



Cruz Rodriguez

June 14, 2023

Cruz Pena Rodriguez, 86, passed away peacefully at her home June 14, 2023. She was a great Woman, Mother, Grandmother and Great-Grandmother born on May 3, 1937 in Mercedes, Texas, the daughter of the late Abuelito (Francisco Rodriguez.) and Abuelita (Corsina Pena, the Mid-Wife).

Cruzita was known for her lack of patience, not holding back her opinion and a knack for telling it like it is. She always told you the truth even if it wasn't what you wanted to hear.

It was the school of hard knocks and YES, we were told many times how she (a pre-teen) had to drop out of school to cook/clean for all her older brothers, while her mom was delivering babies in the Edcouch-Elsa-Mercedes area, so "suck it up."

With that said, she was genuine to a fault & never sugar-coated a thing. Her words of encouragement, wisdom, and sometimes comfort, kept us in line, taught us the "school of hard knocks" and gave us something to pass down to our children.

Everyone always knew where you stood with her. She liked you or she didn't, it was black or white. As her children, we are still trying to figure out which one it was for us (we know she loved us).

She was a master cook in the kitchen. She believed in cooking for an army, even when she lived alone. She would prepare meals for her family and dear friends, that was her Love-Language!

She will be sorely missed and survived by her children: Rosendo H. Flores, Jr, Angelica Garcia, Rosemary and son-in-law Charlie Rivera, Frances H. Flores and Merry Christina Flores, grandchildren: Susana, Veronica, Rosendo Flores, III, & Angelica Santiago, Yesenia Garcia, Yurisa, Anthony, Allan, Severo Garcia, & JC, beloved Lukie, Steven Rivera & Carsten Flores-Hansen & Charleen Rodriguez and Samantha Flores.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Mike Schnurr; & her ex-husband, our dad, Rosendo Hernandez Flores.

All whom loved her dearly and will never forget her undying love and caring for them.

Funeral Services will commence at 9:00am on Saturday, July 29, 2023 at St. John's Episcopal Church in McAllen where The Reverend Rod Clark, Rector is to officiate. Burial will follow at Roselawn Cemetery in McAllen.

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Cemetery Details

Roselawn Cemetery

1201 S Main
McAllen, TX 78501

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUL **29**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. John's Episcopal Church
2500 N. 10th
McAllen, TX 78501

Tribute Wall



“ Oh goodness. My family and I lived 2 houses down from Cruzita about 10 years ago. We were sharing a random memory with my son and I googled her name and was saddened to see she had passed. My condolences to her family. She was a great lady.

Elaine Acuña - February 20, 2024 at 09:54 PM



“ Cruz Rodriguez

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ I have eaten many delicious tamales made by Miss Cruzita when she and I were together at Trinity Baptist Church, McAllen. May God bless your family as you honor her memory and celebrate her life.

Melodie Fleming - July 30, 2023 at 02:56 PM



“ Mom loved her garden! Sunflowers were one of them



Merry C. Flores - July 13, 2023 at 05:48 PM

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“ En la foto estoy con tía Cruzita en una visita que le hicimos yo, la señora y mis hijas en 11.2013.
Era muy platicadora y platicábamos mucho.
Quería mucho a mi madre y por tanto yo la quería, después de todo yo soy de mi madre.
Queríamos hacerle otra visita pero parece que ya no se va a poder.
Conocí a mi tía por primera vez en San Antonio cuando asistió al funeral de mi hermano mayor Yun y desde entonces me cayó muy bien. Era pura vida. Y era como mi mamá en cuanto a la comida, así es que expresaban su cariño. Le echaré de menos pero sé que está bien donde está, con mi mamá, mis abuelos y el resto de la familia. Abrazo fuerte a todos sus hijos. 🙏🥰❤️👼 QEPD mi querida tía.



Manuel Romero Rdz - July 08, 2023 at 04:18 PM

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“ My mom, Cruzita was so thankful & sincerely touched that members at St. John's Episcopal church rebuilt her fence. See the most recent pics of her 🙏🥰❤️



Frances Flores - July 01, 2023 at 05:53 PM

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“ I'm the youngest of a family of 5. My mom had me spoiled! She would buy me anything I wanted, when I was little. As I became a mom of twins, she was ecstatic. She said it ran in her side of the family. That her dad was a twin but the other did not survive. My mom was happy my twins were born healthy despite being premies. Love you mom! Merry Christina Flores

Merry C. Flores - July 01, 2023 at 11:52 AM

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Very touching story and I can confirm you were so spoiled by mom! Ha! She loved caring for Charleen & Samantha 💕
We will ALL miss her 💋

Frances Flores - July 08, 2023 at 09:18 AM

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“ Grandma Cruz was feisty, sassy and sweet all wrapped in one. From always opening her heart and home and giving everyone what they wanted and more from her "store". Grandma Cruz loved giving food for all, from cooking to sharing her recipes and loved when her family and friends wanted to open up a restaurant just for her to create and feed all that came by. Grandma loved her children, grand children and great grandchildren with all her heart. She always showed her love in giving foods galore and made sure her children had everything they wanted and more. She has been a huge influence in my life, grandma was always getting things done and still had time to cook up a storm in the kitchen! She is a huge guidance in my life and will always continue to guide my family and I. I will always have my grandma by my side whenever I cook in my kitchen for an army, or if I need to turn all "cruzita" at my grocery store! My Sweet and sassy grandma I love you!

Charleen - July 01, 2023 at 09:39 AM

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Oh my goodness!!! She did LOVE sharing her amazing recipes 🤗 I'm so glad you we're ALWAYS there to call her and check in weekly if not daily, even when baby Alistair arrived! You had your hands full raising your children in NYC; but still made it a Priority to call grandma Cruz. She often told me about how loved she felt by you and your family. Those daily phone calls were one of her highlights of the day!!! Thank you for your kindness and love. 🥰

Frances Flores - July 08, 2023 at 09:26 AM

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I had the pleasure of knowing her a very short time, but when I moved here right across the street she was the first to welcome me, and brought me a little gift. She was very giving, she loved to cook and share her meals. A great neighbor she was, and she told me she was happy we had become friends. If she noticed my garage door open and my car was gone, she would call me and tell me you forgot to close your garage door. I miss her.

Elvia Lara - Neighbor - July 24, 2023 at 11:00 AM