



Rosa Elena Valencia

May 29, 1953 - August 14, 2026

Grand Junction, Colorado

Rosa Elena Valencia died in Grand Junction on August 14, 2026. She was 73. Born in Grand Junction on May 29, 1953, raised among Mexican-American manners that never needed a speech. She learned early that a day is something you finish, not something you wait for.

She checked out mysteries and tax forms with the same calm. Overdue notices went out with a handwritten note when a household was stretched. Colleagues still mention a stamp pad and overdue-card patience.

She married Luis in 1980. They kept a house that stayed modest when the neighborhood did not. They raised two sons through public schools and ordinary weather. After Luis 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 Grand Junction, among streets she never needed to explain. The porch still expects a returning step.

Services

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

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