



Ninfa Enriqueta Rael

July 15, 1948 - March 6, 2026

Ninfa "Bella" Rael, age 77, passed away on March 6, 2026, in Belen, NM. Services will take place at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church on Thursday, March 12, 2026. Starting with a Visitation at 9:00 a.m., a Rosary at 10:00 a.m., A Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 10:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. Ninfa is survived by her loving husband, Valentin Rael; her daughters, Gloria and Mike Montoya, Barbara Rael and Frankie Chavez, and Diana Rael and Robbie Westby; her grandchildren, Nichole and James Shiplet, Danielle Silva and Marc Montoya, Alexandra and Joshua Thurgood, Sam Olguin, Ely Gutierrez, Andie Saiz, Michael and Devonne Montoya, and Megan Montoya; her siblings, Pedro and Morena Esparza, Guadalupe and Art Hernandez, and Victor and Sulema Padilla; 14 great-grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild. Ninfa is preceded in death by her parents. Ninfa was born on July 15, 1948 in El Paso, TX, to Pedro Esparza and Olga Troncoso. She married Valentin Rael in 1966 and had 3 children, Gloria, Barbara, and Diana. Ninfa loved spending time with family, listening to music, and dancing. She was an amazing cake decorator, cook, and seamstress. She lived a life guided by faith and gave her love and care to everyone she met.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 12. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101-A N 10th St
Belen, NM 87002

Rosary

MAR 12. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101-A N 10th St
Belen, NM 87002

Funeral Mass

MAR 12. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (MT)

Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church
101-A N 10th St
Belen, NM 87002

Interment

MAR 12. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens

Tribute Wall

DC

“ Daniel Chavez lit a candle in memory of Ninfa Enriqueta Rael



Daniel Chavez - March 12 at 11:16 AM

KP

“ Auntie you will forever be missed.. We will cherish our Sunday visits with you.. Love you always and forever..



Kevin&Emma Pena - March 11 at 01:24 AM

SW

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Ninfa was a kind and loving person. She treated us with so much love and respect. Give Alvin a huge hug and kiss for me. I know he was waiting to greet you. RIP beautiful lady and thank you for caring and loving us.

Sandy Wells - March 10 at 02:48 PM

PR

“*Ninfa lived with a quiet strength, a steady kindness, and a goodness that we all felt. She gave more than she ever asked for, loved without condition, and left a loving mark on our family.*



I was blessed—truly blessed—to love her and to be loved by her. Her presence made ordinary days feel lighter and hard days feel possible. Though she is no longer here with us, the grace and warmth she carried in her heart will live on in ours.

Here’s to a woman whose legacy is love, whose spirit is unforgettable, and whose memory will continue to guide us forward.

To her—always.” I will Love you always - Priscilla

Priscilla Ration - March 10 at 12:50 PM

GF

“*To my cousin's, sorry to hear about the loss of your wife and mother. She was such a beautiful person and she will be missed greatly. She is in a beautiful place now starting her next journey. RIP Ninfa.*



Gwen Sanchez and Family - March 10 at 08:04 AM

GF

“*Gwen Sanchez And Family lit a candle in memory of Ninfa Enriqueta Rael*



Gwen Sanchez and Family - March 10 at 07:59 AM

FB

“ *Francine And Marco Bermudez lit a candle in memory of Ninfa Enriqueta Rael*



Francine and Marco Bermudez - March 10 at 07:30 AM

RF

“ *Thank you, Ambercare, for your support and care. It truly means so much to have your help and kindness during this time. Your compassion and dedication are greatly appreciated.* 🙏💙

Rael family - March 09 at 05:42 PM

AS

“ *Gloria, Barbie and Diana,
I want you to know how deeply sorry I am for the loss of our beloved Mom. Her love, her warmth, and the light she carried in her heart will be with you always, and I know how much she meant to you as her daughters and to your Dad as her husband. I am holding you and your dad close in my heart and in my prayers, and I hope you and your Dad can feel the love and support that surrounds you during this incredibly difficult time. Your Moms spirit, laughter, and her love will live on in all of us, and I hope you can find comfort in those precious memories*

Love Angie Silva

Angela Silva - March 09 at 04:23 PM

AS

“ Her love will continue to move through this family
for generations.
It lives in our memories.
It lives in our stories. Ninfa loved with her whole spirit.
Her words of love had a way of reaching straight into your heart.
Not loudly.
Not forcefully.
But deeply. She would say
"I love you" in a way that you didn't just hear with your ears.
You felt it.
Her name was Ninfa.
My Nina whom I will love
Por Vida



Angela Silva - March 09 at 04:07 PM

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Angela Silva - March 09 at 04:11 PM

BT

“ Dear family, we are deeply saddened for your breaking hearts! As you know, Nina was a beautiful, shining Star and because of her love, my children had wonderful babysitters. I am grateful, Gloria, Barbie, and Diane, if you ever need a hug, come over, I have one for you☐☐☐
With sympathy, Alice and family



