



Amalia Luz Trujillo

October 2, 1951 - August 27, 2026

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Amalia Luz Trujillo died in Las Cruces on August 27, 2026. She was seventy-four. Born there on October 2, 1951, she grew up knowing chile as a rumor that paid and a river as a weekday neighbor. Her mother packed lunches for a crew that started before daylight. Amalia learned that a clean sink is a kind of welcome that does not require a speech.

She spent twenty-one years in a packing shed off the valley road, first sorting, later keeping the night desk for people who arrived late from the fields with a child asleep in the back seat. She kept extra water without putting a note on the counter about generosity. When a dust storm closed the pass she made coffee until the urn complained.

She married Felipe Trujillo in 1973. They raised a daughter in a bungalow that needed a new swamp cooler more often than the budget admitted. After Felipe died in 2016 she kept his chair for a year and then gave it to a nephew who needed a place to do homework.

Neighbors remember a woman who would jump a battery in the shed lot at dusk, who knew which intern needed a second explanation of the scale, and who could hear a rice pot without looking. She loved the first cool night after a hundred-degree week. She died in Las Cruces, in heat she had always preferred to a heavy humidity. The desk is someone else's now.

Services

A rosary and a simple service in Las Cruces. The family welcomes a favorite hymn and a gift to a farmworkers' fund.

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