

Memorial Book



In Loving Memory of

Maria Rodriguez

(October 24, 1933 - October 31, 2007)



This memorial website was created to remember our dearest mother **Maria Dalia Pena Rodriguez** who was born in Texas on **October 24, 1933** and went home to be with the Lord on **October 31, 2007** at the age of **74**.

Happy Anniversary in Heaven

Mom's First Anniversary in Heaven

*We don't need a special day to bring you to mind
The day we do not think of you is very hard to find
They say time heals all sorrows and helps us to forget.
But time so far has only proved how much we miss you yet.*

God gave us strength to bear it,

and courage to take the blow,

But what it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.

Wherever we go, whatever we do,

Locked in our hearts are memories of you.

Memories are measures that no one can steal.

Death is a heartache nothing can heal.

Some may forget you now that you're gone

But we shall remember no matter how long.

Thinking of you always and loving you forever

Your Children,

Estela, Ruben, Eddie, Clarissa and Marilyn

*God saw you getting tired
and a cure was not to be,
So He put His arms around you
and whispered "Come with Me".*

*With tearful eyes I watched you suffer,
and saw you fade away.
Although I loved you dearly,
I could not make you stay.*

*A golden heart stopped beating,
hard working hands at rest.
God broke my heart to prove
He only takes the best.
It's lonesome here without you;
I miss you more each day.
Life doesn't seem the same
since you've gone away.*

*When days are sad and lonely
and everything goes wrong,
I seem to hear you whisper
"Cheer up and carry on".*

Each time I see your pictures,

*you seem to smile and say,
“Don’t cry, I’m in God’s keeping,
we’ll meet again some day.”*

Mommy,

I am so lost for words right now.
What more can I possibly say to you
that I haven't already said a million times before.
I Love You Mom
I Miss You So Very Much.
One year ago, on October 31,
my life changed forever.
I am so sad without you.
Time has not changed that,
and time has not allowed me to miss you any less.
It is still very difficult for me to grasp
the fact that you are not here.
I still cannot believe that you were taken from us.
I was told that God needed an Angel.
What about us?
We Need Our Angel.
There is never a moment that goes by
that I'm not thinking of you.

No words can describe how I feel inside.
I’m sitting here with all these thoughts in my head,
and I can’t put it all down.
It is so hard. I know you want us to be happy,
but it is very hard when the most important Woman
in your life has been taking away from you.

Mom, I miss hearing your voice.
You always made me happy when I was down.
You are so special to me.
Life without you just isn't the same.

I know that you are at peace now.
I know that you are with Daddy, Ray, Mitzi,
Grandma Julianta, your brothers Homero and Oscar, Little Eddie and other's that passed before you.
I know that those in Heaven are very lucky to have you, and I know that it is a better place because of you.

Love Always,
Your Daughter Marilyn

Mother, I Don't Mind the Pain

When you died my dearest, blessed mother,
I had no sights or thoughts for tomorrow.

My soul experienced a wrenching eruption of pain
and grief and excruciating sorrow.

The anguish of spirit: so unbearable;
the agony of mind: so intense,

The suffering in body: so unceasing.

Against all: I had no defense.

Nevertheless, beloved, I need you to know,
and I pray you can hear what I say.

I don't mind the pain I'm going through.

It's a small price, for our love, to pay.

We knew that one day we would have to part;

that death would come by in due time.
We knew how hard it would be for the other,
who had to courageously linger behind.
But we knew our bond was worth the cost,
and valued each moment together we shared.
Now that I must without you go on,
the pain of my loss I will not be spared.
I wouldn't, if I could, give my pain away.
It's special and mine all alone.
It affirms all the love that I felt for you,
and in me, it can only be known.
So mother, though the pain of grief I endure
will gradually and slowly subside.
The strength of the love that you and I share,
in the core of my heart will forever abide.

