



Maria (Ma Cuqui) Aguirre

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Weslaco- Maria (Ma Cuqui) Aguirre, a woman of remarkable strength, generosity, and love, passed away on June 30, 2024, at her home in Weslaco, surrounded by her adoring family. She was born on January 9, 1925, to Modesto and Maria (Jesusita) Cazares in Mercedes, Texas. Ma Cuqui's life was a testament to resilience and entrepreneurship, traits she inherited from her parents, pioneers in Weslaco. At a very young age, Cuqui worked at the family-owned Cazares Cafe and boarding house for recent immigrants. There, she met her soulmate, Jose Guadalupe (Lupe) Aguirre. Their union in 1948 marked the beginning of a legendary partnership that lasted for sixty-eight wonderful years until Jose's passing in 2016. Together with Lupe, Cuqui fearlessly embarked on various ventures. They ran a thriving meat market in Reynosa and dedicated many years to selling goods at the Mercedes Flea Market. Cuqui even worked for Dickies for many years while managing their businesses. After retirement, Cuqui continued to love cooking as she was the head cook at her son's restaurant (Las Palmas Cafe). The Aguirres were known for their entrepreneurial spirit and willingness to take on new challenges. A brilliant mind from an early age, Cuqui excelled in her education despite unconventional circumstances. Her God-given entrepreneurial spirit shone brightly as she navigated various business endeavors with finesse. Cuqui's warm heart extended beyond business into her passion for cooking and hosting guests at her home. She welcomed all who needed help with open arms and habitually invited weary immigrants to rest for a few nights, weeks, and even years. Her generosity knew no bounds, and she touched the lives of many with her kind spirit. Cuqui enjoyed hobbies such as singing, dancing, cooking, and traveling with her family. They created many cherished memories while traveling to Fiesta, Disney World, Las Vegas, Lake Tahoe, Colorado, California, and many places in Mexico. One of Cuqui's proudest accomplishments was undoubtedly her devotion to family. She attended numerous



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sports events to cheer on her children and grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews with unwavering support and love. Maria (Cuqui) Aguirre will be remembered as a vibrant soul whose impact reached far beyond the boundaries of Weslaco. Her feisty spirit, keen business sense, and boundless love will continue to inspire those fortunate enough to have known her. Cuqui is preceded in death by her parents, Modesto and Jesusita Cazares; her beloved husband, Jose Guadalupe Aguirre; her two sons, Jose Guadalupe Aguirre & Jose Guadalupe Aguirre; and her daughters, Gracie Gonzalez & Janie Chavez, her siblings, Candelario "Cande" Cazares, Juanita Moreno, Leonzo "Loncho" Cazares, Modesto "Mode" Cazares, Sacramento "Mento" Cazares, Teodora (Tiol) Villarreal, Carolina Polanco, and Geofredo Cazares. Her children survive her: Lupe Aguirre (Mary Alice) and Mando Aguirre (Myrtha), Lolie Garza (Larry), Maricela Rodriguez (Alfredo), Mary Castillo (Fred), Alma Aguirre Marines (Javier), son-in-law Jesse Chavez, and one sister, Dora Azoca, all of Weslaco, TX. Cuqui's legacy won't soon be forgotten as she also has twenty-six grandchildren Enrique "Ricky" Villanueva Jr. (Margie), Daniel Villanueva (Laura), Edward "Jay" Villanueva, Marissa Rodriguez (Ruben), Alfredo Rodriguez (Zeida), Jaime Rodriguez (Jessica), Myra Hough (Michael), Christopher Eli Gonzalez, Renee Gonzalez, Anita Gonzalez (Smiley Regalado), Michael Aguirre (Christine), Joseph Aguirre, Anika Calixto (Alex), Jessica Burnias (Joe), Jenna Chavez (Ashley), Jayme Medrano (Steven), Vanessa Contreras (Andrew), Valerie Castillo (Brittany), Victoria Lara (Rudy), Alfredo "Freddy" Castillo (JoSel), Miguel "Mike" Marines Jr. (Adriana), Marco "Mark" Marines (Lisa), Matthew Marines, Armando Aguirre Jr., Amanda Aguirre, Alexa Aguirre, sixty-two great-grandchildren and thirty-five great-great-grandchildren, countless nephews and nieces, and adopted children, who all called her "Ma Cuqui". Cuqui's family will remember her most as a feisty, energetic, happy-go-lucky, but most importantly, generous woman with a heart of gold who would open her arms to anyone in their time of need. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 3, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., with a Holy Rosary at 7 p.m. The funeral mass will be held at St Joan of Arc Catholic Church on July 4 at 10 a.m. Following Mass, she will be laid to rest at Highland Memorial Park.. Maria (Cuqui) Aguirre will be remembered as a vibrant soul whose impact reached far beyond the boundaries of Weslaco. Her



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Anonymous shared a **Video**.



August 7 at 4:21 PM



Norma Rodriguez posted:

So sorry for your loss. We loved growing up next to her back in the 80's. Bless she lives a good life.. May god give your family the strength to get you through this difficult time. Love, the Lopez Family Lupe Lopez, Rachel Lopez Garza, Norma Lopez Rodriguez 🙏🙏🙏

July 6 at 9:07 PM



Roman Nieto posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the family of Mrs. Aguirre.

July 6 at 9:07 PM



Rick And Ruby Valdez posted:

My condolences to all the family. Cuqui was love by everyone that knew her. She will forever be missed by the Valdez family and will never be forgotten.

