



Lupe Hernandez

September 22, 1941 - September 14, 2017

Guadalupe Garcia Hernandez, 76, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Thursday, September 14, 2017, at her home in Artesia, New Mexico. A Rosary will be recited on Sunday, September 17, 6:30 PM. Mass Services will be held at Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church, Artesia, NM, on Monday, September 18, 10:00 AM. Burial will follow at Woodbine Cemetery. A tribute of Lupe's life may be found at www.andersonbethany.com where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for her family.

On September 22, 1941, Lupe was born to Mercedes Cortez Garcia and Manuel Garcia in Eddy County. Lupe was a hard worker all her life. As a teenager, she worked at a little store in the Cottonwood area. She was a member of the Daughters of Mary at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. Lupe married the love of her life, Frederico (Lico) Hernandez on May 9, 1961, and their witnesses were Eliodoro B. Hernandez and Nell Phillips. On April 4, 1964, they sealed that bond with a church service at Our Lady of Grace Church in Artesia, NM, joined by Jose and Maria Galvan as their witnesses. In the late 1960's, Lupe was appointed director of the Home Education Livelihood Program (H.E.L.P.) as the only Hispanic woman to be appointed as a director of this program. This appointment was a huge step for Hispanic women during those years. She was in charge of three sites, Cottonwood, Hagerman and Atoka. Lupe was highly respected by the men that she supervised, including the board which consisted of farmers within the Hagerman, Cottonwood, and Atoka areas. Her directorship duties included

procurement of sites in training the farm workers or migrants in trades or crafts that could be used to earn additional monies than that of the farm laborer. New housing was also a part of that program helping people who could not have otherwise been able to afford a new home.

Singing was one of many things Lupe loved, and she had a beautiful voice. Even on those last days, her sister Mary was able to get her to sing a little tune. She also had glamour about her, always having the latest hairdos and fashions, along with great looking jewelry. One niece states that her tia reminded her of Elizabeth Taylor as she would glide along the floor when she walked across.

A very active member of the Moose lodge in Artesia, Lupe would recruit people, including her children, nieces, and nephews to work their annual Halloween carnival. She was also involved in helping with the Christmas party for children. As a member, she attended conferences in Philadelphia and Las Vegas.

Along with her husband, Frederico, Lupe is also survived by her children: Celestino Hernandez and wife, Loraine; Rosie Garcia and husband, Luis; Lola Muniz and husband, Doug; Sylvia Hernandez, Anthony Lara; eleven grandkids; twenty great-grandkids; a special goddaughter, Renee Hernandez-Scott, who she was very close to; four sisters: Esther Rodriguez and husband, Willie; Elma Samora; Mary Padilla and husband, Frank; Estella Flores and husband, Albert; one brother, Alfred Garcia; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Preceding Lupe in death were her parents: Manuel and Mercedes Garcia; three nephews; and a brother-in-law.

Those chosen as Honorary pallbearers are: Jessie Olivas Jr., Devon Olivas, Emilio Garcia, Angel Natera and Jared Hernandez.

Pallbearers will be: Anthony Garcia, Louis Garcia, Matthew Hernandez, Cilio Hernandez, Fred Olivas, Jessie Olivas and Anthony Lara IV.

This tribute was lovingly written in honor of Lupe by her family.

Tribute Wall

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“Rosie/Lola/Sylvia/Tino, Im so sad to hear about your mom passing just know that she is in a better place with no more pain and suffering God needed another angel and decided to take this beautiful woman I know its a hard thing to go through lossing you mom just know that she was a wonderful women with a laugh and smile that lit up the room and oh my i loved her love for fashion she always was so put together no matter what she never went anywhere without looking fabulous I enjoyed spending time with her and your dad during the knights of columbus days she was a good woman take care of your dad hes something special for sure..May god give you guys comfort and peace in these days to come...



Yolanda Bustamante - September 18, 2017 at 10:56 AM

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“Diane Jones lit a candle in memory of Lupe Hernandez



diane jones - September 16, 2017 at 08:38 PM