Your Baby Girl, Marilyn

*For Those I Love
And
Those Who Love Me*

*When I am gone, release me, let me go
I have so many things to see and do.
You must not tie yourself to me with tears.
I gave to you my love,
You can only guess how much you gave to me in happiness.*

*I thank you for the love you each have shown,
But now it's time I traveled alone.
So grieve for me awhile if grieve you must,
Then let your grieve be comforted by trust.
It's only for a while that we must part,
So bless the memories within your heart..
I won't be far away, for life goes on...
So, if you need me, call and I will come.
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near,
And if you listen with your heart,
You'll hear all my love around you soft and clear.
And then when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile, and say "Welcome Home!"*

*With All My Love
Maria*

Letter from Heaven To My Daughters Marilyn, Stela and Clari

My Darling Daughters, It's my first anniversary in Heaven.
A year ago today, the angels came along. They took me so gently, they handled me with care.
As I closed my eyes, to rest at last, a warm feeling flooded my soul.
I heard every word you said to me Marilyn, and I knew every time you were there~
Stela and Clari , I always felt your love and spirit with me. Your daily phone calls brighten my days.
But when I seen the Angels appear, and they released me from my pain~
They took me home, to God's Throne.

I now live where the Angels tread. And God's Kingdom is so beautiful.
Nothing but happiness and a light of love is all around.
The beauty is so perfect; all made by God's loving hands.
Stela, the flowers you gave me on my birthday are with me everyday
They are planted here in God's garden.
Please don't be angry at God's plan, for he set me free, when he picked me.
No more pain, fears, nor tears. I'm home, I'm happy, and I'm free.
Please don't be so sad my dear.
I know you miss me very much; the load you carry is very tough.
The tears you shed, so many over me.
But you need to know that I'm okay, I'm happy & I'm free.
It's time to carry on my dear, and live your life with happiness.
God will help you through your pain, if you stay loyal while you remain.
I know your journey in grief is tough, but for you to heal, this is a must.
I'll always love you, and I'll linger near to help you through this earthly land.
Some day we will be together again, but for now my dear you must go on.
And when your time on earth is up, an Angel, I will send for each of you.
To swoop you up and deliver each of you to me.
"YES" Someday together we will always be.

Love and Prayers,
Mom

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Gallery

so sweet, so unforgettable...



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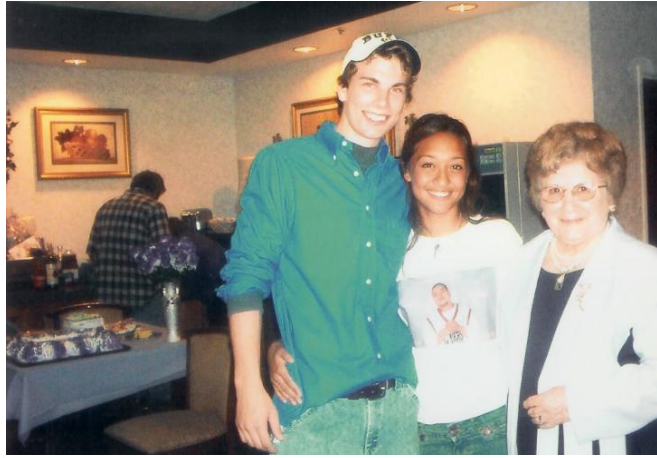
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Memorial Candles

our words, your light...

11/13/2008

Michelle

Yaya, 29 years ago you came to visit me for the 1st time. You've been a part of my life growing up ever since. Love, Michelle

11/13/2008

Margi

Yaya, le dio gracias al Senor por ponerla en nuestro camino. Mami y yo la recordamos siempre. Mucho amor, Margi

11/13/2008

Michelle

*Yaya, you were part of my life along with my Granny Lolita. You're not forgotten.
Michelle*

11/11/2008

Marilyn

Mom, You are the angel in heaven that is always watching over us. Your beautiful spirit lives on in my sisters Stela and Clari.

11/10/2008

Estela

Mom, An angel talked through Marilyn and said how much you loved us. Thank you God for letting me be with Marilyn on 10/31/08.

11/10/2008

Estela

Mom, I will always remember your smile, compassion, courage and strength that you have instilled in us. You are in my heart forever.

11/04/2008

Alex

*Grndma Ya Ya I miss you so much, I know you are smiling down at all of us everyday. I miss you so much. Love you Forever.-
Alex*

11/04/2008

Oscar (oscarin)

Tia Dalia you will always be in my heart. I know you have Great Rewards in heaven, for all the good things you did. God First, Love U

11/04/2008

Sandy Kellum

What a loving legacy you left for your family! They have many memories that they will take thru life. Rest peacefully.

10/31/2008

Arnold

Grandma, we miss so much. I will always have you in my heart. I love you!

