

## **Gina Goebel Klein (1954-2008)**

On Aug. 8, 2008, Virginia "Gina" Klein, age 54, went to be with our Lord. Gina was born July 28, 1954 in Barstow and was raised in Tortilla Flats. She attended local area schools and she graduated from Kennedy High School in 1972. After graduating from high school, Gina was employed as a waitress at The Steak Eaters Restaurant, The Bun Boy Restaurant, and Sambo's Restaurant. She also was a bartender at The California Country. For 15 years, she was a homemaker.

For several years Gina worked for The Kim Harris Dance Studio where both her daughters became proficient in many art forms of dance. At the dance studio, she was known as "Miss Gina". She most recently was a motel driver for Renzenberger, transporting BNSF Railway Engineers and Conductors from the rail yard to The Super 8 Motel and back.

Wherever Gina worked, or volunteered her time, she made many friends. She was always available to help her friends and family members with anything they needed. Above all, Gina loved The Lord, her husband, children, grandchildren and her many relatives and friends. She also loved to garden raising an array of beautifully colored flowers, which she was very proud of. She also loved to cook green chili, bake, and always shared her makings. Gina and her husband Douglas raised their four children here in Barstow and kept their children busy with after school activities and they were both involved in whatever way they could be; even if that meant losing sleep and then continuing on to work.

Gina was preceded in death by her mother, Virginia Castillo Romero; her father, Carl Edward Goebel II and brother, Carl Edward Goebel III.

Gina is survived by her devoted and loving husband, Douglas Klein; children, Lacy Dee Adams, Larry D. Adams Jr., Kozy Klein, and Justin Klein, all of Barstow; grandchildren, Macayla, Chance, and Isaiah. She is also survived by her step-father, Hipolito Romero of New Mexico; her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mildred and Jerome Klein of Hibbing, Minn. She also leaves behind an aunt, Lillie Mestas of Henderson, Nev., and a very, very large family of beloved sister-in laws, brother-in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins, and many, many loving friends.

Visitation will start at 4 p.m. followed by Rosary at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 505 E. Mountain View, on Wednesday, Aug. 13, 2008. Catholic Burial Mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Aug. 14, 2008 at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Mt. View Memorial Park, 37067 Irwin Road.

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