



Minerva Lazo Barrera

March 17, 2020

Minerva Lazo Barrera, 86, was welcomed into Heaven after she passed away Tuesday, March 17 at home surrounded by her family. She was born on February 4, 1934 in Mission to Alfredo Lazo and Minnie Crum Lazo. She grew up in Starr County and later attended Mission and McAllen schools. Minnie was voted Best All Around and played on the first girls' basketball team at McHi. She married her Navy sailor, Fred Barrera, home from the Korean War, and graduated from Pan American College in Edinburg.

Minnie taught physical education at Sam Houston Elementary School in McAllen and raised three children. She loved playing softball, camping in the mountains, going to the beach, reading novels, watching Broadway shows, cheering for the S.A. Spurs, and attending all her grandchildren's activities. After retiring, Minnie and Fred traveled to Mexico, Alaska, Canada, New England, Honduras and Belize. She participated in the Walk to Emmaus and was a member of First United Methodist Church of McAllen.

Minnie was predeceased by her sisters, Thelma Reid, Velia Hinojosa, and half-brothers, Sonny Lazo and Arturo Lazo Jr. She is survived by her husband, Alfredo R. Barrera of McAllen; daughter, Dina (Ken) Wilson of Edinburg; son, Arthur (Joan) Barrera of McAllen; daughter Sandy (Tony) Burriss of San Antonio; grandchildren, Alyssa Fowler, Jennifer Martelli, Jacklyn Newton, Amanda Pagan, Derek Burriss, Matt Wilson, Courtney Villarreal; great grandchildren, Ayla Davila, Gabrielle Featherson, Kailey Wilson, Hayden Wilson, Merrik Wilson, Ethan Fowler, Levin Pagan and Emma Martelli.

A private family graveside service will be held at the Rio Grande Veterans Cemetery. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. Minnie was blessed to have her family from all over Texas and new great grandbaby come to her side before she left this Earth.

We appreciate the compassionate care by Doctors Hospital at Renaissance ER, Cardiac and Hospice staff. In lieu of flowers, Minnie would hope you do a random act of kindness in her memory. Contributions can also be made to your church in her honor.

Comments



“ My deepest heartfelt condolences and blessings to the Barrera Family. Know that your are in my thoughts and prayers. Gracie Elizondo & Family.



Gracie Elizondo - March 19 at 09:40 PM



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“ Mamo, I will always cherish the memories of us at the beach eating homemade sandwiches and having cherry 7up. I still remember the one time Papo was stopped for speeding on the way home even though he drives slow. We used to listen to Shania Twain's "Man I feel like a women" and sing it at the top of our lungs. You loved female sports and the movie A League of Their Own. You supported EVERYTHING I did and was at every school event, competition, and major life event. I'll always remember our family dinners at your house in the backyard porch with Papo grilling. I'll miss you calling me Mija. I'll miss your texts checking in on me and Emma. There are so many wonderful memories. I will always love you! -Jennifer

Jennifer Martelli - March 18 at 03:19 PM