



Elena Sofia Quiroz

November 2, 1952 - August 26, 2026

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Elena Sofia Quiroz died in Baton Rouge on August 26, 2026. She was 73. Born in Baton Rouge on November 2, 1952, with Mexican-American roots that shaped the table more than the flag. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She fed students who forgot to eat and faculty who forgot manners. A bent soup ladle was her scepter. Colleagues still mention a soup ladle bent from decades.

She married Ramon in 1975. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised a son and a daughter through public schools and ordinary weather. After Ramon died in 2019, she kept the routines that still made sense: the walk, the garden, the Sunday call.

Neighbors remember someone who knew every child's name on the block. She liked early mornings before the heat or the noise. She died in Baton Rouge, among streets she never needed to explain. The radio is still tuned to the station that played while work got done.

Services

A memorial gathering in Baton Rouge with coffee afterward. In lieu of flowers, a gift to a local workers' fund, clinic, or neighborhood library is welcome.

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