10/31/2008

Sabina(Nina)

Gone yet not forgotten, although we are apart, your spirit lives within me forever in My Heart.

10/31/2008

Clari

Mom today is your first anniversary in heaven. I will always have you in my heart and I will cherish the memories. I Love you.

10/30/2008

Marilyn

Mom, your memory is my keepsake from which I'll never part. God has you in His keeping but I'll always have you in my heart.

10/26/2008

Your Chicago Family

Happy Birthday Tia Dalia! We miss you and know that you are having a royal celebration in Heaven. Tell my dad we said hi. Love you

10/25/2008

Arnold

Happy Birthday Grandma. I feel the love you left us as we grow stronger everyday. I miss everything about you. I love Grandma YaYa

10/25/2008

Adelia Franklin

Happy Birthday Maria Rodriguez! Even though I didn't get to meet you I know that you were a beautiful person. Rest In Peace!

10/25/2008

Angelica

Celebrate amongst those heavenly angels and watch down as we smile in love for you on your special day. Happy Birthday Grandma!

10/25/2008

Brenda Sandoval

Happy Birthday! I pray God grant serenity to your family but I know you are rejoicing w/ the angels at this moment.

10/25/2008

Lucky

Happy Birthday Grandma. I know you're smiling down on us from heaven. I miss ur smiles and warm hugs. Love u always n forever.

10/25/2008

Alex

Happy birthday Grandma I miss you so much sometimes it hurts when I think of you and wish you were still here. Love You Forever

10/25/2008

Clari

Happy Birthday Mom I miss taking to you. You will always be in my heart. Keep on praying for all of us. Love you.

10/25/2008

Damari

I wish i could just pick up the phone to wish you a happy birthday and let you know how much you're missed. love you YaYa

10/24/2008

Michael Dizon

Grandma everyday I look at your picture and can't help but to realize what I had lost when you left this earth. I Love You.

10/24/2008

Danica Dizon

Happy Birthday I miss you so much and I know all the angels are singing to you for your birthday. I love you - Danica-

10/24/2008

Estela

Happy Birthday Mom I miss you so much and I miss your laughter. I love you with all my heart.

10/24/2008

Edwina - Troy Mitchell's mum.

Sending birthday hugs to you dear Maria. Wishing your family a gentle day filled with beautiful memories of you.

10/24/2008

Marilyn

Happy 75th Birthday Mom I miss you and love you with all my heart

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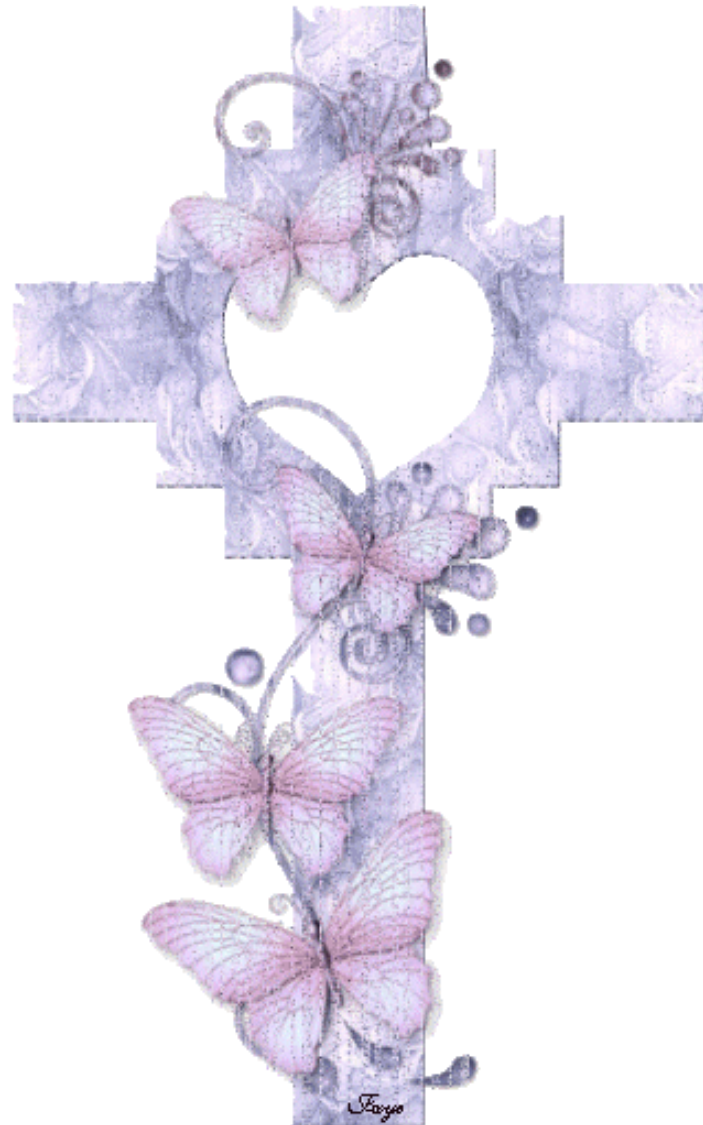
Condolences

