



Helen Garcia

September 27, 1938 - January 11, 2021

Helen Garcia, age 82 of Portage, IN passed away on January 11, 2021. She was born on September 27, 1938 in Gary, IN to Louis and Anna (Soloman) Sanchez.

Helen is survived by her son, Juan "JJ" (Tanya) Garcia; step son, Valentine (Teresa) Garcia Jr.; daughter, Helen (Nicholas) Appelman; step daughter, Victoria (Ralph) Arenas; brother, Frank (Josephine) Sanchez and sister, Martha (William) Hernandez; grandchildren, Kathy, Jonathan, Rachel, Francisco, April, Amy and Ryan plus many great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Valentin O. Garcia; son, Louis Garcia; daughters, Rita Harvey and Sophia Walker; grandchildren, Nicholas and Rene; brothers, Ralph Sanchez and Joseph Sanchez; and sisters, Frances Lozano and Amelia Vargas.

Helen was a homemaker and a professional cook for over 40 years. She enjoyed traveling with her husband, Valentin, and spending time with her family, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Helen was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and will be deeply missed.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, services are private. Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family at <http://www.ee-fh.com>.

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Edmonds & Evans Funeral Homes - January 16 at 02:11 PM



“ I passed Helen home today. My heart was heavy in thought; missing her as the memories flow through my mind. Our families go way back, way before I was born. I used to sit and listen to the stories the ladies would Reminisce tears and laughter. They were talk about the younger days. Helen often spoke of my mother and my aunt Caroline coming home from work, and her sister used to tell her to go downstairs to meet them and ask my mother to go upstairs to speak to her. She called my aunt Caroline baby cry. I asked her why she said well she always look like she was crying. They got older Amelia got married and moved to Sterling Illinois she passed at a young age. And they all continue to be friends. They all got married and had three children. Helen’s mom used to take care of me when I was little and she gets so mad at Sophie and I. And she would make us lunch she will give us a Friday and a piece of bread and a small glass of milk. Sophie and I would take that Brad fold it in half and then cut out a circle and dip it into the yolk of the egg we would love to see who had the most yolk. grandma would get mad at us because we didn’t say our prayers first. And she would yell at us and we would just laugh. There were days that Helen or Martha were late picking me up from my kindergarten class. I would sit on the stairs crying because nobody was there to get me. They would arrive at the stairs with the hair and pin curls and a scarf on her head. Now it’s got older my mother passed it will be two years. I’ve been gone from Indiana for so many years and now I’ve gotten back with Helen. After my mother passed Hammond came more of a mother to me calling me every day to see how I was. If she didn’t hear from Miss yell at me telling me she worries. I would make food and take it to Helen is I know she could cook it was hard for her. With the COVID-19 it made it harder for us to see each other. So I would run in and run out is my mask and gloves. She was also grateful every time I took something to eat she would get tired of eating sandwiches. Christmas Thanksgiving it’s very hard for her and that shit was it a tough for me too we couldn’t see each other like we used to. The last time I seen Helen I wanted to give her a big hug and kiss but I was afraid because of the Covid. I looked at her and told her I loved her and walked out the door. I miss you honey I miss laughing and speaking to you and even seeing your smile. Now here with my mom and with Amelia know you’re at a friends and family and you are reminiscing in heaven God bless you and Rest In Peace. I’m sorry I didn’t go to your wake but you know I’ve been ill. I will feel better soon. Love you Aunt Helen Give my mom a big hug and kiss for me

Margaret Lozano - January 24 at 10:21 PM



“ As I read this from my phone! I see many mistakes I used the micro phone. Sorry I’ll never do this again.

Margaret Lozano - January 24 at 10:43 PM



“ Condolences to the family,,,

Tina ayala - January 19 at 03:05 PM



“ I met Helen at JJ's high school graduation party, and we were instant friends. I loved bringing bakery from East Chicago when ever I could. I will miss her!! Rest with Jesus my friend!!!

Reggie Korthals - January 17 at 01:33 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Helen Garcia.



Brad Bateman - January 17 at 11:38 AM



“ I can remember pulling up in the middle of the night with a Van full of long haired rock & rollers and their equipment. Momma Helen didn't flinch, in fact she had a full course meal ready and waiting for us. She fed us till we had to unbutton the top button of our pants. And then she insited we eat more because we were to skinny. We stayed there for several days. Everyday I was there Momma Helen was so sweet to me. It was my 20th birthday during that time and as the boys went to go hang at the bar, I stayed back at the house with the family. We sat and played video games, told stories and planned a fun BBQ to celebrate my birthday. Not once did I feel like the new kid on the block in fact, I never felt such a special family bond that I did with them. It's a memory that always comes to mind when we host anyone that comes into our lives. I didn't know it at the time but she gave me the power to open my heart and my home to anyone, no matter who they are or where they come from. Your light may have dimmed here amongst us, but you will forever enlighten us wherever we travel. Love you Momma Helen. God rest your soul and may you shine forever down upon us.



Brad Bateman - January 17 at 11:30 AM