



Karina Aliza Saldaña

March 7, 2021

Karina Aliza Saldaña, 83, passed away on Sunday, March 7, 2021 surrounded by her children at her daughter's residence in Bryan, TX.

She was born on March 20, 1937 to Lauro and Virginia Saldaña.

Ms. Saldaña is preceded in death by her parents and her son, Raymond Lee Rodriguez.

Ms. Saldaña attended Mercedes High School and went on to her earn her degree as a registered nurse from James R. Dougherty School of Nursing, Del Mar College in 1959. Her nursing career spanned over 45 years working in hospitals, clinics, nursing homes and eventually retiring as a school nurse.

Those left to honor her memory are her brothers, Lauro Saldaña, Jr. and wife Irma, Juan Jose Saldaña and wife Adela; children, Jaime Rodriguez and wife Shawn, Victor Rodriguez and wife Florinda, Anna Kjolen and husband Sereth, Oscar Rodriguez and wife Didi; her grandchildren, Sam DeStefano, Hunter Rodriguez, Hannah Rodriguez, Oscar Rodriguez, Jr, John Paul Rodriguez; and many nieces and nephews.

A Visitation will be held Wednesday, March 10, 2021 from 6:00-8:00 pm with a Rosary recited at 7:00 pm at Kreidler Funeral Home, McAllen, TX. A Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, March 11, 2021 at 10:00 am at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, McAllen. Burial will follow at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery, Weslaco.

Events

MAR **Visitation** 06:00PM - 08:00PM

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Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.
314 N 10th St., McAllen, TX, US, 78501

MAR **Rosary** 07:00PM

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MAR **Funeral Service** 10:00AM

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Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church
TX, US

MAR **Live streaming** 10:00AM - 10:30AM

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Livestream
TX, US

Comments



“ I met Mary Lou– Karina in August of 1956. We became roommates at the James R Dougherty School of Nursing. We shared many experiences our pediatric residency at Santa Rosa Hospital, sneaking out of the dorm, studying together, running over to the ocean across the street to study on a regular basis, Public Health rotation her Uncles car, being confined to our room when she had the measles , going to mass together. We had our pediatric rotation together at Santa Rosa in San Antonio and found time to do horseback riding in the park and roller skating. Each time I returned to Texas to visit it always included a side trip to see Karina. Our last visit was in 2018. She could not see well but she managed to direct us around town by using landmarks. We went to Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows and to eat at a friend's restaurant. We shared bragging rights about our children and grandchildren. She loved them all.
And of course many conversations included precious.
She always called me Roomie!

She did as directed by our Lord via her Nursing, she helped those less fortunate. Oh yes! She could be stubborn.. that was a challenge for all of us.
Karina I believe you are now resting in God's Peace.
Love you always.
Margaret Anderson, WA

Margaret Anderson - March 11 at 12:28 PM



“ Ms. Saldana was a wonderful mother, nurse, and roll model. The Valley is blessed to have had her raise her great kids here, serve our community, and bring joy to so many. May she Rest In Peace.

Michael Guerra - March 09 at 09:43 PM



“ Karina and I worked together in Salud Clinic, in Broadrick, Ca, from 1977 to 1980. She was the clinic R.N. and I was the Nurse Practitioner. She was a wonderful partner to work with, and, our patient population was a very interesting group. She made it fun and made me feel safe. We had some memorable times, going over to Old Sacramento for lunch,going to her home in Dixon and working on craft projects, teaching me how to make flour tortillas and tamales . After she moved back to McAllen, my daughter,Amy, and I visited her. We had a great time. We drove to San Antonio, visited the Riverwalk, the Zoo, the Space Needle, from the Worlds Fair, she did not like the elevator ride. We also visited Corpus Corpus Christi, attended Mass there, she took us into Mexico , and to the beach. We had a wonderful time.That is the last time I saw her, but we kept in touch through cards, and telephone calls. I will always love and miss my wonderful friend. May God bless her, keep her close,and may perpetual light shine upon her. Marylee Trimmer



Marylee Trimmer - March 09 at 04:08 PM