



Connie Martinez

June 28, 1943 - August 17, 2016

Connie, born and grew up in Alvarado, went on to Washington High School. She worked several years for Sunshine biscuit, then later for United Can in Hayward until her retirement in July of 1988. Married 51 years to Ralph Martinez. With her husband by her side every day, Connie passed quietly and peacefully with her loved ones by her side til the very end, on August 17th, 2016 at Kaiser's ICU room, after a five month struggle with a rare type of pneumonia that finally took her frail life. She had fought long and hard, a very courageous fight to survive. Wishing and longing to come home for so long during that time. But that was never meant to be. Connie may have lost her battle, but won a place in Heaven with God our Creator. May God bless her soul, and welcome her to her new home with Him. With mother Ruth Urrutia, sister Helen, brother Joe, son Jim Mata, sister-in-law Dolly, along with uncle, aunts, and cousins, all waiting to help guide and lead her to her new home in Heaven. Connie will be missed by all of her family and friends along with anyone who ever got to know her. She could easily start a conversation with a person wherever she went, no matter if she had never met them before. She will be greatly missed by husband Ralph, daughter Leonore, grandkids, great grandkids, brother Manual and wife Dottie, daughter-in-law Debbie, nieces, nephews, cousins, and all of the many friends who came to know her. Connie may have left us, but her footprints she leaves behind, and her large, warm, loving heart will never be forgotten.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 9th, from 5-8pm with a Memorial Vigil at 6:30pm at Fremont Memorial Chapel, 3723 Peralta Blvd., Fremont, CA 94536. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, September 10th, 10am at the Old Mission San Jose Church, 43300 Mission Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the American Cancer Society or American Lung Association.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

26320 Mission Boulevard
Hayward, CA 94544

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 9. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

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Memorial Vigil

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Tribute Wall

LW

“ I remember as a child visiting at my aunt's house for the holidays. I loved her homemade tamales. She made the best tamales and turkey stuffing. To this day...no one makes better stuffing than hers. Although opinionated and stubborn she would listen to others. I remember having a friend that did not have a place to go for the holidays. Without hesitation Tia Connie said to invite my friend over to her house for the holidays. She had a BIG heart. Since my own mother's death she gave me encouragement through the years. She always made me feel like I could do anything I set my mind to. I loved hearing her stories of her and my mother when they were children. Now she is among our other fallen family members. She, like them, will always live in my memories. My love for her will never wane.

Laura Willingham - September 16, 2016 at 09:02 PM



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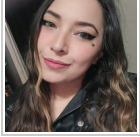
Alicia De la Cruz - September 09, 2016 at 02:21 PM



“ Alicia De La Cruz lit a candle in memory of Connie Martinez



Alicia De la Cruz - September 09, 2016 at 02:20 PM



“ *My grandmother had the most sweetest warm heart. I'm going to truly miss her. She helped me become the person I am now. She and my grandfather raised me to be all I can be. I owe her every thing i have accomplished. I'm going to miss her so much. No words can describe how much of a wonderful person you were. I love you grandma. You will always be in my heart.*

Alina Martinez - September 08, 2016 at 11:38 PM

LQ

“ *Aunite Connie,
As I sit here thinking about you. I too will always remember your sweet smiling face. You were always so kind always allowing us to stay in your home. Leanor was my Partner and crime lol. You are and will always be one of my favorite aunts. You were always so sweet to us kids. I don't think that you ever told us no.. always trying to please us in every way. I'll never forget the time you and uncle Ralph took the time to come visit my mother when she was ill. You and uncle Ralph were always there for my mother and I'll forever be grateful to the both of you. I love you Aunite Connie and until I see you again. and I'm so sorry uncle Ralph I love you dearly. I'm here for you leanor if you need anything I'm a phone call away God has now gained another angel ... I love you Aunite Connie please give all of our family a great big hugs and kiss from me.....*

You niece Lisa Quinones Miller Martinez

Lisa Quinones - September 07, 2016 at 09:42 PM

CM

“ *Hi Tia Connie this is one of your favorites Cindy Klimek Moreno I admired you always for yr Spunky Brave Loving Heart. I will always remember and miss you until we meet again*

Cindy Moreno - September 06, 2016 at 10:11 PM

AL

“ Aunt Connie was such a sweet person. I remember sleeping over when I was little she would always have something fun for us to do. I loved going to her house just so I could play in the little pond in the backyard. I remember her always giving hugs and calling us sweat hearts when she saw us. She seemed so happy all the time. Im so glad I got to see her one last time before she passed she was so happy to see me and Aunt Doreen she cried and held our hands real tight. She loved her family dearly. I will cherish the memories I got to spend with my aunt she will be missed by many. My condolences to my Uncle Ralph and cousin Leanor. She is your gaurdian Angel now

