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Weslaco- Maria Lopez Martinez In the quiet heart of Weslaco, Texas, the world bid farewell to an extraordinary soul on April 29, 2025, as Maria Lopez Martinez passed away peacefully, surrounded by the loving embrace of her family. Born on January 31, 1944, Maria devoted her life to caring for others-not only her cherished family, but also the countless children she served with unwavering dedication during her 35-year career in the cafeteria department of the Weslaco Independent School District. As a teenager, Maria worked in agriculture, embodying resilience as she came of age as a migrant worker. Her flame burned brightly-a testament to her proud spirit and unwavering tenacity. The streets of her beloved hometown pulsed with the sounds of rock and roll, and Maria danced joyfully through her youth to the timeless rhythms of Elvis Presley and Fats Domino. Music was the heartbeat of her life, woven into cherished memories of laughter and celebration. On many Saturday nights, she and her husband, Alfredo, lit up local dance halls with their shuffling steps. In their private moments, she would sway to the music of Ruben Vela, her smile glowing with joy as she called out, "La Huelta, Chino! La Huelta!"-inviting one more spin, one more dance. Maria's culinary gifts were nothing short of legendary. Though she worked full time, she cooked with the heart and soul of a devoted homemaker. Her kitchen was a sanctuary of rich aromas and comforting flavors, where every meal began with the warmth of freshly made flour tortillas. Her tamales were unmatched-a beloved staple at every family gathering-and her menudo, always present during celebrations, offered more than nourishment; it brought the family together, each bite steeped in memory, love, and the enduring spirit of home. Though Maria found early comfort and familiarity working in agriculture, it was her deep love for children and her community that ultimately led her to a long and fulfilling career with Weslaco ISD. There, she served tirelessly in the Cafeteria Department for thirty-five years, pouring care into every



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meal and forming lasting connections with generations of students. Maria's creativity came alive in the simple joy of thrifting. She loved roaming the aisles of Goodwill, her keen eye always drawn to hidden gems and unexpected treasures. Each find told a story-carefully chosen not just for herself, but often as thoughtful gifts for her daughters and granddaughters. In every item she shared, there was a glimmer of the golden love she poured so generously into every corner of her life. Maria was also a passionate antique collector, with a special love for wooden furniture-tables, buffets, and cabinets that carried the charm of generations past. Her home was adorned with carefully curated pieces, including delicate ceramics, vintage dishes, and timeless glassware, each item reflecting her appreciation for history, craftsmanship, and beauty. Maria played a guiding role in raising several of her grandchildren, just as she had lovingly done with her own children. She instilled in them the importance of hard work, the value of education, and the strength of character that shaped the legacy she leaves behind. Maria is preceded in death by her parents, Conrado and Josefina (Becerra) Lopez, and infant daughter, Nancy Martinez. She is survived by her children, Alfredo Martinez Jr. (Norma), Eduardo Martinez, Francisco Martinez (Hermida), Esmeralda Lozano (Erasmus), Graciela Sailer, and Sandra Esquivel (Filiberto), the father of her children, Alfredo Martinez Sr., brother, Leroy Lopez (Rosa), grandchildren, Fabiola Stonebraker (Braxton), Daniela Lawrence (Caleb), Diego Martinez, Leonardo Martinez, Ulises Martinez (Graciela), Alexis Martinez, Isaac Martinez (Kassandra), Emilio Quirino Lozano, Aaron Lee Lozano, Gabriela Lozano, Elizabeth Lozano (Anthony), Bonnie Aguilar (Mario Jr), Audrey Almaraz (Erick), Cassandra Herrera (Adan Jr), Rebecca Cantu (Aaron), Izamar Cancino, Tamara Pecina, Kenya Figueroa (Sabian), Anastacio Alejandro Pecina Jr., and twenty one great-grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at McCaleb Funeral Home. A Celebration of Life service will be led by Pastor Escamilla, with music provided by Mari de Hoyos. Family and friends will be invited to share memories and stories in honor of Maria's life, celebrating the love, laughter, and legacy she leaves behind. Join us as we remember a woman whose laughter echoed in our hearts, whose meals brought warmth to our tables, and whose spirit will forever dance among us-lovingly woven into the fabric of our lives.



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August 7 at 4:23 PM



Melissa Casas posted:

My Condolences to The Family! RIP âœ i,ðŸ•Ši,ðŸ«¶ðŸ™

May 5 at 2:06 PM



Laura Casas posted:

Esmer my deepest condolences for the loss of your beautiful mom. May she Rest In Eternal Peace. May God grant you and your family strength and comfort during this difficult time. ðŸ™ðŸ¼

May 2 at 11:01 PM



Bernadette Becerra posted:

My deepest Condolences to My Family.may The Lord give you all overwhelming peace.GOD BLESS Y' ALL.RIP Maria.ðŸœ¹

May 2 at 6:30 PM



Cassandra Zamora posted:

My deepest condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. May your mom rest in peace. She is gone but she will never be forgotten. With all our love â dï, Esmeralda. Love Billy & Cassandra

May 2 at 3:05 PM



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Blanca Martinez posted:

My deepest condolences for the family. I personally knew Mrs. Martinez and her father, Conrado. A very good friend to my parents. She was also a closeby neighbor in our neighborhood. She would dropby to see my parents when they were still alive and I could hear the countless stories of all 3 of them talking about Conrado and the may experiances they had when younger. May Mrs Martinez rest in peace for she was a wonderful friend to my parents..... Blessings to all the Family

May 1 at 5:39 PM



Rene Family posted:

Rene Family has purchased Lavender Grace Spray for Maria Martinez

May 1 at 11:08 AM



Vangie:) posted:

My deepest condolences to Esmer and her siblingsâ€¦Mrs. Martinez always received me with a big smile opened arms and kindnessâ€¦I still recall she took me through the aisles at HEB to help her find croutons for her saladâ€¦It was an honor to pray for ur momðŸ™ðŸ¼There will always b a special place for her in my heart â ĩ, SHALOMâœ”

May 1 at 7:05 AM



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April 29 at 7:14 PM



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