



Rita Isabel Zorrozuza

June 16, 1948 - April 27, 2026

Rita Isabel Zorrozuza passed away peacefully at her home on April 27, 2026, after her second battle with cancer.

Born on June 16, 1948, in Yakima, Washington, to Gregorio and Camerina Zorrozuza, Rita lived a life defined by service, compassion, and a spirited love for animals.

Rita attended Holy Names Academy (K-12) and Yakima Valley Community College before earning her Bachelor's in Social Work from Eastern Washington University and her Master's from the University of Washington.

In 1977, Rita moved to Spokane, marrying Wayne Brokaw on August 10, 1978. Her distinguished career included serving as Director of the Children's Hospital Alternative Program (CHAP) and working with Lutheran Social Services and the YWCA in domestic violence therapy and prevention.

Rita spent the last four and a half decades as a clinical social worker in private practice until her retirement in 2025.

On their ranch in Cheney, affectionately known as "Rita's Zoo," Rita and Wayne provided a loving foster home for many children and raised a diverse family of animals. A proud member of the National Llama Registry, Rita bred

and showed champion llamas across the country, from Salem, Oregon, to Oklahoma City and Indianapolis.

Rita had an unquenchable thirst for the world's beauty, traveling with Wayne from the streets of Istanbul, Barcelona, and Rome to the mountains of Peru. An avid collector of art and jewelry, she carried the spirit of her travels from the New Mexico desert to the Oregon Coast, wherever she went.

Rita is survived by her husband, Wayne Brokaw; her daughter, Camerina Zorrozua; her son, Zachary Zorrozua, and his wife, Heather; and her beloved grandchildren, Zoey and Jackson. Her legacy of kindness and her vibrant soul will be deeply missed by all who knew her.

Rita's life will be celebrated at 10 am on May 16, 2026, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church.