Angel Lira - September 06, 2016 at 12:56 AM

TL

“ Auntie connie you will truly be missed and never forgotten I remember as a little girl growing up you and uncle Ralph comming over to my grandma Rachael house and you and my grandma haveing a good old time listening to music and just enjoying life to the fullest.you will never be forgotten and I love you! My condolences to uncle Ralph and cousin Leonore



Tisha Lira - September 06, 2016 at 12:01 AM

CG

“ Connie had a big heart , a great sense of humor, fierce loyalty,alway's cheerful and up beat. Every Holiday for all my years here I will think of her, she alway's called to say Happy Veteran's Day, Happy 4th of July etc. I will miss those call's I only regret we didn't take the time to spend more time together. I'm glad I got to say goodbye to her we'll see you on the other side. Love you Celsa

Celsa Guerrero - September 04, 2016 at 06:19 PM

MV

“ *Childhood memories of Connie with brother Manuel, sister Helen and Uncle Joe Urrutia.*



Manuel Vasquez - September 04, 2016 at 01:38 PM

MV

“ *Family memories from 1988.*



Manuel Vasquez - September 04, 2016 at 01:27 PM

DM

“ *Connie was more than a mother-in-law to me.....she was like my second mom ! She always made me feel loved, appreciated and one of the family. Other people would always complain about their mother in laws and I would always be proud to say "I have the Best Mother-in-law in the world ! " which is how I have always felt and always will.*

We all miss her so very much ! She would want us to be strong, happy and stay close as a family and take care of each other.

I know she is watching over us.....lets make her proud. We love you and our memories will live on forever until we meet again.may you rest in peace

debbie mata - September 04, 2016 at 09:22 AM

LW

“ For 50 years I thought of her as my favorite aunt. She showed me love and encouragement over the years. She will always hold a special place in my heart. May you rest in peace Tia Connie. I love you.

laura willingham - September 03, 2016 at 10:42 PM

LW

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laura willingham - September 03, 2016 at 10:31 PM

JC

“ This must be the hardest thing to deal with the lost of our grandma hurts everyday. We miss her so much especially her great grandchildren. Lil angelo miss giving grandma her donuts (a big kiss) everytime we visit. I know your in a better place flying with the angels but its still hurts so much knowing we will never see you again until we meet in another life. You will be miss everyday and your memories will still live on with us. I know you are watching over us now. We love you grandma too the moon and back.

Jeanette Cordero - September 03, 2016 at 09:43 PM

MV

“*Connie was my sister, no, she is my sister and will always be my sister. She was the baby of our family ~ Joe, our brother, was the eldest, then me, Manuel, then Helen and finally Connie arrived. Now, as my two sisters and my brother have gone to Heaven, I am the only original living member of our family. We grew up during difficult times in the early years and having worked hard many years, the Golden Years became the best. Losing my last sibling is very hard to bear and seeing her suffer for five months was so difficult. At last she is resting peacefully with the rest of our family and her suffering is over. She was so loved by all and my wife, Dottie and I will miss her so much. She was adored by her husband Ralph and her daughter Leonore who were by Connie's side every day suffering along with her. All of her grandchildren were her reason for living and loving.*

Manuel Vasquez - September 03, 2016 at 10:43 AM

TV

“ *My earliest memory of Consuelo was her making me eat all the old stale tortillas that Mamma stacked at the bottom....a rite of passage from an older "sibling" to the younger obnoxious one. Years later Connie and I would laugh about it.*

She was the fierce and feisty teenager always ready for an adventure and dancing.

Tia and Ralph danced so beautifully together; two pieces of the same part and so smooth. I'll always remember her dancing and laughing.

She evolved into a fiercely protective mother devoted to her children and grandchildren and steadfast loyal friend to my own mother. She never wavered.

I will miss you Tia, the last matriarch of my family.

Toniya Villalobos

toniya villalobos - September 01, 2016 at 11:20 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Fremont Memorial Chapel - August 26, 2016 at 05:42 PM

AC

“ *My grandma is now as she calls it "playing with the angels" I love and miss you and your strength and love will always be with me you fought hard and had such a strong heart you can now rest and it's our turn to take care of everything...*



Alicia de la cruz - August 26, 2016 at 02:04 PM