



## Rita Marie Sims

January 28, 1937 - February 24, 2026

Rita Marie Sims, 89, was born January 28, 1937, and went to be with the Lord on February 24, 2026. She is preceded in death by her loving husband of 55 years, Harry Stanton Sims; granddaughter, Jenna Marie Sims; sisters, Mary Agnes Hamilton and Therese Nevans; and parents, David and Marie Nevans. Rita is survived by her children, Mark Sims, Joan Sims, Paul (Tauri) Sims, Lisa (Matt) Knight, and Nancy (Travis) Medina; grandchildren, Matthew (Kellyn) Sims, Lauren (John) Snyder, Braden Medina, Brennan Medina, and Joshua Knight; great-grandchildren, Jasper and Lily Snyder. She is also survived by her siblings, Jim Nevans, Kathleen Gilbert, and Mike (Betty) Nevans, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. Rita was born in Denver, Colorado. She loved growing up in a loving home with her parents, brothers, and sisters. During her middle school years, the family moved to Albuquerque where Rita excelled in high school. She then returned to Denver to attend Loretta Heights to become an RN. Rita began her career as an operating nurse when she met and then married Harry. In 1964, the new family moved to Pueblo where Rita left nursing to raise a family. She later returned to nursing working at the Pueblo City County Health Department in various assignments. Rita was an active member in her church and was a long-standing member of the League of Women Voters. Married for 55 years, she was the cornerstone of the family. Sunday was a special day set aside for family where it started with church, then a brunch, and the evening was a special dinner. Rita has a special love for children and was especially

kind and giving to her six grandchildren. Our mom lived a full and happy life! She was friendly, had a wonderful sense of humor and was devoted to her family. We admired how our mom treated others with fairness, kindness and respect.

# Cemetery Details

## Roselawn Cemetery

1706 Roselawn Rd  
Pueblo, CO 81006

# Previous Events

## Mass of the Christian Burial

MAR 5. 10:00 AM (MT)

Cathedral of the Sacred Heart  
414 W 11th St  
Pueblo, CO 81003-2807  
(719) 544-5175

*RECEPTION IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MASS IN CHURCH HALL.*

## Graveside

MAR 5. 2:00 PM (MT)

Roselawn Cemetery  
1706 Roselawn Rd  
Pueblo, CO 81006

# Tribute Wall



“ *Heather Maio lit a candle in memory of Rita Marie Sims*



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**Heather Maio** - March 18 at 11:16 AM



*I worked for a time with Rita at the Pueblo Department of Health and Environment. She was such a nice person. I enjoyed talking with her and listening to her thoughts on work at the Department. I ran into her in the community also. I appreciated that she volunteered at the League of Women Voters. The world has a bit less light with the passing of Rita.*

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**Heather Maio** - March 18 at 07:01 PM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Marie Sims.*



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March 04 at 11:58 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rita Marie Sims.*



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March 03 at 02:43 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rita Marie Sims.

March 03 at 02:25 AM



“ Judith S. purchased the *Your Light Shines* for the family of Rita Marie Sims.



Judith S. - March 02 at 04:42 PM



“ The Miceli family purchased the *Medium Dish Garden* for the family of Rita Marie Sims.



The Miceli family - March 01 at 10:57 AM



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“ I have so many memories of Rita! One of my favorites is of having her over to my house to go through some League records, to decide which to throw away, and which to donate to the library. Of course, sometimes the conversation wandered, we sorted, we giggled, we teased. It was such fun. And we saw so many Chieftain photos of a younger Rita involved in voter education and voting rights!

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**Ruth Nerenberg** - February 28 at 02:22 PM