



Guadalupe T. Garcia

October 25, 1934 - March 9, 2024

Guadalupe T. Garcia, more affectionately known as Lupita, left to meet our creator on Saturday, March 9, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was 89 years old. Lupita was born in a small village in the outskirts of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico. She was the oldest of seven children born to Federico Torres and Carolina Longoria Torres.

In 1956, she married Ovidio Garcia, settled in Mercedes, Texas and had five children. Later in life, as a single mother, she worked hard to ensure her children never lacked food on the table or clothes on their backs by cleaning other people's homes, ironing their clothes and babysitting. She and her children also migrated north in search of work. She instilled in her children a strong work ethic. Not getting an education was non-negotiable for her children. Because her modest living conditions in Mexico prevented her from getting an education, she was determined to ensure that her children would be educated and successful.

Lupita had many passions, two of which were gardening and knitting. As a passionate gardener, she was known to spend many hours tending to her plants. She had a collection of amaryllis of many colors, which were her favorite plants. She also had a collection of crowns of thorns, and she also loved rose bushes and hibiscus plants. Her children picked up this hobby from their mother. Lupita also learned the craft of knitting from her grandmother, and she used this as another means to put food on the table. She left an extensive collection of knitted doilies. Lupita is especially remembered by

many as a woman who loved dressing up and looking as beautiful as she could. Her morning routine included putting on her make-up, her jewelry, and her perfume, even if she was going nowhere. Even when she was ill in bed towards the end, she insisted on this routine.

Lupita's greatest love was her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren visiting, hugging, and kissing her. She loved having conversations with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, mostly in her broken English when they were not able to communicate in Spanish. She also loved taking pictures and videos with them, which will now serve as wonderful memories to cherish forever.

Lupita is preceded in death by her parents, Federico Torres and Carolina Longoria Torres, her husband Ovidio Garcia, two brothers, Felix and Federico Torres, and one sister, Noelia Rodriguez. She is survived by her five children: Ovidio, Jr. (Alma), Jose Luis (Alicia), Sergio Rene, Alma Rosa, and Hector Hugo (Norma). She is also survived by ten grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, two brothers and one sister.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Mercedes. Visitation will take place on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. with the rosary at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will also take place on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Funeral service will begin on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, departing Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes, Texas at 12:30 p.m. for a Mass of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mercedes at 1:00 p.m. with internment to follow at Highland Memorial Park in Weslaco, Texas.

All services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes, Texas.

Tribute Wall



“ My beautiful Grammy, Pilli, la Reina..

I know that I have been so blessed to have you as an amazing grandmother & beloved great-grandmother to my sons- “Mis gueros”, as you would call them.

My heart aches at the thought of not being able to make my weekly visit or phone call to you. Who will I have my Spanglish conversations with? Who will tell me stories of my father & aunt/uncles ? Who will relive my childhood memories with me?

I loved when you’d tell me the story of how my dad would ride his bike to baseball practice & you’d walk a few miles behind him. Or the times we’d stay at your house In Mercedes & you always gave me cheerios.

I loved talking to you, making you laugh, bringing you fruit, & holding your hand.

I will miss your “ I love you mijita” & “Dios te bendiga” . I will miss our chisme & secrets shared. I will miss you.

I will cherish our memories forever & wait for you in my dreams. I know you are watching over us all & rejoicing in heaven.

Love you mi Reina!!



Amanda Garcia Guerrero - March 12, 2024 at 11:12 AM

EL

“ My grammy, *mi reina*, was truly the best grandmother a person could ask for. The most beautiful & prettiest lady. She was so proud of her grandchildren & never missed the opportunity to brag about them. Even in old age, NEVER forgot a birthday & made sure to deliver the sweetest phone calls as she sang “*Las mañitas*”. Something I’ll miss immensely. Her gifts were always extremely thoughtful, but it was here very own things that she passed onto me that I will cherish forever. A beautiful china set that I have displayed in my kitchen is one of those treasures.

Thank you grandma for all the advice, comfort, & heart warming hugs & kisses you gave me for 31 years; she truly had the warmest hugs. Thank you for answering my constant phone calls as a little girl where I would use my parent’s landline to bother you- you always did your best to communicate in English with me. & of course I will never forget something she’d often say: “*una mujer siempre tiene que andar bien arreglada.*” Something I think I inherited from her.

I love you grandma “*pili*” & miss you already- until we meet again.
- with love, “*Lissi*” □

Elizabeth Lara - March 12, 2024 at 10:01 AM

LG

“ Love, *Monica Garcia* and *Marisa Garcia* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of *Guadalupe T. Garcia*.



Love, Monica Garcia and Marisa Garcia - March 12, 2024 at 09:50 AM

MG

“ *Grandma Lupita, Thank you for sacrificing and raising such amazing, hardworking children who later raised their own. You are one of the most strong and admirable women known. We will always love you.*



Monica Garcia - March 12, 2024 at 09:45 AM

GG

“ *My Pilli, Although I know you are at peace and no longer in pain, my heart is broken...Thank you for always making me feel loved and for all the beautiful memories I have of you. I will cherish every memory, from finding you sitting at any bench at the mall as a kid to our conversations in your room as an adult. You were the best grandma a boy could ask for. “Que Dios Te Bendiga” I love you grandma -Gary*

Gerardo “Gary” Garcia - March 12, 2024 at 08:41 AM

TF

“ *The Palacios & Flores Families purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Guadalupe T. Garcia.*



The Palacios & Flores Families - March 11, 2024 at 06:02 PM