



Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma

September 12, 2015

Leyba-Puma, Alicia Denise

Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma was born on August 21, 1978 to David Leyba and Theresa Palomo.

Alicia attended Gallup High School and Eastern New Mexico University. She was a passionate science teacher at Gallup Middle School.

Though born into a petite frame of 4 feet 11 inches, Alicia's presence was larger than life. Her smile, her laugh, her optimism and her beautiful spirit touched everyone who was blessed to make her acquaintance.

Alicia had fervor for life and loved to read and learn, though she found no greater happiness or fulfillment than her role as a mother. Her sons, Caiden and Conner Puma brought her pride beyond measure and endless joy.

Alicia had a magic about her that cannot be accurately summarized in words. She lived her life to spread love. A purpose she achieved with great success

She is survived by her father, David Leyba and wife, Frances; mother, Theresa Palomo and husband, Oscar; sister, Jennaweh Hondrogiannis and husband, James; sons, Caiden and Conner Puma; and grandparents, Dennis

Rosales and Soila Chavira. She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Della Rosales; and grandfather, David Leyba. She will be greatly missed by numerous relatives, friends, former students and all that knew and loved her.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, September 18, 2015, 10:30 a.m., at Joshua Generation for Jesus Church, 1375 Elva Drive Gallup, New Mexico.

Her family would like to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and support through this difficult time. Please visit our online guestbook for Alicia at www.FrenchFunerals.com.

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Previous Events

Memorial Service

SEP **18**. 10:30 AM (MT)

Joshua Generation for Jesus Church
1375 Elva Drive
Gallup, NM

Tribute Wall

RS

“ *RAYMOND SANCHEZ lit a candle in memory of Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma*



RAYMOND SANCHEZ - September 22, 2015 at 03:46 AM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma.*

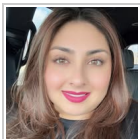


September 18, 2015 at 08:06 PM

PM

“ *My condolences to both the Leyba and Puma families.*

Peter Musser - September 18, 2015 at 06:00 PM



“ *Samantha Marquez lit a candle in memory of Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma*



Samantha Marquez - September 18, 2015 at 05:35 PM

CB

“ You are a light, my friend. A precious light who could be one of the cutest heavenly angels ever. You could not help but spread warmth, caring, and smiles to those who shared your path. How blessed we are....

A few years ago, we ate at a nice Italian restaurant in Albuquerque. "Can I order the appetizer?" you asked with great enthusiasm. The cute waiter approached with a plate of what appeared to be yummy curly onion rings and dipping sauce. You smiled a little more than usual. "Just try it," you said. "Okay, what is it?" I asked with a raised eyebrow (maybe two raised eyebrows). The word "calamari" was new to me. "Try it...then I'll tell you..."

May the Lord's comfort be with your family.

Connie Benally - September 17, 2015 at 11:41 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Lavender and White* was purchased for the family of Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma.



September 17, 2015 at 11:35 PM

EQ

“ *Jennaweh and Family. I am so sorry for your loss. In time, you will see your sister again, as we will all see our loved ones who have passed into our Father's Kingdom. Bless you and may you find comfort in knowing that Alicia is with Heavenly Father. Eugenia Quintana*

Eugenia Quintana - September 17, 2015 at 11:55 AM

TF

“ Alicia will be in our hearts forever!

The Puma Family - September 17, 2015 at 08:39 AM

CP

“ Cory & Athena Peterson purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the family of Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma.



Cory & Athena Peterson - September 16, 2015 at 04:41 PM

NH

“ Nick & Angel Hondrogiannis purchased the Pink & White Large Sympathy Vase Arrangement for the family of Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma.



Nick & Angel Hondrogiannis - September 16, 2015 at 04:33 PM



“ Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma.



September 16, 2015 at 04:10 PM

RI

“ *My condolences to all the family. I had the pleasure of knowing Alicia for a very short time. Although our time was brief, I learned a lot from her. I will forever cherish the book she loan me, The Princess Who Believed In Fairy Tales. May you rest in peace my fellow Princess..*

*Lots of Love,
Rita*

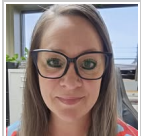
Rita - September 16, 2015 at 04:02 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma.*



September 16, 2015 at 03:06 PM



“ *Shiloh Valdez lit a candle in memory of Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma*



Shiloh Valdez - September 16, 2015 at 02:16 PM



“ *Multicolor Bright Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma.*



September 16, 2015 at 02:00 PM



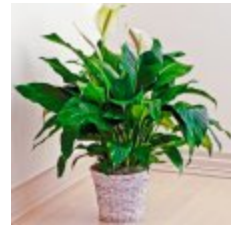
“ *Rachel Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma*



Rachel Sanchez - September 16, 2015 at 11:37 AM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma.*



September 16, 2015 at 09:22 AM

JM

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I am the outreach person for The Compassionate Friends. We are a local group of parents who have lost a child. We know the grief, we have walked the path. If the parent(s) and/or grandparent(s) of the deceased would like to attend our bi-Monthly meetings, our Facebook pages or receive contact phone numbers please contact me.

jsegura525@aol.com

Once again I am so sorry for your loss.

