



Rafaela Gonzalez Subea

April 19, 1952 - January 9, 2026

On April 19th, 1952, in Kingsville, Texas, God blessed Jeronimo and Rebecca Villarreal Gonzalez with a beautiful baby girl whom they proudly named Rafaela Villarreal Gonzalez. She was the first born of four children.

On July 4th, 1971, she married the love of her life, Daniel Subea. They picked this date so they would always have fireworks to celebrate their love. From this blessed union they had three children: Daniel, Rebecca, and David.

Her home was always full of love and laughter. Soon after her parent's passing, she welcomed her siblings Rachel, Samuel, and Daniel into her care, and the family grew in love.

At an early age, Rafaela accepted Jesus Christ into her heart growing up in Bishop, Texas. Later in her life she was proudly a part of the Pentecostal Church and enjoyed going to church conventions celebrating the Gospel of Jesus. She was an active member of El Bethel Pentecostal Church where she proudly raised her family in Christ.

She graduated from Bishop High School a proud Bishop Badger in 1970. She would later go on to hold a myriad of jobs, but none as treasured as her Sales Associate position with Home Interiors where she met and made friends with many wonderful people. Rafaela won multiple awards for top sales within the

company.

In Rafaela's free time she enjoyed gardening, shopping, calling loved ones, decorating her home and, during the summer, making a quick stop for a "raspa" whenever she could.

She lived a beautiful life as a caring nurturer, a devoted wife, and a loving mother and grandmother. Her life was defined by the countless sacrifices she made for her family, and her love will continue to guide them always.

God called Rafaela home on January 9, 2026.

She is survived by her children, Daniel Subea Jr., Rebecca Sosa, and David Subea; grandchildren, Amber Sosa and Robert Sosa II; sister, Rachel Gonzalez and brothers, Samuel Gonzalez (Ana) and Daniel Gonzales (Ruthy); and many beloved nieces, nephews, and great-nephews.

Rafaela was preceded in death by her parents and husband, Daniel Subea.

Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday, January 16 at El Bethel Pentecostal Church in El Campo with a prayer service beginning at 6 p.m. The funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 17 at the church with Pastor Randy Gonzalez officiating. Burial will follow at La Colonia Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Robert James Sosa II, Oscar Anthony Serna, Samuel Joseph Gonzalez, Jeremy Daniel Gonzales, Jaime Alan Gonzales and Timothy Scott Williamson.

Cemetery Details

La Colonia

Alfred Street
El Campo, TX 77437

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 4:00 PM (CT)

El Bethel Pentecostal Church
404 Bruns St
El Campo, TX 77437

Prayer Service

JAN 16. 6:00 PM (CT)

El Bethel Christian Church
404 Bruns St
TX 77437

Funeral Service

JAN 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

El Bethel Christian Church
404 Bruns St
TX 77437

Tribute Wall



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Rafaela Gonzalez Subea.*



January 16 at 01:53 AM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Rafaela Gonzalez Subea.*



January 14 at 10:57 AM



“ *Candy R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rafaela Gonzalez Subea.*

Candy R. - January 14 at 10:57 AM



“ *My thoughts & prayers are with you all that God will Comfort you in your loss! God bless your family & friends! RIP Rafaela ☐! She will be dearly missed by everyone who knew & loved her! Vicky Blair Ustynik Quijas*



Vicky Quijas - January 13 at 04:38 PM

VQ

“ Vicky Quijas lit a candle in memory of Rafaela Gonzalez Subea



Vicky Quijas - January 13 at 04:33 PM

AC

“ Rafael was the most wonderful and caring person I have ever met. Her little laugh and smile always made people feel good , happy nice to be around her. She will be truly missed, but in a better place now. YOU WILL ALWAYS BE I. OUR HEARTS.

Anita Cruz - January 13 at 03:12 PM

TB

“ To Rachael & family, I met Rafaela in 1980 when she sold me home interior decorations, many of which are still hanging on my walls; she was so kind and very sweet. I chose the yellow candle because it is bright and shiny. Rafaela was a bright, shiny light to everyone she met! May she rest in peace, and may the perpetual light shine upon her.



Terri Beltran - January 13 at 12:48 PM

TC

“ The Capital Grille Rockefeller center purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rafaela Gonzalez Subea.



The Capital Grille Rockefeller center - January 13 at 12:36 PM

OB

“ *our condolences, Jack and Delia Byles purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Rafaela Gonzalez Subea.*



our condolences, Jack and Delia Byles - January 12 at 08:15 PM

MD

“ *Our condolences to the family Gilbert and Maria Delgado*

Maria Delgado - January 12 at 04:54 PM