



Remedios Isabel Quijada

December 2, 1955 - August 31, 2026

Elko, Nevada

Remedios Isabel Quijada died in Elko on August 31, 2026. She was seventy. Born there on December 2, 1955, she grew up knowing ore as a rumor that paid and a pickup as a set of honest problems. Her mother packed lunches for a graveyard shift. Remedios learned that a clean kitchen is a kind of welcome that does not require a speech.

She spent nineteen years in a mine cafeteria that fed people who argued about grades over gravy. She started on the steam table. She ended as the woman who could tell, from the sound of a pan, whether the rice would hold through a late blast. 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.

She married Ruben Quijada in 1977. They raised a daughter in a bungalow that needed a new swamp cooler more often than the budget admitted. Ruben worked the pit. Remedios packed lunches that could survive a climb in altitude. After he died in 2018 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 night after a hundred-degree week, a green-chile burrito on a Saturday, and the particular quiet after the last tray. She died in Elko, in dry air she had always preferred to a heavy heat. The line is someone else's now. The patience she practiced there is harder to replace than a steam table.

Services

A rosary and a simple service in Elko. The family welcomes a favorite hymn and a gift to a mine-workers' fund.

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