Joseph Segura

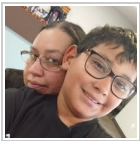
joseph segura & marc mirabal - September 16, 2015 at 08:45 AM

CL

“ Your loss is so heartening, I will continue to pray for strength, comfort and consolation for your family. God bless you through this most difficult time



Charles and Tammy Landis - September 16, 2015 at 07:46 AM



“ May God bless your family always in my prayers



Elenacruz Diaz-Estorga - September 16, 2015 at 02:39 AM

Sierra Quintana

“ *Mrs.Puma was easily one of my favorite teachers in middle school. She was always going out of her way to help no matter what. She had such a bright soul and contagious smile! She made school and science enjoyable, you couldn't help but be excited for her class to come in your school day. I'll never forget her for she had a great impact on my life and I know all her former students will tell you the same! I will miss her dearly! Rest in Paradise Alicia <3*

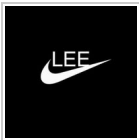
Sierra Quintana - September 15, 2015 at 08:04 PM

Charity Martinez

“ *Charity Martinez lit a candle in memory of Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma*



Charity Martinez - September 15, 2015 at 07:30 PM



“ *Will FOREVER Be Remembered!!!*



Wynoemi Lee - September 15, 2015 at 07:28 PM

Mary Mireles

“ I remember Alicia just when I was smaller became i was always playing with her little sister little sister jennaweh we used to always play dress up and go through her closet when she wasn't home I remember we always try to be like her when they were living in a house right next to the grandfathers house I remember she was always nice and smiling and laughing she was such a great person it's sad to see her go rest in peace.



Mary Mireles - September 15, 2015 at 06:30 PM

CY

“ My son and I worked with Alicia at the Gallup Mid School. She was beautiful,super friendly,kind,awesome teacher,and all around genuine sweetheart. We are so sad to hear of her passing. We send our prayers to all her family.

Lee and Cynthia Garcia

Cynthia - September 15, 2015 at 05:59 PM

Ramon Perez

“ I can't believe its true....but just got to say your where one of the best teachers I had in middle school R.I.P prayers to her husband and family

Ramon Perez - September 15, 2015 at 05:53 PM

TI

“ I met Alicia through my husband back in 2007. We went over to her house in Mossman to play the Wii with her and the boys. I had my newborn son with us and out of nowhere, to a complete stranger, she goes to her room and dig through some things to find a homemade car seat cover someone had made her. She tells me, "You NEED to have this, especially with Gallup weather!" So, for the next 1.5 years I used this cover given to me by a complete stranger out of the pure kindness of her heart. She didn't have to do that for me, but that small gesture has stayed with me all these years. I will never forget it. When I tried to return it, she told me to give it to someone else that needed it.
I cant say I knew Alicia well, but just as all of you, she has made an imprint in a part of my life. May everyone find peace, especially Caiden and Conner.

Tina - September 15, 2015 at 05:40 PM

LO

“ We would like to send our deepest condolences to Alicia's family, especially Conor and Caiden. We were so sad to hear of her passing. Every time we saw her she had such a beautiful warm smile. Peace be with you all at this difficult time.
Always
Gonzalo, Loreyna mo and teo

loreyna ojeda - September 15, 2015 at 04:59 PM

NI

“ Alicia was a beautiful person inside and out!
Her smile lit up a room!! She was truly one of a kind!! RIP Beautiful Angel



Nikolle - September 15, 2015 at 04:42 PM

JT

“ Mrs. puma was my 6th grade science teacher she will be truly missed.. R.I.p you were an amazing teacher you always held a bond with all of us and it was right when u were pregnant with our first son . prayers to our family and u 💕💕

jessica torrez - September 15, 2015 at 04:12 PM

AM

“ Ms. Puma was my 6th grade science teacher. She sparked what is now a lifelong interest in science and she always encouraged me to be creative. She was vibrant and always smiling. I hope she knew and I hope her family knows how many lives she made a difference in. Thank you for always being as kind as can be and thank you for making the world a better place for your students, Ms. Puma. Rest in Peace.

Amanda

Amanda - September 15, 2015 at 04:03 PM

MA

“ Alicia left footprints in our hearts she was a beautiful mother, friend and teacher.
She had a beautiful smile and it will be missed. May God bless the family!

Ray, Martha, Shannon and Amber Armijo

Martha - September 15, 2015 at 04:01 PM

DD

“ My love and prayers for comfort and peace go out the whole family who have been a special part of my life! Theresa, Jennewah and all the family, always keep her special memories in your hearts!



Diane DiPaolo - September 15, 2015 at 02:21 PM

DD

“ Alicia was one of my Oñate family! She was a wonderful student and loved school and her life! Her smile brought joy to so many! My heart is sad today, rest in peace sweet girl! I love you!

