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Maria “Martha” Cruz, 72, of Goodyear, AZ passed away on Saturday, January 23, 2016. Martha was born Maria Martina Juarez Ayala in Mazatlán, Sinaloa on November 11, 1943. She was the third of four children to Agustin Juarez and Ramona Ayala. Her life dream was to settle in the United States. She achieved that dream in 1966. She met the “love of her life” Enrique N. Lopez in 1968 and dedicated her life to raising her 3 children. Martha then set a goal for herself; she was determined to become a Naturalized United States Citizen, she passed the exam on her first attempt in 1990. Martha remarried in 1991 and became Mrs. Cruz. Sadly, after 9 years of marriage, Martha widowed when Mr. Cruz lost his battle to cancer. Through the years, she worked as a Nanny and worked at Pechanga Casino. She retired in 2003 and settled in Arizona. She fulfilled her desire to travel- she visited many States across America, explored Europe and numerous indigenous regions of her native Mexico. Martha is preceded in death by her second son, Enrique E. Lopez, and is survived by her two remaining children: Ricardo Pol and Yvonne McLemore; her nine grandchildren: Jacob, Enrique, Richard, Daniel, Luis, Claudette, Anahi, Henry, and Holly. She is survived by two sisters: Guadalupe and Elvia. Martha will finally be inurned with her son which has been her wish for over 25 years. “Now it’s your turn beloved Brother, to take care of Mom.” Her viewing and inurnment will take place on Friday, Feb. 5, 2016, 10:00 am at Greenwood Memorial Park and Mortuary, Sally Lynn Chapel, San Diego, CA.



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AR

Antonio Ruelas posted:

Martha: realmente fuiste en mi vida una persona muy valiosa y significativa desde el momento en que te conocí. Valoro tus consejos que nos ayudaron a formar una magnífica familia. También agradezco tu apoyo en nuestras necesidades materiales. Te recordaré siempre con cariño y agradecimiento. Dios te dé el gozo de la vida eterna. Tu cuñado: Antonio Ruelas Camacho

February 4 at 1:22 PM

PR

Perla Ruelas posted:

Tía Martha siempre la recordaremos con mucho cariño y una gran mujer... Siempre alegre y sus anécdotas que nos hacían reír siempre... Gracias por formar parte de nuestras vidas, porque aunque ya no este físicamente... Siempre estará en nuestros corazones. Que Dios la bendiga!! Fam Ruelas Dorado (Miguel y Perla)

February 4 at 6:36 AM

GM

Genaro Martinez posted:

It was with great heartfelt sorrow that we learned of my Tia's passing. I will always remember Tia Martha as one of my favorite aunts. The tenderness of her loving nature embodied the best of the Ayala spirit. Her magnetic personality always lit up a room and people were always drawn to her. For as long as I can remember, my own mother would always comment on how Tia Martha was more than just her cousin, she was like a sister. We will miss her dearly and yet know that heaven has been made a little brighter by the radiance of her smile and the presence of her gentle soul. Genaro Martinez Jr. & Family

February 3 at 11:45 AM

YA

Yolanda Grijalva Ayala posted:

Comadrita ya estas descansando en los brazos de Dios todo el sufrimiento que tuviste en esta vida fueron la entrada directa al cielo, la gloria, la vida eterna descansa en paz te quiero mucho y te recordaré con mucho cariño siempre

February 2 at 4:46 PM



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Elvia Alfaro posted:

Amadísima hermana, fuiste para mí como una segunda madre, estoy muy agradecida con Dios por tu presencia en mi vida, fuiste mi maestra, amiga y consejera. Admirable por valiente, fuerte, decidida, generosa y alegre. Descansa en paz querida hermana.

February 2 at 12:00 PM



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