



Lucy Garcia Vasquez

January 26, 1944 - January 21, 2021

Lucy G. Vasquez, 76, passed away on January 21, 2021 at Fresno Community Hospital surrounded by two of her surviving adult children. She was the widow of Antonio C. Vasquez. They were married for 43 years. Born in Las Cruces, New Mexico, the daughter of Jose Madrid Garcia and Antonia Almanzar Garcia, she had ten siblings. Lucy graduated from Las Cruces High School in 1962 and married Antonio C. Vasquez in 1963. They would eventually leave Las Cruces and move to California. Lucy began working for Central Unified, first as a teachers aide, then Migrant Liaison, and finally Attendance Clerk. She retired after 25 years to help with her ailing husband. Lucy enjoyed taking long trips, spending time with her family, and going to the casino. She was an active member of the Guadalupanos at St. Lucy's Catholic Church in Fowler. Lucy will always be remembered as cheerful and vibrant with a wonderful sense of humor. Lucy is survived by her five grown children, their spouses, and grandchildren. She was predeceased by Antonio C. Vasquez, husband; Paul-David Vasquez, son; and Michael Vasquez, son.

Cemetery

St. Peter's Cemetery

264 N. Blythe Avenue

Fresno, CA, 93706

Events

FEB **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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St. Lucy's Catholic Church

512 S. Fifth Street, Fowler, CA, US, 93625

Comments



“ I had a dream about you last night. Everyone was at your house and I went to your room to see you, but you were already gone. I sat down on your bed and somehow knew you were there comforting me. That's what woke me up.

It still hasn't hit me yet that you're really gone. I started reading some of these messages that have been posted here while I was at work (that was a mistake by the way since that triggers the tears) and decided I needed to write something as well.

I'm glad the last thing we said to each other was "I love you". I'm glad that, even though I wasn't able to bring you some Chuck Wagon and had to bring an alternative, you were just as happy as if I'd brought the actual thing. I also recorded a part of a joke you were telling me when I last visited. As always, it wasn't the punchline that was hilarious, but the laughter leading up to it with the occasional "choice words" that only you had a way of saying.

I'm so thankful that we were all able to prepare for this when we did, but it is still very difficult to believe. The last thing you told me when we were alone was not to be sad whenever it was that you did go because grandpa, uncle Michael and Paul David would come to pick you up and how happy you would be. You also said how much you've missed grandpa and then saw me tearing up and decided to change the topic from there and made me laugh some more.

The last time I visited, I wanted to do something I had planned earlier but ended up holding off saying I would come back the following weekend instead, which didn't end up happening. I will always regret that, but I'll still put it here as a way of "telling you" what it was.

The plan was to record multiple short video clips of you responding to various things I had written down on my notepad and then showing the responses at a later specified time. These things included scenarios such as, "(name of grandchild) getting married", "(name of grandchild) graduating from college", "(name of grandchild) having a child", "what would you like to say to (child's name)", "what would you want to say to your future great grandchildren", and the list went on for several pages. The point was to show the videos whenever it was that those things happen so you would be there on that special day and would have something to say. I thought it was an okay idea so I've been telling people that still have their grandparents about this so maybe they'll be able to do that for their family.

I miss and love you Grandma. I'm so thankful for everything you've done for me and for always being there. Thank you for giving such a strong definition to the word "grandma" and showing how much laughter and love is behind that word.

Love always,

Your favorite grandson named Nozomi

Nozomi



“ Nozomi, don't have regrets. You were a great grandson. I love you Nozomi!

Leticia - March 02, 2021 at 10:26 PM



“ Nozomi,

That was beautiful ~ it's good to reflect on the times we had with mom ~ she was and always will be a part of us ~ she adored her grandkids and loved spending time with all of you ~ sadly, NO more scrabble (mom's version) ~ she is so missed

Noraliza - April 01, 2021 at 07:33 AM



“ Had a dream about you the other day. You were comforting me and told me everything would be alright. It felt real, like you were here. I love you, mom. Give my love to daddy 💕

Noraliza Soliz - February 22, 2021 at 11:40 PM



“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Noraliza Soliz - February 06, 2021 at 10:27 PM



“ Lucy was the light of any gathering. Paint night will never be the same without her infectious sense of humor. I'm going to miss her. Letty and family, I hope you feel surrounded by much love . Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs for the loss of your mom!

