



Maria Matilde Hortencia Quinonez-Velazquez

August 29, 1954 - January 11, 2021

Maria Matilde Hortencia Quinonez-Velazquez, of Saint James, Missouri passed away on Monday, January 11, 2021 at Missouri Baptist Hospital in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 66. Hortencia, was the first child, and only daughter of the late Roberto and Aurora (Nunez) Quinonez. She was born on August 29, 1954 in La Campana, Durango, Mexico. At the age of three, she met the boy that she would marry 14 years later. He was six and his father offered a ride to Hortencia and her mother, Aurora, who were heading to get to the next town over. The driver had many sons and asked Hortencia's mother to choose one for her beautiful daughter, jokingly she pointed at a green-eyed boy. Later, Hortencia moved to the U.S. and settled in Chicago, where her uncle owned multiple restaurants and she worked as a waitress during the day and at a factory by night, all to save and send back to her mother and seven brothers back home in Mexico. One day, Hortencia would bring her family to the U.S. At the age of 17 she married the love of her life, Margarito (Mark) Velazquez, and the union was blessed with three daughters. In 1994, they purchased a farm in Saint James, Missouri, and also a family business in Rolla, Missouri called the American Motor Inn which sadly was destroyed in a devastating fire years later. Hortencia and Mark enjoyed raising cattle, horses, as well as gardening. She had a green thumb when it came to flower beds and vegetables. She always shared the bounty with friends and family. She dedicated her entire life to making sure everyone was taken care of, sometimes sacrificing her own health and time to help those in need. She was a woman of God, praying daily and asking for guidance for herself and her family. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend. She will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved her. Ma. Matilde Hortencia Velazquez is survived by Margarito, with whom she shared 46 years of marriage and daughters, Hortencia (Tiah) Samuelsson and husband Jonas of Rolla, Missouri, Maribel Contreras and husband Juan of Rolla, Missouri, and Violeta Quezada and husband Dolores, of Rolla, Missouri; Grandchildren, Marco Jevon Palomar, Lluvia Anahi Garcia, Sixto Jimenez, Miah Sarai Samuelsson and Miriam Isabel Contreras, Lissette and Liliana Quezada; Brothers, Roberto Quinonez of Mexico, Sergio Quinonez and wife Norma of IA, Jorge Quinonez of Chicago, IL, Joel Quinonez of Rolla, MO and Fransisco Javier Quinonez of Chicago, IL. She is preceded in death by her brother, Jesus Quinonez, and her parents,

Roberto and Aurora Quinonez. Because of COVID-19, services will be private. Interment will be at the North Lawn Cemetery in Salem, MO.

If you would be so gracious to help this family please go to <https://gofund.me/ffd35704>

Cemetery

North Lawn Cemetery

Hwy 19 North

Salem, MO, 65560

Events

JAN **Visitation** 05:00PM - 07:00PM

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James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla

1651 E. Hwy 72, Rolla, MO, US, 65401

Comments



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maria Matilde Hortencia Quinonez-Velazquez.



January 21, 2021 at 10:04 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Matilde Hortencia Quinonez-Velazquez.



January 20, 2021 at 07:53 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Maria Matilde Hortencia Quinonez-Velazquez.



January 18, 2021 at 12:37 PM



“ So sorry for your loss-- I have known Hortencia for several years and never saw her without a smile on her face! Such a sweet lady who dearly loved her family and made a difference everywhere she went--
With deepest sympathy
Linda Pietsch- Rolla, Mo

Linda S Pietsch - January 17, 2021 at 11:15 PM



“ The Sanchez Velazquez and Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Maria Matilde Hortencia Quinonez-Velazquez.



The Sanchez Velazquez and Family - January 17, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ Connie Bone-Jones purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Maria Matilde Hortencia Quinonez-Velazquez.



Connie Bone-Jones - January 16, 2021 at 10:22 AM



“ Spending time with my Tia Hotencia, if I asked her about anyone in the family, she never held back. She was uniquely involved with all three of her daughters. I believe she loves all three daughters more than they know. But I am convinced that she loves my uncle Margarito "Lito" just a little bit more. She is proud of her family and rightfully so. She started with absolutely nothing and ended up with everything she hoped for. She loves her grandchildren and wants so much for them. I'm sure they will make her proud.

After seeing her and the family, my last phone call with her she told me that she was grateful that I followed up and let her know I made it home safe back to my family and that she wanted me and my family to come visit as soon as we could. I think about that phone call today.

I only wish that I could be there for her and her family. To grieve with her daughters and her family.

Sincerely,

Jesse Velazquez

Jesse Velazquez - January 15, 2021 at 10:36 PM



“ Familia Velazquez-Quinonez de Callito y Socorro purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Maria Matilde Hortencia Quinonez-Velazquez.



Familia Velazquez-Quinonez de Callito y Socorro - January 15, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ Hortencia was my cousin. Her father and my father were first cousins. Our families always got along and visited when the opportunity came. Later in life she married my brother in law and when they first got married we live within a block of distance so we saw each other all the time. Then when they bought the farm in Rolla / St James Missouri our in-laws live on the farm so we got to travel from IL to the farm any chance we got and after the in-laws moved to Phoenix Arizona we still came and stay with them several times on long weekends. In 2019 was the last time we go to the farm, but we were very Blessed to have them at our house in IL in late October early November now I feel how fortunate. We are going to miss you dearly. Love you dear cousin. Socorro Velázquez

Socorro - January 15, 2021 at 08:16 PM



“ So sorry for loss, sending prayers of support.

Connie Bone Jones - January 16, 2021 at 10:14 AM



“ Hortencia and her family were the first friends I made when I moved to Salem. I loved visiting with her and she made me feel as though I was a family member. I could share my difficulties with Hortencia and she helped me in so many ways. I will miss her love and kindness always. Rest in Peace my dear Sister in Christ. Koko

Carolyn Ellis - January 16, 2021 at 11:42 AM



“ So sorry for your loss! I loved your Mom and Her Lovely Daughters and all her family. She was a very sweet lady and always gave me a wonderful smile! You will be missed Hortencia! I have some wonderful memories of you!! Love to you all!

Marilyn Greenway

Marilyn K Greenway - January 21, 2021 at 07:02 PM