July 6 at 8:44 PM



Juan And Diana posted:

Dear Fred and Mary, our prayers and love are with you at this time of sadness. There are no words of comfort except to tell you that one day you'll see your mama again. Treasure your memories. All our love Juan and Diana Gonzalez

July 4 at 10:53 AM



Gloria Castro posted:

Our deepest condolences to all the family. My father (Rogelio Tijerina's) relationship with your mom had been long time good friends. She will always be remembered. May she rest in peace. God bless you all Love Rogelio Tijerina & family Coach David & Gloria Tijerina Castro & family

July 4 at 9:54 AM



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GM

Gloria Guajardo Martinez posted:

My deepest condolences to my growing up neighborly like family my prayers are with the family from Gloria GuajardoMartinez

July 3 at 11:22 PM

JM

Janie Mireles posted:

My condolences to all the family. Cuqui was a wonderful and beautiful person. I will forever remember when she visited my Mom in San Antonio. It meant so much to my Mom. Thank you. May she RIP and perpetual light shine upon her. 🙏

July 3 at 11:01 AM

GF

Gloria Flores Garza & Hortencia Flores posted:

Our deepest condolences and prayers to all the Aguirre family. May God give you strength and comfort during this difficult time. May she RIP and the eternal light always shine upon her. 🙏

July 3 at 7:33 AM

JS

Janie Mata From Wa State posted:

Ma Cuqui was truly all heart. She made me feel like one of her daughters the few times I was able to visit my beautiful comadre Gracie. May they both rest in peace. 🙏

July 2 at 11:35 PM

NA

Norma Arroyo posted:

My deepest Condolences to the family

July 2 at 7:20 PM



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Alicia Villarreal posted:

My deepest condolences to this amazing and wonderful family. I grew up working at Mercedes Flea Mkt. And every Sunday I would go by and wish her a great day!!! After hours I would say "see you next week", she would make my day by her hugs and well wishes.... May you rest In peace, you will be dearly missed.

July 2 at 7:07 PM



Lydia Garcia posted:

Our most sincere condolences to the Aguirre family. May she rest in peace. A beautiful welcoming celebration is taking place in heaven for a most precious soulâ ĩ,

July 2 at 5:27 PM



Belen Loya posted:

My condolences to the family, all I remember is that she always had a smile when I got to see her and what a blessing to have had her for 99 years an opportunity not given to many now she is home with her love and her children Gracie and Janie may God give all strength and comfort ðŸ™ ðŸ™

July 2 at 4:57 PM



Minerva Matamoros Anzaldua posted:

My deepest and sincere condolences to the Aguirre family. Eventhough she was my sister Maricela Matamoros Alcorta's godmother it seemed like she had baptists all of our family. She showed enough love and kindness to whomever crossed her path. I was honored to have her in my life as my make believe godmother. Ma Cuca as we all knew her you will be missed but never forgotten ðŸ™ ðŸ™. Give my parents Juan & Mela my husband Mo and my granddaughter Karina Nicole a big loving hug when you meet with them in heaven.

July 2 at 4:48 PM



Ocanas Family posted:

Our condolences and prayers go out to the Aguirre family. We are so sorry for your loss. She was the sweetest person Iâ€™ve ever met. And I truly believe that she is a saint.

July 2 at 4:42 PM



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CR

Cynthia Rios posted:

My deepest condolences to the entire family. May God give you the strength and peace during this difficult time. She will be missed.

July 2 at 2:48 PM

MA

Myrtha Aguirre posted:

Rest in peace my beautiful mother in law!â õï,

July 2 at 2:16 PM

DV

Dealer Tire - Ed Villanueva shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Dealer Tire - Ed Villanueva has purchased Purple Majesty for Maria Aguirre

July 2 at 12:55 PM



SR

San Juanita Rodriguez shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

Our condolences to the Aguirre Family. Cuqui was my mother's best friend, Juanita (Chata). I remember them talking about growing up together and being neighbors. May she rest in Peace.

July 2 at 11:40 AM



MA

Myrtha Aguirre posted:

She was the best mother in law, who helped me raise my own children. She was my neighbor for 20 yrs. I love you Ma Cuqui!! RIPâ õï,

July 2 at 11:40 AM

CL

Cynthia R Lopez posted:

My condolences to the Aguirre family.

July 2 at 10:23 AM



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Destiny And Linh Gutierrez posted:

Our prayers are with you always ãĩ,

July 2 at 10:08 AM



Gloria GarcãA posted:

Our condolences and prayers for Mrs. Aguirreâ€™s Family. May she be Resting in ã%ternal Peace with beloved family in Heaven. ðŸ™ªâ€™â€™â€™â€™â€™â€™. Homero n Gloria C. Garcia.

July 2 at 9:09 AM



Maricela Matamoros Alcorta posted:

Madrina Cuqui will always be in my heart. Condolences to all the family and friends of this beautiful, talented and generous lady. I will never forget how she always greeted all of us the Matamoros family with love and respect. My momma Manuela And my dad Juan Matamoros (may they lay In Peace) chose her and my padrino Lupe to be my baptismal padrinos and I never will forget how she always showed her love to me even as a grown woman. We lost a Great woman but gained an angel. May you rest in eternal peace my beautiful madrina Cuqui. I will love you forever. Say hi to mom and dad for me. â ãĩ, ðŸ™ª

July 2 at 8:45 AM



Cecilia Salinas posted:

Ma Cuqui will be missed she was the the heart of her family. My condolences to all the Family

July 2 at 8:19 AM



Cecilia Salinas lit a candle in honor of Maria (Ma Cuqui).

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July 1 at 7:41 PM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Maria (Ma Cuqui) by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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