

## Rita S. Donnelly

August 7, 1933 - January 24, 2019

Rita Donnelly of Willcox died at Casa de Angeles on January 24, 2019 at the age of 85. She was born at Sierra Bonita on August 7, 1933 to Simon Sanchez and Margaret Ayala Sanchez. Rita was known for her kindness and her cooking, she owned and operated Rita's Home Cafe in Willcox for many years. Survivors include her son Tino Verdugo, her granddaughter Diane Verdugo, great granddaughters Selena Verdugo and Skylar Madrigal and great grandson Stacy Luna all of Willcox. Preceding her in death were her parents, husband Maurice Donnelly and her daughter Mary Ann. Memorial Services will be 6:00 pm on Monday, February 4, 2019 at Westlawn Chapel.

# Previous Events

## Memorial service

FEB 4. 6:00 PM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.  
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Willcox, AZ 85643  
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<https://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Rita S. Donnelly*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Marissa Leal sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita S. Donnelly*



Marissa Leal - February 01, 2019 at 05:48 PM



“ *Rita Bedolla lit a candle in memory of Rita S. Donnelly*



Rita Bedolla - January 28, 2019 at 02:11 PM



“ *Rita Bedolla sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita S. Donnelly*



Rita Bedolla - January 28, 2019 at 02:11 PM



“ *Mary Verdugo lit a candle in memory of Rita S. Donnelly*



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**Mary Verdugo** - January 28, 2019 at 01:21 PM

ES

“ *She was a sweet loving lady she will be missed.*



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**Eva Smith** - January 27, 2019 at 09:34 PM

ES

“ *Eva Smith lit a candle in memory of Rita S. Donnelly*



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**Eva Smith** - January 27, 2019 at 09:30 PM

JD

“ *May Our Most Blessed Lord of the Resurrection accompany all of you in this moment of separation and pain. However, the hope and surety of His flock raising from the dead along with their Pastor and Redeemer is central to our faith. Neighbor, we have traveled this path with you for last few years and we continue with you until that day soon where we will meet again in the promised mansion of our Father. Rita Donnelly, a great and inspiring Christian has made her story and inscribed it in the hearts of her beloved family, her neighbors and the members of the Community. What a character! The little lady from Bonita – achieved exactly that... a little bonita lady! Her name has been firmly written in the book of life at our Savior’s Hands and has enjoyed a privileged place in His Most Sacred Heart. May that lifetime of love, labored and cultivated, bring solace to her family as you continue to live out her faith traditions and follow in her path on the journey to our Heavenly Father. May Our Blessed Mother, sorrowful and mournful on the Saturday before, enjoin you with the grace of faith in the Easter Resurrection and the Glory of Her Risen Son. I dutifully mourn with you... However, I am filled with divine hope and grace in the knowledge that Rita is indeed with God. Today, Willcox and beyond, will begin our novena for the repose of her soul and the consolation of her family and friends. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.*



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Jeffrey David - January 27, 2019 at 09:59 AM

CC

“ *Mi amada Rita. Se y estoy segura que estas gozando del paraíso Celestial. Con el amor infinito de Dios Ntro.Sr. Grs. Le doy,infinitas grs. por haberte conocido y contar con tu cariño y amor incondicional. Para mi fuiste y seras siempre una gran amiga muy amada. Siempre seguiré orando por ti. Con todo mi amor y cariño.Hasta el infinito y mas allá. Hasta siempre amiga amada*

**Cristy Valle C.** - January 26, 2019 at 03:38 PM

GA

“ *Rest In Peace My Dearest Friend will miss you lots and cherish our memories we have I love you so very much 🥺🥺🥺Gloria Aranda*



**Gloria Aranda** - January 26, 2019 at 01:55 PM

ML

“ *RIP sweet lady it was nice knowing you and listening to your wonderful adventures. You will be missed.*



**Marissa Leal** - January 26, 2019 at 01:08 PM

GW

“ *A beautiful and wonderful person! Love you Rita*



**Gloria wood** - January 26, 2019 at 12:47 PM



“ Margaret Gomez sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita S. Donnelly



Margaret Gomez - January 26, 2019 at 12:46 PM



A great friend of my parents, my grandmother and to our family. Sweet lady who will be missed by many. RIP Rita.

Margaret Gomez - January 26, 2019 at 12:47 PM

CD

“ Carol Dickson lit a candle in memory of Rita S. Donnelly



Carol Dickson - January 26, 2019 at 12:25 PM

MM

“ Rita was a great person Will miss her very much. We had some fun times and crazy times. Will always remember the crazy ride down Arizona Ave. We often would talk about that and laugh so much. Those times are gone but not the memories your gone to a better place and I will remember you forever my dear prima. May you R. I. P 🙏 love you forever 🌹🌸

Mary ( Chiquita ) Mendoza - January 25, 2019 at 06:07 PM

MV

“ *Michael Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of Rita S. Donnelly*



Michael Valenzuela - January 25, 2019 at 03:19 PM

EV

“ *Erlinda Valenzuela lit a candle in memory of Rita S. Donnelly*



Erlinda Valenzuela - January 25, 2019 at 03:19 PM



“ *Carmen Teeters lit a candle in memory of Rita S. Donnelly*



Carmen Teeters - January 25, 2019 at 01:52 PM

CN

“ *Cindy Nunez lit a candle in memory of Rita S. Donnelly*



Cindy Nunez - January 25, 2019 at 12:54 PM

LR

“ *Lawrence & Angela Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Rita S. Donnelly*



Lawrence & Angela Rodriguez - January 25, 2019 at 12:51 PM

LR

“ *Lawrence & Angela Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of Rita S. Donnelly*



Lawrence & Angela Rodriguez - January 25, 2019 at 12:49 PM

AT

“ *Annie Torres lit a candle in memory of Rita S. Donnelly*

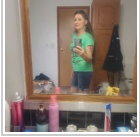


Annie Torres - January 25, 2019 at 12:48 PM

CN

“ *Rita was a special lady and will be missed. She was a great cook , years ago she taught my daughters and I how to make “Green Chile sour cream enc. Yum ! My mom and he were goods friends and I’m sure they are both in heaven talking away right now .Condolences to the family*

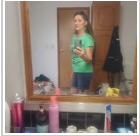
Cindy Nunez - January 25, 2019 at 11:44 AM



“ *There hasn't been a time in my life that I have not known Rita. Mrs Rita was one of the best cooks around. I want to send my condolences to her family she will be greatly missed rest in peace Miss Rita*

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**Gemini June** - January 24, 2019 at 10:04 PM



“ *Gemini June lit a candle in memory of Rita S. Donnelly*



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**Gemini June** - January 24, 2019 at 09:59 PM



“ *Alex Aguilar lit a candle in memory of Rita S. Donnelly*



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**Alex Aguilar** - January 24, 2019 at 08:26 PM



“ *Juan & SHIRLEY RUBIO sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita S. Donnelly*



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**Juan & SHIRLEY RUBIO** - January 24, 2019 at 08:26 PM

GM

“ *Gus & Rita Morales sent a virtual gift in memory of Rita S. Donnelly*



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