



## Neida M Roche

January 1, 1932 - December 29, 2020

Neida Roche, age 88, left this world to join Jesus on December 29, 2020, just a few days shy of her 89th birthday. She leaves behind four children, eight grandchildren, over a dozen great grandchildren, great-great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and two sisters.

Her calm, common sense, even handed approach to loving her family often belied her sometimes spontaneous and adventurous nature. Neida would move heaven and earth—a sentiment that she would heartily support—to defend and care for her children and their families. Although she often humbly expressed her life's ambitions as simply wanting nothing more than to raise and support her family (including extended family), the truth is, she achieved so very much more than that. Her example of loving and supporting her family is a rich legacy that will live on and this serves as a template for all of us to aspire to.

She set a high bar as a mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was always available to lend support when new grandkids came into the world, when they needed babysitting or loving attention for those precious children with special needs. All of the grandkids will enthusiastically testify how much they love their Abuelita! All the fur-babies would come to her, tails happily wagging, for loving and treats.

She loved her husband Daniel, her children, her sisters and brother, nieces and nephews, puppies, happy endings, staying in touch with family members, wanting to know details of her children's lives, including their friends—even their friends pets, relationships, cooking, spaghetti, romantic moments, and funny stories. She treasured stories and acts of love and kindness. She hung onto every touching tribute (if sentiment could extend your life, she would have been immortal) that was brought to her attention. She safeguarded and kept any memorabilia, ribbons, bows or other items that would remind her of a special moment or act of charity or love. Her mind was sharp—her children may have thought they had gotten away with something, but Neida was—in her words and ours—a smart cookie. She would fiercely defend her family and would not accept anything less than kindness and respect from her children and others, while in her presence. She was quick

to admonish unkind acts and just as quick to show her approval of acts of love, decency, and compassion. She was generous with her time, always willing to listen to tales from her family and be with the children as often as she could.

Neida did NOT like the term “in-LAW” and often gently admonished her four daughters-in-law (Kim, Kathi, Yvonne, and Mary Ellen) to not refer to her as such. She said so often “I had to wait until my sons got married to get my daughters.” Indeed, she loved us unconditionally, forgave and overlooked our shortcomings, always attributed the best intentions from us and remained a loving mother and best friend of her acquired daughters.

Neida would also pitch in to help in whatever projects her husband Daniel and her children, Daniel, Michael, Dennis, and Mark could conjure up. From DIY home additions, to full blown remodel jobs, Neida would always find a job that she could do, to help, even if that meant holding a hammer, fetching a tool, making lunch, or bringing water. Not travelers of their own accord, Neida and her husband Daniel ventured out to far flung places to visit their children including places like Europe, Niagara Falls, Colorado mountains, western Utah, and more. Often engaging in activities that she had never experienced before such as camping and riding in an old Landcruiser going through remote forests, challenging 4-wheel drive roads, and even getting into an igloo in late December Rocky Mountain National Park—a tall order for a native born Floridian. These are some of the qualities that Neida has passed on to her children and her family... qualities and memories that we will treasure for the rest of our lives. How blessed we all were to call her Mom! She will be sorely missed.

“She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
And on her tongue is the law of kindness.  
She watches over the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.  
Her children rise up and call her blessed.”  
Proverbs 31:26-31

# Comments

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“ A webcast video has been added.



**Boza & Roel Funeral Home** - March 07 at 02:11 PM

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“ A tribute video has been added.



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“ My heart is filled with sadness and happiness. Sadness that I lost my "other mother" and happiness that she is now with her "soul mate" and many others she has lost. She didn't like to be called mother-in-law but I always told her that from my mouth it was always a huge hug from me because she has always been the best mother-in-law there ever was. Her and Danny always treated their daughters like treasures. She will be missed, loved & remembered always.

Love,  
Dennis and Kathi

**Kathi Roche** - January 05 at 05:51 PM



“ Tia Nada was a very special Woman, person, Mother, Grandmother, Aunt, Sister, Wife. She kept in touch with all of us. She asked about everyone in our extended families as well as immediate Family. She truly knew all by name and remembered Irma they were sick and asked by name how they were doing.

When my Mother was in the Hospital at her end, she made a point to come and see her and truly cared. When Dad moved back and went several times to hospital for surgery, Her, Cookie and Lenore would come and sit with me. Of late she would call to see how I was holding up, and if Dad had been ugly or mean she would call and talk to him , tell him to be nice to us. She never failed to amaze me with her Love and Concern to all even when she herself was not up to par..

I know Tia (Aunt) Nada you were met by Uncle Danny with your Wings to see all whom went before you. Your Angel Light Shines Bright. You Earned your Wings here on Earth. I know you are still watching over all of us.

Thank You, I will Miss Our Talks

**Roxana Roche Miranda** - January 16 at 11:53 PM

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“ Neida and I (Mary Ellen Roche) would sometimes discuss what we would leave as our legacy after we passed from this life. Our conversation was deep and it made you think hard about what your priorities are in life. In our conversations, Neida would often compare herself with what others accomplished. She worried about what she would leave her children and she remarked about her life being simple and not offering much, so I wrote this letter to her on one of her recent birthdays. I think it explains her legacy pretty well.

Happy Birthday, Neida!

We send our love and hugs from Colorado!

While you were celebrating your birthday with our family in Florida, we were celebrating YOU in Colorado! January 1 represents a new year, but more importantly, it represents the day God gave you to us!

Did you know you've changed the world just by being you? I bet you've never thought about that—you're too modest to be sure—but you have changed the world. Through your unconditional love, kindness, loyalty, devotion, positive attitude, caring and compassionate ways, wisdom, humor, patience, intelligence, resourcefulness, beauty and grace! You've always said that one life touches another and that we enrich the lives of others and that they, in turn, enrich us. Well, how do we learn “richness” and how do we share it with others? We watch you.

You've given us and the world a legacy of love---THE most important legacy of all! Neida, you have given so much and never asked for anything in return. Thank you for always being there for us, teaching us, listening and helping us, forgiving us and loving us. In every conversation we shared, you always provided a beam of hope, a pinch of encouragement and a statement of praise. You were so generous with praise and so proud of your children.

We thank God for the priceless lessons that we've learned from you, and I'm afraid we'll need a great deal of help living up to them.

May God bless you with good health, a contented spirit, and love-filled days wrapped in beauty and laughter.

We miss you terribly and love you endlessly. You mean so much to us!

Mucho love,

Mark and Mary Ellen

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Mary Roche - January 05 at 04:58 PM



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Mary Ellen Roche - January 05 at 09:22 AM

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“ Tia, you were such a beautiful, wise & loving woman with a quick sense of humor! I love and will miss you. Stephi

PS: I know Tio was ready for you to join him.

Stephanie Roche Langford - January 03 at 11:06 AM

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“ I met Neida many years ago through my friendship with Mark and Mary Ellen Roche. My first impression of her was how caring and loving she was and how much her family and loved ones meant to her. My interactions with her were those of genuine kindness. She made me feel like I was part of her family. Losing a mother is such a tremendous loss, but Neida will always be with you through the memories and her beautiful spirit and love for life. Heaven became a little brighter when she passed away. My heartfelt sympathy to the family  
Nancy Suarez

**Nancy Suarez** - January 01 at 08:00 AM