



Guadalupe "Lupita" Silva

November 15, 1953 - January 11, 2024

Guadalupe Silva Sanchez of Harlingen, TX entered into eternal rest at the age of 69 on Thursday, January 11 2024. She was surrounded by her loving family as she took her last breath at Harlingen Medical Center.

Lupita, as she was affectionately known, was born on November 15, 1954 to Miguel Gaytan and Odilia Zuniga in Lubbock, TX. She is preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Margarita "Maggie" Roux.

As a young girl Lupita lived in Tampico before moving back to the Rio Grande Valley.

For years her family worked as field workers, traveling to and from Indiana where she helped pick tomatoes, strawberries and other produce.

Lupita would eventually marry and have a family of her own.

For 20 years she spent her life taking care of her family as a stay at home mom. During that time she always had homemade meals ready when her children arrived home from school, including her famous flour tortillas. She would even take her meals to the softball park where she would always feed more than just her family.

She spent years as part of the board of American Little League. She even lent a hand in coaching a group of girls that would eventually end the season in first place. Her love for softball was so big, that she was one of the loudest ones in the stands when she watched her granddaughters play.

Lupita always had a car and a house full of kids. She prided herself in having a safe space for everyone. She never knew a stranger and always had a giving heart. It didn't matter if it was the last dollar she had, if you needed it, it was yours.

Lupita had talents like no other. For years she made Homecoming mums and garters, corsages and boutonnieres for dances, wedding bouquets and decorations.

Her final years of working she spent working at the deli at HEB in both San Antonio and Harlingen. There wasn't anything this mom couldn't do.

Lupita showed her family not only how to love big and to have a generous heart but she also showed her family how to be tough in difficult circumstances and how to survive through life even when you didn't have much. It was just her way.

Left behind to cherish her memory is her loving husband, Jose Sanchez Jr. her daughters Rose Mary Mata, Veronica "Roni" (Jessie) Martinez, her only son John David Silva, grandchildren Aaron Mata, Iliana Silva. Christopher Silva, Natalie Martinez, Iris Roux, Layla Zamora and Nicolas Martinez; 3 siblings, Miguel Gaytan, Rey Gaytan and Josie Castanos and her step-mother, Laura Gaytan.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at 2pm at Rudy Garza Funeral Home.

The family encourages everyone to “Live like Lupita.” Be kind, be giving and never give up, even when times are tough, you will get through it.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 20. 2:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen
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Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 425-8200
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<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Papa Joe, Roni, Rosemary, David, and family.*

My deepest condolences. Lupita was one of the most generous people I have ever met. Everything in the obituary is so true. She made the prettiest homecoming mums and even did the flowers for my wedding. I was so blessed to spend so much time with your family as a teenager and adult. Lupita loved with all her heart and anyone around her could feel that love. I will forever be thankful for all she did to love and take care of my girls when they were babies. I will always remember and be thankful the extras she did for Irie. She took care of Irie like she was her own. When I would pick up Irie after work, she would sometimes have a warm dinner packed up for my family. When I would pick up the girls, she would talk about how all of you were doing. She was so proud of all of her kids and grandkids. She did all she could to make sure that she was able to provide for all.

Lupita will always have a special place in our hearts. I am confident that Maggie welcomed her with open arms and they are both watching over your family.

May Lupita in peace. Lifting you all up in prayer.

*Love Always,
Miguel, Belinda, Bella, and Irie Gonzalez*

Belinda Gonzalez - January 19, 2024 at 06:03 PM

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“ Mario Garza, and Jaime Garza purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Guadalupe "Lupita" Silva.



Mario Garza, and Jaime Garza - January 19, 2024 at 05:07 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Guadalupe "Lupita" Silva.



January 19, 2024 at 03:17 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Guadalupe "Lupita" Silva.



January 19, 2024 at 01:32 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Guadalupe "Lupita" Silva.



January 19, 2024 at 10:05 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Guadalupe "Lupita" Silva.*



January 18, 2024 at 11:54 AM



“ *My Tia Lupita was a gem and I always enjoyed her visits to Houston. She always spoke life-giving words into me and made me feel so special. One of the times she came to Houston, she showed my sister Ronnie and me how to make the most tender and yummiest carne guisada. Mind you, I had unsuccessfully attempted before she showed me the trick. I always thought about my tia when I would make it and now it will be even sweeter memories I will cherish. She will be so missed but am thankful for all the wonderful memories I have of her.*

My heartfelt prayers go out to Joe, Rosemary, Veronica, John David and all the family.

Yvonne Ramirez - January 18, 2024 at 01:02 AM