Billie Alice Sanchez Torres - March 09 at 10:23 AM

LM

“ Love & prayers are with the family at this difficult time. Will always remember this beautiful lady with a beautiful smile and big heart💔

Lora Marez

Lora Marez - March 09 at 09:38 AM

FJ

“ To my Nina's Beautiful family sorry for your loss.We all share the pain of losing a beautiful child of God that had a beautiful heart always had a smile with anyone who visited her.She is my second mother & she will always have a special place in my heart anytime i had a problem i would givd her a call & i would hang up with a smile because her words made my situation like it never happened.May God lift her my Nina to heaven with my Daddy & may she R.I.P one day we will reunite with her & I will give her a big kiss & tell her she is & will be my best Nina ever.Love you Nina & R.I.P Ur God Son...Frankie Rael Jr.

Frankie Rael Jr. - March 09 at 09:21 AM

RG

Sorry to hear about your loss. I met Ninfa years ago and although we only saw each other occasionally we were always glad to see each other. I am so sorry for your loss and will always remember her. May the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.. let perpetual light shine upon them.

Agnes Garcia

Rose Agnes Garcia - March 09 at 10:17 AM

BJ

“ *Rael Family,
My sincere condolences on your loss. My thoughts & prayers are with your family. I remember your Mom & Dad were always there to support/watch their grandchildren in any sport they were in. May God Bless & comfort all of you during this difficult time.*

Beatrice Jojola



Beatrice Jojola - March 08 at 10:55 PM

AS

“ *You know how people say someone has a beautiful heart... well my Nina had such a beautiful heart that She emanated beauty, she radiated charm, grace, and kindness from within and through her physical appearance.*



Angela Silva - March 08 at 09:26 PM

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Angela Silva - March 08 at 09:27 PM

LF

Dear cousins,

I am deeply saddened by the loss of your beautiful mother, Ninfa. She was truly a special soul who made a lasting impression on my life. When I was a child, she was always there with love, kindness, and the advice I needed. I will always remember her warmth and the way she cared for those around her.

I truly believe she is now an angel in heaven, resting in the loving arms of our Lord. Her spirit and the love she shared will live forever in our memories and in our hearts.

May God grant you strength, comfort, and peace during this difficult time. I pray that the Lord watches over you and gives you the strength to carry on, and that the Blessed Mother surrounds you with her love.

Rest in peace, Ninfa. You will never be forgotten. 🕊️

*With love and prayers.
Love Lorraine Rael Flores*

Lorraine Rael Flores - March 10 at 09:09 PM

TG

“ *Tony And Oralia Garcia lit a candle in memory of Ninfa Enriqueta Rael*



Tony and Oralia Garcia - March 08 at 06:06 PM

MR

“ *Ninfa your positive attitude and your kindness wiww always be remembered we will always be remembered and loved. victor nMary*

Mary Rael - March 08 at 05:05 PM

ML

“ *Mark And Crissie Leyba lit a candle in memory of Ninfa Enriqueta Rael*



Mark and Crissie Leyba - March 08 at 01:09 PM

AC

“ *Albert & Alice Chavez lit a candle in memory of Ninfa Enriqueta Rael*



Albert & Alice Chavez - March 08 at 12:10 PM

CW

“ *I remember ninfa and Valentin would come over n visit with my Nana n tata, n my parents, always happy n content with life, rest in peace and peace to all the Rael family.*



Carol Rael Winterink - March 08 at 10:49 AM

BM

“ *Mr. Rael & family,*

May Mrs. Rael Rest in Peace. Eternal rest grant onto her oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her. God bless you all and give you much needed strength at this difficult time. 🙏



Love you all!



Bernice, Estevan, Brianna & Ellie 🌹

Bernice Montoya - March 07 at 11:34 PM

AS

“ *My Nina. When she hugged me, I could fill her heart sinking into mine and mine into hers. Every time she wrapped her arms around me to hug me, I felt all the parts of me that were tender and weak... getting stronger, I felt all the parts of me that were hurting... healing, all the parts of me that felt empty... getting filled.*



Angela Silva - March 07 at 09:44 PM

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Angela Silva - March 07 at 09:52 PM

SM

Auntie Bella I sure I'm going to miss you you we're always there for me when I needed someone to talk to I want to thank Gloria Barbie and Diana for letting me be there with her Rip love you Auntie Bella 🙏❤️🙏

Sandra marquez - March 07 at 10:02 PM

LS

“ I am so sorry for your loss! Ninfa was amazing sister. Always there to help never said no . I am gonna miss you so much. I love you RIP. 🙏🙏🙏



Liz Saiz - March 07 at 08:02 PM

SM

Auntie Bella I sure am going to miss you you were so good to me you were always there for me when I needed to talk to you RIP I LOVE YOU Auntie Bella 🙏❤️🙏

Sandra Marquez - March 07 at 09:38 PM