

Veronica Gonzales Romans

1928-2022

Veronica Gonzales, 93, was born on December 1, 1928, in Albuquerque, New Mexico, to Colastico Tais Sr. (aka Thais) and Rufina Armijo Tais.

Veronica passed peacefully on September 17, 2022, in Mesa, Arizona, surrounded by her loved ones.

Veronica grew up in the Socorro and Hurley, New Mexico, area, then moved at a young age to Los Angeles, California. She also lived in New York and moved to the Phoenix area where she resided since 1966.

Veronica loved her work and her career in the making of circuit boards for major companies. She loved the detail involved in doing such work.

Veronica loved her large family and was always the center of attention because she was the second oldest sibling of 10 children. She made friends easily and kept them for life. She will be missed by so many people.

Veronica was deeply religious and believed in God and the Holy Spirit. She counted both the Catholic Church and Church of Christ among her favorites. She believed in praying and calling on God for help at her most trying times.

Veronica and husband Duane enjoyed all kinds of shopping, yard, moving, estate, and thrift stores sales. They lived between Scottsdale Fashion Square and the Mesa Superstition Mall. About

every week they visited Macy's and Dillard's for super sales. Last winter, Veronica lost up to 40 lbs. leaving her at 90 lbs., so shopping became a priority, even though she didn't feel the very best. She even splurged once in a while. Veronica wanted to look nice at dinner at the couple's independent living apartment.

She was preceded in death by her brothers; Colastico Tais, Jr. and Ernesto Tais, and her sisters; Clara Nevarez, Elsie Borrell, Marian Vallejos, and Erlinda Thais.

She is survived by her sisters; Rose Salas, Mary Ellen Arizaga, and Virginia Gonzales and many nieces and nephews.

She is also survived by her husband of three years, Duane Romans. They enjoyed eight-plus wonderful years together,



dancing, taking trips to wonderful locations and to Nebraska for months at a time. Duane never left her side during her illness and on her last day.

Special thanks to Veronica's friend Roberta, whom she loved like a daughter, and to her nieces; Donna, Lisa, Linda, Sharon, Sara, Michelle and Rachel, who visited her and prayed for her.