



Carmen Garcia

July 16, 1921 - June 27, 2020

Carmen Barbosa Garcia of Cleveland, Missouri passed into eternal life on June 27, 2020 a few short weeks before her 99th birthday. Born to William and Petra Barbosa on July 16, 1921, in Independence, Kansas, Carmen found joy in being part of a large family. She graduated from high school in Dewey, Oklahoma. Carmen found purpose in her work, her family, and her devout Catholic faith. She married Manuel R. Garcia in May 1952. Manuel and Carmen were proud Mexican-Americans. Manuel served his country in active duty during the Korean War and Carmen served while remaining close to home as a riveter working on B-25 bomber planes in the Kansas City, Kansas Mitchell defense plant during World War II. She spent a majority of her career as a long-distance operator for Southwestern Bell Telephone company before retiring to remain at home. A sense of home and family will be what many remember most about Carmen. Mother to nine, grandmother to thirty, great-grandmother to many, and great-great-grandmother to a few Carmen was tirelessly devoted to her family. She was a beloved sister and aunt. Her table was always open with gatherings lasting all day as people stopped by to visit, to connect, and to eat. Carmen kept everyone fed with endless pots of beans, sopa, and piles of tortillas. Carmen was reluctant to share her recipes, as much of it was learned and felt rather than written. Carmen loved to be surrounded by people and treasured her family; even as her memory declined, she would still ask about family first. She loved slapstick comedy, Univision, and was always willing to laugh at herself. While her love of

Mexican music, Mexican food, and always being cold were hallmarks of her life, she recently acquired a taste for sweet red wine or a vodka-lemonade at bed-time. Carmen was preceded in death by her parents; brother Louis Barbosa; sisters Mary Rodriguez, Teresa Rocha, and Catherine Whiteman; husband Manuel Garcia; sons Louis, Jerry, and Joseph Garcia; grandson David Patrick; and great-granddaughter Taylor Baker. Carmen is survived by sisters Lorenza Medina, Delores Barbosa, Alice Hilt & Estela Ben-Ali; sons Manuel A Garcia of Cleveland, MO, Charles Garcia (Laura) of Minneapolis, MN, and Victor Garcia (Ashby) of Independence, MO; daughters Maria Patrick (Delbert) of Peculiar, MO, Barbara Vodopost (Chris) of Gladstone, MO, and Mona Moor; and her grand, great-grand and great-great-grandchildren. Carmen's legacy will be her pride in her Mexican-American heritage, her faith, and her family. She will be remembered often and missed deeply. A private family funeral service will be held on Friday, July 3, 2020 at Maple Hill Funeral Home with Burial at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Kansas City, Kansas.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery

Kansas City, KS

Tribute Wall



“ *Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery created a Tribute Video in memory of Carmen Garcia*



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - July 01, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ *Carmen Garcia*

October 08, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ *Carmen Garcia*

September 17, 2022 at 08:24 PM

CG

“ Carmen liked coffee with her cream! She had a sweet tooth! Chocolate syrup on vanilla ice cream was a favorite. She would stand at her front door and give the sign of the cross when we left. Loved that!

One of her sayings my husband would quote, "Boys will be boys". The first time I visited her home, I discovered she would use a safety pin to keep the bathroom handtowel on the towel rack. How clever in a busy home!

I once went on a grocery shopping trip with her. It was hard to keep up with her and I was in awe of her as she sped along tossing item after item in her cart!

In 2004, I took Carmen to buy her some new shoes for my upcoming marriage to her son, Louis. I was fresh from a small town in Oklahoma and was trying to find my way to the Independence, MO Dillards, in the big city. That proved much harder than I first thought. I would get close but was going in circles trying to find the right exit!! It was so bad that at one point, my future mother-in-law could hardly suppress a chuckle and said, "There's Dillards! " as we headed in the opposite direction, yet again!!!!

I loved the times my husband would drive us through Argentine. He and Carmen would reminisce about all their family that lived there many years ago as we would drive around the neighborhood. They would tell me about all the elders and their cousins and all the fun times they had when they would get together. Lots of history and roots that ran deep there.

There are many more memories that I will remember in the years ahead. Mostly, I remember the love she had for her family and they for her. Love to all!

