.

Isabell helped operate a catering business with her longtime friend Peggy Farman and several other friends for 25 years. She was a skilled baker and cake decorator. Her delicious homemade meals were always waiting for friends and family who dropped by, and her presence always lifted peoples' spirits.

Isabell's faith in the Lord was an integral part of her entire life, and she enjoyed attending the services at Saint Edward's Catholic Church in Newark. She was a very willing and warm volunteer, always available to help people in their time of need. Isabell never met a stranger.

Isabell's kindness and sweet personality endeared her to all who knew her, and she will

live forever in our hearts and memories.

Private family services will be held with burial in Denver, Colorado. A Celebration of Life for Isabell will be announced to family and friends at a later date.

Comments



“ I knew Izzie through Peggy Barks Farman. She and Peggy so many hours of fun and laughter as she helped Peggy with her catering. What little I was around both of them was always a time of fun and laughter. Even though I have moved out of Newark 15 years ago, I will always remember Izzie with fond memories.

Katie Brake-Janssen - October 03, 2019 at 12:10 PM



“ She was more than just my Aunty!!!
She was more than just a Woman!!!
She was more than just an Average Human Being!!! I will Always Cherish the Wonderful Memories that I had the Privilege of making with Her!!! I am so glad I had the opportunity to spend some time with Her last fall!!!! I will Always be a Better person because of Her!!! And had the opportunity to Enjoy some Wonderful times in my life!!! I will miss You Aunty Isabelle, however You will continue to Live on in my Mind & my Heart

Sharon Gregory - April 11, 2019 at 03:14 PM