Bertha A. Huerta - February 04, 2021 at 09:44 PM



“ Thank you Bertha for being there for me through all of this. I know I couldn't have done it without you. Love you Bertha!

Leticia - February 06, 2021 at 11:46 PM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Lucy Garcia Vasquez.



February 04, 2021 at 06:49 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Lucy Garcia Vasquez.



February 04, 2021 at 06:04 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Lucy Garcia Vasquez.



February 04, 2021 at 01:23 PM



“ Lucy was a kind woman. Her and her family sat next to us in church for a few years. She always attended when she could. Always smiling. She ALWAYS gave a big hug after Mass and asked how we were and how the family was doing. My thoughts and prayers go out to her family.

Tomas Carrasco - February 04, 2021 at 01:30 AM



“ Thank you Tomas for making it to the church. It meant a lot to my family to see you and your mom there.

Leticia - February 06, 2021 at 11:47 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Michelle Ramos - February 03, 2021 at 09:21 PM



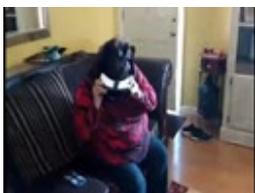
“ 111 files added to the album LifeTributes



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - February 03, 2021 at 03:55 PM



“ Love you, mom



Noraliza Soliz - February 03, 2021 at 02:49 PM



“ Lettie, Michelle, Nora, Yvette, Richard, and all of the grandchildren.

When Nora informed me of Lucy's passing, I was completely heartbroken.

I will always cherish the "hair" days, the laughs, the jokes, the food, and the friendship.

Your mom always treated me as part of the family, I truly appreciated that.

Oh how I'm going to miss her food.

The kids were stunned to hear the news.

I do know she loved all of you so much and was loved by many.

May peace be with you.

Much love and respect,

Joy Sharp

Joy Sharp - February 02, 2021 at 11:34 PM



“ Thank you so much Joy

Michelle - February 03, 2021 at 09:08 PM



“ Michelle, when you are up to chatting give me a call.

Joy Sharp - February 04, 2021 at 07:14 PM



“ Thank you Joy for your kind words.

Leticia - February 06, 2021 at 11:48 PM



“ Multicolor Pastel Standing Open Heart was purchased for the family of Lucy Garcia Vasquez.



February 02, 2021 at 10:56 PM



“ I wake up every morning and I can't believe you're really gone. God finally took you and although I know it was His plan, I wasn't ready to say good-bye. Life without you is lonely. I will cherish the times we spent together. You were my world and you went everywhere with me. I hate seeing the empty passenger side of the car. I love you mom! You were and will always be the BEST MOM EVER!

Leticia Ruelas - February 02, 2021 at 09:56 PM



“ Eimi T Nebrejo lit a candle in memory of Lucy Garcia Vasquez



Eimi T Nebrejo - February 02, 2021 at 09:13 PM



“ Tia; In your special manner, no matter the conversation or predicament, I always admired in the ways you managed to make those around you feel cared for and in the way you made everyone laugh. None other than my loved ones (although brief and mere moments at times) whether by face- time, phone calls, texts, near and far; still; And in your usual self, you touched Olivia and I and each of my loved ones; David and Yojana, Angel and Cassy, Mia, Romeo, and Axl and shared your love. That memory will forever be frozen in time. Thank you!

I was grateful to have shared with you; that which I have always felt privileged to have been given a chance by both Tio Tony and you (Tia) for the time in my life which you allowed me to be part of your family. The time shared with you and your family helped inspire my future, Thank you now and always; forever grateful!

With our deepest sympathy; Sharing in your sadness through this difficult time
With love to you and family, please know that we are with you.

Johnny and Olivia Garcia
Angel and Cassy Garcia (Mia, Romeo, Axl)
David and Yojana Garcia

Johnny A Garcia - February 02, 2021 at 03:50 AM



“ Thank you Johnny and Family

Michelle - February 03, 2021 at 09:24 PM



“ Johnny and Olivia, thank you for coming to see my mom when you did. I also appreciate the calls from Angel and David. Love you all!

