



Alicia Valdez Rivas

September 3, 1953 - February 14, 2026

Alicia Valdez Rivas, 72, of Wauchula, Florida, passed away on February 14th, surrounded by the love she so freely gave throughout her life. Alicia was a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt, cousin, and friend whose servant's heart touched countless lives. Alicia dedicated many years of service to others, working in Food Service for the Hardee County School District before retiring, and as a longtime employee of Walmart in Wauchula. She was a faithful member and volunteer at St. Michael's Catholic Church, where she generously gave of her time and heart. Known for her servant's spirit, Alicia devoted countless hours to helping members of the Hardee County community. She was always present to cheer on her loved ones at sporting events, school activities, and community gatherings. She cherished time with her family, especially traveling together on joyful road trips filled with laughter. Alicia brought light wherever she went. Her laughter was contagious, her compassion unwavering, and her faith in Jesus was the foundation of her life. She was an extraordinarily caring and hardworking woman who lived with grace, humility, and love. Her legacy of faith, service, and devotion

will live on forever in the hearts of those who were blessed to know her.

She was preceded in death by her beloved parents, Ramon and Juanita Valdez; her brothers, Christobal Lopez, Paul Valdez, and Armando Valdez; and her great-granddaughter, Delyza McDonald.

Alicia is survived by her loving husband of 54 years, Roberto Rivas Sr., of Wauchula, Florida. Together they built a life rooted in faith, family, and unconditional love.

She is also survived by her brothers: Rudy Valdez (Norma) of Indiana; Gilbert Valdez (Delia), Arturo Valdez (Maria), Joe Valdez, and Elias Valdez, all of Florida. Her sisters include Maria Cabrera; Melba Rodriguez (David); Rebecca Linarez (Mauro); and Kathy Martinez (Ernesto), all of Florida.

Alicia was a proud and devoted mother to her sons: Roberto Rivas Jr. (Odella), Ray Rivas (Kristen), and Ruben Rivas (Jamie), all of Florida.

She leaves behind a treasured legacy through her grandchildren: Robert Jordan Hill (Ashley) of Texas; Roberto Christopher Rivas (Haley), Rubi Hooks (Andrew), Ramzi Rivas (Seirra Perez), Romi Rivas (Deontae McDonald), Ryan Rivas, Ross Rivas, Ryder Rivas, Reese Rivas, Rolland Rivas, and Rebecca Rivas, all of Florida.

Her joy multiplied through her great-grandchildren: Raiden Hill, Ryder Hill, Audrina Hill, Alana Hill, Amari Hooks, Aria Hooks, Armani Hooks, Amir Hooks, Rori Rivas, Remi Rivas, Riplei Rivas, Raegan Rivas, and Deilani McDonald.

She is also lovingly remembered by many cousins, nieces, nephews, and extended family members whose

lives she enriched with kindness and warmth.

A funeral service will be held at St. Michael's Catholic Church in Wauchula, Florida, on Friday, February 27th

at 10:00. A private graveside service will follow at a later date.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Michael Catholic Church
408 Heard Bridge Rd
Wauchula, FL 33873

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Alicia Valdez Rivas.*



February 19 at 11:00 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Alicia Valdez Rivas.

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“ *I'm gonna miss our times working together at St Michael's church n all da laughs we shared ... You are gonna b missed dearly Mrs Alicia may you rest in peace n may the perpetual light shine upon you ... Rita Luna Hernandez n Family n prayers for all the family 🙏🙏🙏*
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Rita Hernandez - February 17 at 02:28 PM



“ *I'm going to miss her she was such a good friend for many years. I believe she was loved by everyone she met. I know she's in Heaven and I will see her there when I go home. I ask God to embrace and comfort all her loved ones during this time of mourning. I love you and I'm going to miss you. 😊*



Mary E Avalos (Lisa) - February 17 at 10:36 AM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Alicia Valdez Rivas.*



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