from the deepest of our hearts...

*Edwina - Troy
Mitchell's mum.*

*Thinking of you on Maria's 1st
angelversary*

October 31, 2008



*God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,*

The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Maria!

I Believe in Angels



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Memories

all the gray you turned into colors...

Jeremy



In loving Memory of My Grandma

Grandma, you gave me something special no other could,
The unconditional love from a Grandmother's heart.
You watched me grow from a baby to a young man,

always protecting me, advising me, and loving me.

You gave me so many memories...

Grandma you were always there to talk to,
always there to count on,

On the night of October 31,
when I got word that you were gone

I lost more than just Grandma,
A part of my heart now gone.

I will miss you forever Grandma,
This emptiness never to be filled.
Even though I can't believe you're gone,
I know you are watching from above.
I wish you were here with me now,
Though I understand you had to move on.
I may have lost my Grandma on earth,
But I gained a guardian angel in Heaven.

I know you love me Grandma,
And forever I will love you.

May God bless you Grandma,
Because the Angel He took is You.

Love Jeremy

Mitzi



In Loving Memory of Our Dear Sister

Mitzi San Miguel
3/28/54 - 12/30/97

Sisters Forever

Forever my sister

Forever you'll be,
A part of my heart
I no longer see

But the heart doesn't need
To see what it loves,
The heart can reach out
To Heaven above!

Our heart will always
Hold you so near,
With precious memories
Treasured ~ year after year.

We were sisters at birth
And sisters we'll always be,
No one can ever take away
The bond between...

My Angel sister and me !!!

Love Always,
Stela, Clari and Marilyn

Three Sisters



Three Sisters
Stela, Clari and Marilyn

We are three sisters
Three sisters are we
I love each of you,
And I know you love me

We're not always together,
Life sometimes keeps us apart.
But we're never separated
We're in each other's heart.

We have had lots of good times
That we'll never forget
Sometimes we worry
And sometimes we fret

But if God ever gave me
Something special you see,
It might have been the blessing of,
Three sisters are we.
The Lord above has gave me lots
Of happiness and glee
But the most special thing He did was

Make us sisters, all three.

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Life Story

every hour, every thought, every smile...

October 24, 1933

Maria Dalia Pena Rodriquez was born October 24, 1933 to the late Jose and Juliana Garcia.

October 31, 2007



Celebration of Life

On October 31, 2007, my dear Mother was called home to be with the Lord. Although we love you, God loves you more. He allowed you to be with us for 74 years, but when the Heavenly Father called for His beloved child, you had to answer His call. At 7:17 p.m., an angel came and called your name and took you by the hand. Mom had struggled with congestive heart failure for many years and now...her suffering is over.

On November 3, 2007, we gathered to pay tribute to her life. To recognize her accomplishments as a wife, mother, sister, grandmother and friend to many. To remember the good times and the laughter that we had...

Our mom was the "best mom ever"...There wasn't a soul around that didn't like her. She touched everyone's heart in one way or another, because she would do anything for you, and never complain about it...

Words cannot describe how deep our love for you flows. Our hearts ache for the loss of our rock and strength, but at the same time we rejoice in knowing that you've been made whole again. You are now at peace with the Father in Heaven.

We will always remember your smile, compassion, courage and strength that you have instilled in us all; those are the very things that will be our comfort in the days, weeks, months and years to come. And although time heals all wounds, there is now a void that will never be filled.

We love you mom



Our Deepest Sympathy

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