Leticia - February 06, 2021 at 11:50 PM



“ Johnny/Olivia, Angel/Cessy/Fam. David/Yojana Gar. purchased the White Sympathy Standing Baskets for the family of Lucy Garcia Vasquez.



Johnny/Olivia, Angel/Cessy/Fam. David/Yojana Gar. - February 02, 2021 at 03:36 AM



“ This was written by my sister Michelle. Such wonderful memories.

Mom

Writing about my mom in the past tense is not only emotional and difficult but surreal. She was supposed to live forever. She was forever smiling, loving, and so giving.

She was a devout Catholic, she made sure to recite the Rosary everyday, though, she still managed to squeeze in her casino time. Mom was always whatever we needed, a chauffeur, a shoulder to cry on, a babysitter, and a referee for those sibling disputes. She was always there for us to offer whatever she could to make us happy. Mom would always give, extending whatever she had to anyone in need.

She also enjoyed being on the go. She usually had something to do ... “quieres ir a Carillos,” or “quieres ir al casino.” Making tortillas, tamales, and enchiladas were her thing. She would make tamales every Rasin Day and Christmas. New Mexico enchiladas were her staple dish. Fresh roasted Hatch chile for her salsa was always available at Mom’s house. When she visited any one of our houses, she would first ask, “tienes salsa?” If we didn't have any, she might even have some in her purse. There were so many beautiful memories while we still had her here with us.

My last memory of her was holding her hand in the hospital and saying my goodbye, not really accepting I would never speak to her again. Our faith tells us we will see my mom again, but for now, she joins Daddy and our two brothers. I love you Mom. We love you and we will forever miss you.



Noraliza Soliz - February 01, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ Thank you Nora for all of your hard work making all the arrangements for Mom's services...and thanks for posting 'Mom' for me.

Michelle - February 01, 2021 at 09:31 PM



“ That was beautiful Michelle.

Leticia Ruelas - February 03, 2021 at 12:12 AM



“ Thanks Letty

Michelle - February 03, 2021 at 09:26 PM



“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Pink and White was purchased for the family of Lucy Garcia Vasquez.



January 30, 2021 at 03:00 PM



“ Noraliza Soliz sent a virtual gift in memory of Lucy Garcia Vasquez



Noraliza Soliz - January 30, 2021 at 09:11 AM



“ Noraliza Soliz lit a candle in memory of Lucy Garcia Vasquez



Noraliza Soliz - January 30, 2021 at 09:09 AM



“ Mom, it won't be the same without you here, but at least I have precious memories to look back on. I'm heartbroken, but also relieved, that you are no longer suffering from any pain. I know how much you missed daddy and longed to be reunited with him. I know and believe that you are together again in heaven. I miss you both. I love you forever and always!

Noraliza Soliz - January 29, 2021 at 04:23 PM



“ Madrina Lucy Thank You for taking care of us Sergio & myself and for letting us be your godChildren. Thank you & my Nino Tony for helping my parents out with us when they needed the help. I still remember the day my Nino and you picked us up to take us to Church and breakfast after & my Nino was playing around behind the wheel and you told him Tony stop playing lol. & my Nino looked at you then us & continued being him. We will forever be grateful with you & my Nino. May god have you I'm his mighty Glory & may you be by my Nino side & be having a blast up in heaven. Till we meet again Love You God Twins #Sergio&SusanaCruz

Susana Sandate - January 28, 2021 at 10:58 PM



“ Susana, seeing your family the day of my mom's funeral meant a lot to me. Thank you!
Leticia - February 06, 2021 at 11:52 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Lucy Garcia Vasquez.



January 28, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ Mrs. Vasquez always treated me like family. She made me laugh with the jokes she used to tell. The one thing I regret is to thank her for having my best friend, Noraliza. I will miss her very much.



Celia C. - January 28, 2021 at 12:23 AM



“ I am so grateful that I had one more birthday with you here... I will forever be thankful but I'm still heartbroken ...I love you Mom.



Michelle Ramos - January 27, 2021 at 09:10 PM



“ Love you Michelle.

Leticia - February 06, 2021 at 11:53 PM