Carol Garcia - July 03, 2020 at 01:30 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Carmen Garcia.*



July 02, 2020 at 11:08 PM



“ *Love, Carol Garcia, in memory of my Louie. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Carmen Garcia.*



Love, Carol Garcia, in memory of my Louie. - July 02, 2020 at 12:45 PM



“ *Metropolitan Community College IT staff purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Carmen Garcia.*



Metropolitan Community College IT staff - July 02, 2020 at 11:20 AM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Carmen Garcia.*



July 02, 2020 at 10:47 AM

DB

“ Victor and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. May you find Peace and Comfort during this time. - Diane Beal

Diane Beal - July 02, 2020 at 10:33 AM

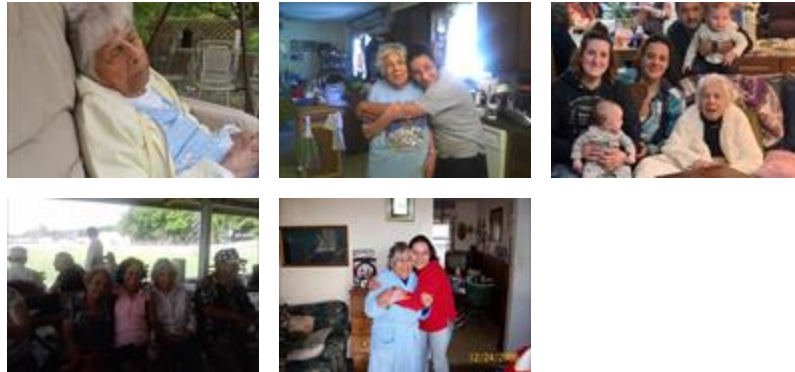
LR

Bye Tia, I still think about how we would visit in the building cafeteria. 30 years ago, but it was yesterday.

Leonard R. Rodriguez - July 06, 2020 at 07:16 AM

CG

“ I love you grandma Carmen.
I will miss your laugh, smile and absolutely amazing hugs. Thank you for all the cooking and life lessons.
You will always be in my thoughts and prayers.
Candice Garcia



Candice Garcia - July 02, 2020 at 08:16 AM

KG

“ I will miss our coffee talks and your sweet smile and cute laugh. You will be missed tremendously. Until we meet again, rest easy our beautiful Angel.

Karen Garcia - July 01, 2020 at 11:01 PM



“ Beautiful Whisper was purchased for the family of Carmen Garcia.



July 01, 2020 at 10:57 PM



“ I only meet her a couple of times but a very nice lady and praying for you Mona and Matt



Tina m DeCavele - July 01, 2020 at 09:38 PM



“ Linda Spain, Susan Thomas and Richard Whiteman. purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Carmen Garcia.



Linda Spain, Susan Thomas and Richard Whiteman. - July 01, 2020 at 05:52 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Carmen Garcia.



July 01, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ Aunt Carmen was so sweet. She always treated me well. Even as a little girl, my aunt always spoke to me in a nice and friendly manner. I always felt grown up around her. She never ignored me if I was around. What a wonderful person my Aunt Carmen was.



Gloria Rodriguez - July 01, 2020 at 03:00 PM



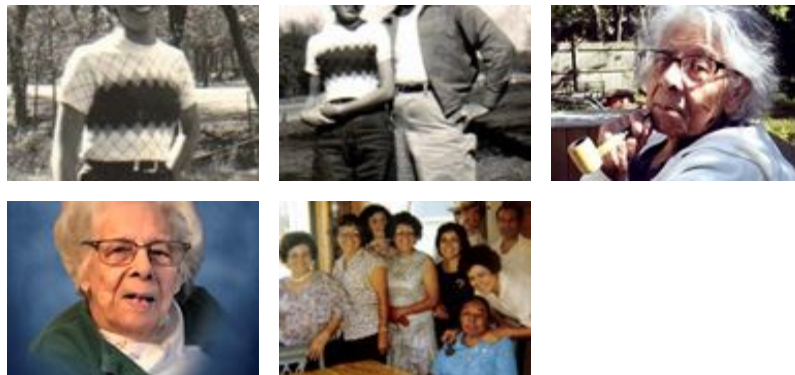
“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmen Garcia.



July 01, 2020 at 01:34 PM



“ 116 files added to the album LifeTributes



Maple Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery - July 01, 2020 at 12:44 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Carmen Garcia.*



July 01, 2020 at 11:49 AM



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



July 01, 2020 at 11:48 AM