



Martina Benavides

February 4, 1953 - December 19, 2020

Martina Benavides aka Martha was born on February 4, 1953 and made her way to the gates of Heaven on December 19, 2020. She was a wonderful daughter, sister of 7 siblings, mother of two sons, Tia/aunty/second mother of 18 nieces & nephews, grandmother of 5 gorgeous grandchildren and best friend to many. Martha was not an ordinary woman. She is unforgettable. She would make each and every person in the room laugh by just being herself. One thing about her is that she did not have to try to be funny, she just was. She also created the family legacy of the flying splits. That was Martha. Although she was hilarious, she also had a soft side to her. She was a natural caregiver. She was tender, loving and was always taking care of everyone in anyway possible. The love she poured out just made you love her that much more because you knew when you stepped foot in her house it was no longer her house it was a home. A home you could go to at any time. When you were with her you felt safe. She was a person who would wash all your worries away. Martha (grandma) your legacy of love will live on forever. To all family, friends and loved ones remember because someone we love is in heaven, there's a little bit of heaven in our home. Goodbyes are not forever; goodbyes are not the end. They simply mean I'll miss you until we meet again.

Due to Covid19 please contact the family

Cemetery Details

Fresno Memorial Gardens

175 S. Cornelia Avenue
Fresno, CA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 29. 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM (PT)

Chapel Of The Light
1620 W. Belmont Ave.
Fresno, CA 93728
<https://www.chapelofthelight.com/>

Funeral Liturgy

DEC 29. 9:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My name is Jessica Duarte, I met Martha when I was 15 years old, she was the grandmother of my 4 beautiful children, Harley, John Jr., Haley and Jayden. I have so many stories of being her daughter in-law for 15 years. Everyone who was around during those years knew we bumped heads at times, but the number one thing we had in common was the love of my babies. She loved them like I do and she was the epitome of what a grandmother really should be; loving, caring, and nurturing, but she was much more, she was their playmate, she would get on the ground and play cars with my son Little John, I would come home from work and she would be outside playing catch-football with him, she was their friend, always giving the girls advice about boys, she would say “always put on your lipstick, you never know if your gonna meet your husband”, she was their partner in crime, yes they did mischievous things together, once she helped them spy on me to find out who I was going on a date with, she was always up for fun adventures, if you get a chance ask my girls about Belmont and fast food drive-thrus. I couldn't have asked for a better grandmother for my babies. As for me, she taught me to be more care-free, not to take life so serious and to live in the moment. Martha and I remained friends through all of these years, about 3 weeks before she got sick the girls were visiting and they called me at work, they were all giggly and they said “mom, grandma bought you this sweater, it's so pretty your gonna like it” I'm sure they probably knew it wasn't my taste but, being the sassy girls they are they told grandma I would love it, so she called me to make sure I got it and would wear it. Of course I will I said. A few weeks later, the day before Thanksgiving she called me and asked me to pick up her Turkey, she said “mija, come pick up my Turkey and cook it, I don't feel good but, please bring me a plate because I love your macaroni salad”. Two days later she called me to tell me she was positive. Martha was not just my friend, she was a wonderful grandma to my babies, she was and always will be my mother in-law. Although we are devastated by her loss, her memories will stay with us forever. I love you Mart❤️

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