



Maria V. Lerma

January 20, 2025

Maria V. Lerma, 101, of Harlingen, Texas, entered into eternal rest on January 20, 2025. She was born on July 1, 1923, in San Nicolás, Nuevo León, Mexico, to Ladislado Vallejo and Victoria Rodriguez.

Maria's life was a remarkable journey of selflessness, resilience, and advocacy. At the young age of six, she left school after just 2 weeks in first grade to help her parents care for her siblings, a decision that shaped her enduring dedication to family. Her legacy includes her tireless efforts to help her brothers and sisters become U.S. citizens, reflecting her passion for immigration advocacy and her unwavering commitment to her loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jose A. Lerma; three sons, Israel Cabrera, Adan Cabrera, and Felipe Cabrera; and five siblings, Benita, Josefa, Paula, Juan, Jose, Lazaro and Higinio.

Maria leaves behind a cherished legacy in her children, Victoria Tristan (Diego), Ricardo Cabrera, and Oralia Guinn (John); 15 grandchildren, Leticia, Lisa, Corina, Christina, Phillip, Gabriel, Diego Jr., David, Daniel, Michael, Ricardo Jr., Donivan, Ida, Beatrice, and Emory; and numerous great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Her impact on their lives is immeasurable, and her dedication to family will live on through them.

Visitation will be held on Friday, January 24, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 9:00 PM, with a prayer service at 7:00 PM at Rudy Garza Funeral Home.

Funeral services will take place on Saturday, January 25, 2025. The procession will depart Rudy Garza Funeral Home at 1:00 PM for a 1:30 PM funeral service at Beraca Worship Center, located at 16937 Mayfield Rd. in Harlingen. Interment will follow at Ashland Memorial Park Cemetery in Harlingen. Honored to serve as pallbearers, Emory Guinn, John Guinn, David Tristan, Danny Tristan, Diego Tristan Jr. and Abiel Tristan.

Maria will be remembered as a devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, a fierce advocate for her family, and a compassionate voice for those seeking a better life. Her strength, sacrifices, and love will forever be etched in the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to know her. She will be deeply missed but her legacy will endure.

Tribute Wall

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“ 2 files added to the album Maria Lerma



Frances Guerrero - January 24, 2025 at 11:55 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Maria V. Lerma.



January 24, 2025 at 10:33 AM

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“ Condolences and well wishes during this difficult time.

Much Love,
The Kenley's (Christian, Perla, Eliana & Camille)

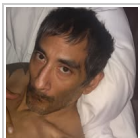
Christian Kenley - January 22, 2025 at 05:01 PM

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“ To one of the most strongest, wisest, most beautiful lady that I have ever met. I am glad to have met her and was able to spend a lot of time with her while my mom was in the same Nursing Home. we would sit in the lounging area, listening to music doing crafts, and she would be reminiscing on moments of her past life. My condolences to all the family and prayers to you all for strength she will be missed. ❤️❤️🙏🙏🙏



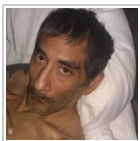
Rosalinda Ochoa - January 22, 2025 at 02:37 PM



“ A visit in 2010 from me her grandson Michael Cabrera form Bay City Michigan



Eric Redding - January 22, 2025 at 11:49 AM



“ A visit in 2010 I am here grandson Michael Cabrera

Eric Redding - January 22, 2025 at 11:47 AM

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“ From: Irene Guerra & Damato family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria V. Lerma.

Irene Guerra & Damato family - January 22, 2025 at 02:18 AM

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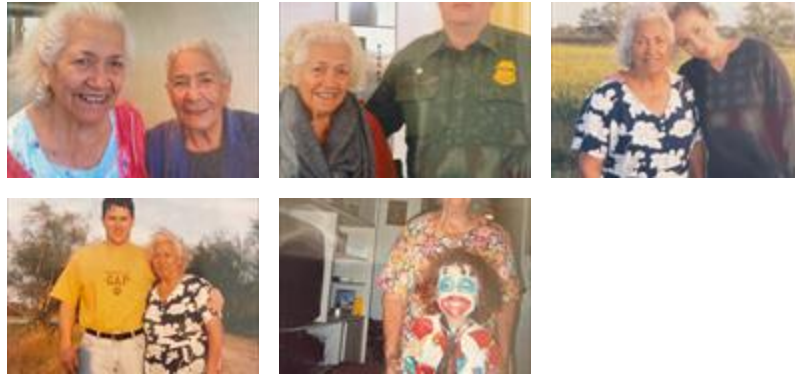
“ Irene Guerra & Damato family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Maria V. Lerma.



Irene Guerra & Damato family - January 22, 2025 at 02:18 AM

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John Guinn - January 21, 2025 at 07:39 PM