



Sophie Echeverria Morgan

February 17, 1959 - July 16, 2022

Sophie Echeverria Morgan was truly one of a kind, which is funny to say about a woman who went by so many names. Born Sophie Dominick Echeverria on February 17, 1959, she was a daughter to Basque sheep man Domingo Echeverria of Burgete-Auritz, Spain and Sophie Burden Echeverria of Wickenburg, AZ both of whom preceded her in death.

She was a sister to 7 siblings, preceded in death by 3 brothers, Jack Echeverria, Peter Echeverria, and Joseph Echeverria, niece to many uncles and aunts, cousin, and granddaughter. She is survived by brothers David and Paul Echeverria and sisters Elaine Infanger and Anne Echeverria.

She became Sophie Echeverria Morgan, wife, and mother, when she married handsome sheepman, and love of her life, David Charles Morgan.

Her children, Joseph (Terra) Morgan, Kelley (Doug) Preston, Pete (Jenni) Morgan, and John (Afton) Morgan were her proudest accomplishments. She was a beautiful, caring mother.

Later she became Yai Yai to 12 grandchildren who she loved as fiercely as she loved her own children. She is survived by all of them: Jordin (Jacob) Detwiler, Jordan Morgan, Jacob Johnson, Jaylin Johnson, Everett Preston, Jackson Morgan, Caitlin Morgan, Patrick Preston, Alayna Morgan, Sophie Morgan, Saige Morgan, and Behr Morgan.

But, she was also known as Sophia Puccini, Sophia Exteberria, Venus Martinez, and perhaps more. Under these names she was a poet, a dancer, a singer, a painter, an actress, and a movie producer among other things. While she may be best described as an eccentric artist, she never lost touch with her roots as a rancher's daughter and a child of the American West. She loved agriculture and nature and was a supporter of both until the end.

Who can forget her canary yellow Cadillac with the bumper sticker that read "Eat more

lamb. 100,000 coyotes can't be wrong?" You could find it parked at the base of a hiking trail, or racing through the alley ways evading the local police, or perhaps jumping a ditch into a farmer's field (because she was admiring her new blonde streak in the mirror)!

Sophie was a generous woman. She gave to her family, friends, community, and causes that she was passionate about. Two years ago she was diagnosed with Leukemia. She did not spend the last two years dying; she spent them living. She passed away peacefully in her daughter's home on July 16, 2022 surrounded by love and beauty. She will be missed and fondly remembered as a free spirit. And, the world, quite frankly, is just not as interesting without her in it.

Memorial services for Sophie will be held on Sunday, August 7th at 9am at Platte River Fort, Greeley followed by an after party at her son's home in Loveland.

Donations in Sophie's name may be made to 4Corners K-9 Search and Rescue 5512 E. Main St. Ste D #332 Farmington, NM 87402 4cornersk9searchandrescue@gmail.com

An online guestbook and obituary are available at www.moserfuneralservice.com

Previous Events

Memorial Service

AUG 7. 9:00 AM (MT)

The Platte River Fort Event Center
22999 US-34
Greeley, CO 80631

Memorial Service

AUG 7. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MTN)

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There was an error in Wednesday's Greeley Tribune. The service is on Sunday, August 7, 2022 not on Saturday.

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Moser Funeral & Cremation Service - August 08 at 12:29 PM



“ *Moser Funeral & Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of Sophie Echeverria Morgan*



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“ *When Sophie entered a space, the air crackled. Whether she was performing poetry, dancing flamenco on the cobblestone labyrinth in my driveway after a writers' group or shouting a Basque yell that morphed into an impossibly long trill, everyone was aware when Sophie arrived. Or departed. Talent? Intelligence? Once, she composed an amazing and blush-worthy suggestive poem of praise addressed to then President George W. Bush, in the hopes of gaining his attention. Her inspiration had been focused on the safety of American military serving in the Middle East-because her son and children of other mothers-were in peril. Although the reply from the White House was tepid and standardized, it didn't phase her; she had put the energy out there, for the universe. Her son did come home, safely. Didn't he? Sophie and I ventured forth together from Longmont to read our contributions at a book launch for an Anthology of western women writers, Crazy Woman Creek. On the road to Chadron, we laughed until it hurt to breathe. One of her written works describes a vivid scene that embedded in my brain-a description of her exploring alone in a remote canyon in northern Colorado, encountering a herd of wild horses. Two stallions fiercely battled for dominance in choking clouds of dust. One stallion was battle-scarred, fighting for his life. He was red. To my dismay, once I saw Sophie's face in her obituary, I have searched for that piece-if it was a poem or essay- I don't recall- to see if I kept a copy, to no avail. But no matter, she'd already impeccably painted it in words so vibrant that it etched a permanent image in my mind and heart. Sophie, I'll never forget you. Bless you. And we miss you now. With love and great respect, Sue and Paul Hartman. We also wish solace to Sophie's family. Thank you for sharing her with us.*

Sue Hartman - August 07 at 09:28 AM

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“ We are deeply saddened by the loss of Sophie. She was a wonderful wild spirit, so adventurous. We will miss her dearly at family gatherings. A donation has been made in her loving memory to the Echeverria Family Basque Foundation. We send our love to all her family and our cousins. Stephen and Laurie Miller

Laurie Miller - August 04 at 02:12 PM

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“ Debra Anderson lit a candle in memory of Sophie Echeverria Morgan



Debra Anderson - July 29 at 03:26 PM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Sophie Echeverria Morgan.



July 28 at 03:07 PM

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“ I love you Sophie. I'll always remember dancing with you, our many lunches and road trips. You are an inspiration as you taught us how to fully live. My condolences to your family. Safe journey to the Stars SiStar!

Margaret and Kas Page - July 27 at 11:22 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sophie Echeverria Morgan.



July 27 at 11:16 AM