



Rafaela Theresa (Rubio) Spears

February 24, 1939 - November 3, 2017

Rafaela Theresa (Rubio) Spears, daughter of the late Isabel Franco and Eulalia Jimenez Rubio, was born February 24, 1939 in San Antonio, Texas. She passed away November 3, 2017 in the Cox South Hospital of Springfield, Missouri having attained the age of 78 years.

Rafaela grew up in San Antonio where she attended school. She married and four children were born to this union.

For a time, Rafaela lived in Chicago, Illinois and worked at Playskool Toy Factory before moving back to San Antonio.

Rafaela was united in marriage to Joe Spears, who was an active duty soldier. They lived at different duty stations including Ft Bragg, Ft Benning and Ft Leonard Wood. They came to Ft. Leonard Wood in 1972 and she began working at the Post Exchange. She was employed there for 8 years before beginning at EDP and served there for 25 years before her retirement.

Rafaela was a lifetime member of the VFW #3176 Post Ladies Auxiliary of St. Robert. She loved spending time with her family, and also with a special friend...her Yorkie who was named Sugar.

Rafaela will be sadly missed, but fondly remembered by all those that knew

and loved her. She leaves to cherish her memory, her loving family; two children: Rodney (Roxanna) Wright and Cynthia (David) Reed; three siblings: Jesse Rubio, Carmen (Darold) Burnett and Judy Casner; and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents, Rafaela was preceded in death by two sons: Dennis Wright and Michael Wright; one sister: Mary Connelly; and one great granddaughter: Emberlee Lorraine.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Rafaela Spears to the St. Jude Children's Hospital may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Ozark Memorial VFW Cemetery

St. Robert, MO 65584

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Rafaela Theresa (Rubio) Spears*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 27, 2017 at 04:08 PM



“ *Rafaela Theresa (Rubio) Spears*

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM



“ *Cynthia and family. You all are in our prayers. Rafael and I worked in the EDP mess hall. Hard work but, anything for our troops.*



Crystal Mosier & Judy Ogle - November 10, 2017 at 10:20 PM



“ *Rest In Peace Rafaela. I enjoyed you being my granny's roommate.*



Whitney - November 08, 2017 at 07:25 PM



“ 65 files added to the album Life Tributes



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - November 08, 2017 at 10:48 AM

KS

“ I will miss her smile and laughter... beautiful woman. Sincerely,
Kristin Swinchoski- Life Care

Kristin Swinchoski - November 07, 2017 at 08:45 PM

TI

“ Tiffney lit a candle in memory of Rafaela
Theresa (Rubio) Spears



tiffney - November 07, 2017 at 06:48 PM

CW

“ I love you grandma may you rest in peace.



Chris westerfield - November 07, 2017 at 05:17 PM

TI

“ *Tiffney lit a candle in memory of Rafaela Theresa (Rubio) Spears*



tiffney - November 06, 2017 at 12:31 PM

EM

Rest in peace. I never forgot how good you were to us when we lived on Ft. Wood back in the 1970's. Ellvan (Butch) Markley

Ellvan Markley - November 09, 2017 at 03:16 PM

LJ

“ *Your family is in our prayers at Life Care Center*



Lisa Jennings - November 06, 2017 at 10:26 AM