



Guadalupe Luz Armendariz

July 29, 1958 - September 1, 2026

Las Cruces, New Mexico

Guadalupe Luz Armendariz died in Las Cruces on September 1, 2026. She was sixty-eight. Born there on July 29, 1958, she grew up in a valley that still had chile at the edges and offices in the middle. She learned English at school and a second set of manners at the table. She never treated either language as a costume.

She spent nineteen years at a packing shed off the highway, first making boxes, later keeping the floor for people who arrived late from the field with a child asleep in the back seat. She kept extra water without putting a note on the counter about generosity. When a storm closed the pass she made coffee until the urn complained. Later she sold sandwiches at a park concession and treated a long line of tourists as weather you could live with if you kept moving.

She married Ruben Armendariz in 1979. They raised a daughter in a bungalow that needed a new roof more often than the budget admitted. Ruben worked the railroad. Guadalupe packed lunches that could survive a climb in heat. After he died in 2017 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 lot at dusk, who knew which intern needed a second explanation of the register, and who could hear a rice pot without looking. She loved the first cool evening on the Organ range, a green-chile burrito on a Saturday, and the particular quiet after the last box was taped. She died in Las Cruces, in thin air she had always preferred to a heavy heat. The floor is someone else's now. The patience she practiced there is harder to replace than a vacancy sign.

Services

A rosary and a simple service in Las Cruces. The family welcomes a favorite hymn and a gift to a packing-shed fund.

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