Diane DiPaolo - September 15, 2015 at 02:17 PM

LL

“ Growing up Alicia had a big impact on my life, she was not only a teacher, she was a great friend. She was always there when you needed her and knew exactly what to say to make everything all better. I used to babysit her sons Connor and Caiden, she was the best mother and loved her sons with all her heart. I'll never forget the weekend she took me to Grants for my first Fire and Ice bike rally. We spent the whole day there laughing and goofing around. Her smile lit up the room and her laugh was contagious. Family was everything to her and she had the strongest bond w each and every one of them. She is loved by so many and will be truly missed.

Lisa Lopez - September 15, 2015 at 01:58 PM

PD

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss, my thoughts and prayers are with you Theresa, Oscar and all the family.



Patsy DeLaO - September 15, 2015 at 01:56 PM

 Cindy Regensberg-Gorman

“ Cindy Regensberg-Gorman lit a candle in memory of Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma




Cindy Regensberg-Gorman - September 15, 2015 at 01:51 PM



“ RIP sweet girl. May you forever dwell in the house of The Lord.....my condolences to all her family and friends. You will be missed.



Sonya Castaneda - September 15, 2015 at 01:48 PM

 Raquel Montoya Delao

“ One of my favorite memories was doing Wowies fashion shows we always had a blast and it kept us all out of trouble per say.... Alicia was one of the kindest people I knew we had great slumber parties at her house in Stagecoach and Tina and I would always prank her either scaring her or whatever, it was always a blast... we will all miss you Alicia.

Raquel Montoya Delao - September 15, 2015 at 01:47 PM



Pharabe
Littlecrow

“ Alicia was a kind and gentle person, she became my friend in mid school thru high school.... We had alot of classes together. Alicia is the kind of person who didnt forget you, no matter what happend. As we became older of course, things change, life changes.. but I seen her not to long ago and she smiled and said hi pharabe, its been along time. Alicia your smile was infectious and laugh so memorable, thank you for being part of my life and for being such an honest good friend and those are hard to find. You will be missed.

Pharabe Littlecrow - September 15, 2015 at 01:44 PM



“ Jim Alejandra Otero lit a candle in memory of Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma



Jim Alejandra Otero - September 15, 2015 at 01:24 PM

JM

“ I will forever my memories of Alica. We became great friends since mid school and even grew even closer from then on. Her smile and laughter will forever be in my heart. She was a wonderful person all around, a much devoted mother and friend to all. As we became parents our kids became our world and her passion for life became endless. I miss you lady, but you are now at peace and we all how have another beautiful guardian angel! RIP Alicia.

jessica mitchell - September 15, 2015 at 01:08 PM



“ Sherry Juarez lit a candle in memory of Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma



Sherry Juarez - September 15, 2015 at 01:07 PM



“ Alicia was my daughters 7th grade Science teacher. I will always remember that she was the only teacher at school that offered her support, condolences and true compassion for my daughter that lost her father that year. You were there when she needed someone to tell her that it was ok to feel upset and cry in class if she had to. We love you got that always. Fly high with the Angels now.

Sherry Juarez - September 15, 2015 at 01:01 PM

JB

“ I will never forget her laugh, we were hanging out one night she had a drink in front of her, she laughed so hard her straw went up her nostril, omgosh so funny, loved her and her laugh! Rest in his peace cousin, I love you!

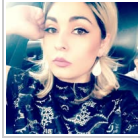


Jamie Gonzales BlueEyes - September 15, 2015 at 12:49 PM

LS

“ Alicia was my cousin, I didn't get to know her that well because she is a lot younger than I am, But what I do know is that she was a beautiful, kind hearted person and she was loved by many, she is going to be missed, I pray that she is at peace, and I lift up her mother, father, sister and kids, I pray for comfort and strength, I know that she is an Angel in heaven, looking down on us.

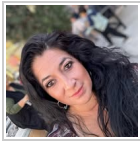
Lala Saucedo - September 15, 2015 at 12:48 PM



“ *Shannon Armijo lit a candle in memory of Alicia Denise Leyba-Puma*



Shannon Armijo - September 15, 2015 at 12:39 PM



“ *Alicia and me were highschool friends and roommates in college. She truly was sunshine, she was goofy smart caring and I'm so blessed she was a part of my life. I hope you finally get to fly like a bird my friend*

Yvette Gustafson - September 15, 2015 at 12:36 PM

MM

Alicia was one of those very few people I allowed into my heart. Her smile was big and bright and her laugh was loud and contagious. You make many memories in high school and Alicia played a big part in some of my very best. May God send the Holy Spirit to strengthen her family through this rough time and may he raise you up on the wings of Eagles my beautiful old friend.

♥ Monet Malcom

monet malcom - September 15, 2015 at 11:58 PM



“ *Alicia was my 7th grade science teacher at Gallup Mid. Such a beautiful person all around! She made my seventh grade year an amazing one. From hosting the first twilight movie in her class room, to being my chaperone on the eighth grade trip to Washington D.C.! Giving me awesome shopping advice when we were allowed to go shopping. She was the best teacher I ever had. Such a sweet beautiful soul that I will miss dearly! May you rest easy.*

Jasmyn Woods - September 15, 2015 at 11:42 AM

DC

“ *On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.* ”

David Cruz - September 14, 2015 at 05:23 PM