



Reyna Amparo Garcia

January 6, 1947 - February 7, 2021

Amparo was born in Guatemala City, Zona 6. She sold newspapers, gum and lottery tickets in the streets as a young child and began working as a maid at the age of ten. She attended night school and completed the sixth grade at the age of 16. In 1969, when she was 22, Amparo emigrated to Newark, seeking a better life and greater opportunity to financially support her family. There she found, lived and worked with a close-knit community of Guatemaltecos. Soon thereafter she met and developed lifetime friendships with neighbors and other folks in her community.

For decades, Amparo worked as an assembly line worker and a machine operator at various manufacturing factories in and around Newark. She was a strong single mother to a son and two daughters and helped to raise two nephews. Their success and achievements were her greatest concern and pride and are her greatest legacy. She supported many others, including helping over a dozen family members emigrate to the United States. In 1996, she became a citizen and was always proud in exercising her right to vote.

Animals, especially dogs and birds, also found love, shelter and care in Amparo's heart. She enjoyed reading autobiographies, dreamed of travelling more, loved to cook her specialties for family and friends, took great pride in caring for and keeping her surroundings clean, and had an infectious laughter that will be impossible to forget. Her life demanded toughness, but she

remained softhearted and expressed great tenderness, especially towards the end.

After nearly forty years of living in Newark, she retired in 2008 and moved to San Antonio to live near her oldest daughter and her family. In 2017, she moved to Lorton, VA to live with her youngest daughter and her family.

For nearly thirty years, Amparo struggled with interstitial lung disease and pulmonary fibrosis before succumbing to COVID-19. She received her last rites on Feb. 6. The next day, her final one on this earth, Amparo was surrounded by her children when she was welcomed and entered peacefully into God's kingdom. Her family is grateful for the care and comfort she received from dedicated and compassionate staff during her two-week hospital stay at Inova Hospital in Fairfax, Virginia.

Amparo was preceded in death by her parents, Maria Luz Rodas and Ricardo Garcia Pelaez, and seven siblings. She is loved and will be missed by her daughters, Marisol Montero-Butler and Sonia Montero Poyo, her son, Jorge Marroquin, sons-in-law Aaron Butler and Noel Poyo, daughter-in-law Rachel Marroquin, nephews, Jorge and Edwin Garcia, and nine (9) grandchildren, Daniel, Joseph and Sarah Marroquin, Nalani and Leila Butler, Marco Antonio Montero, and Isabella, Gabriela, and Alexandra Poyo.

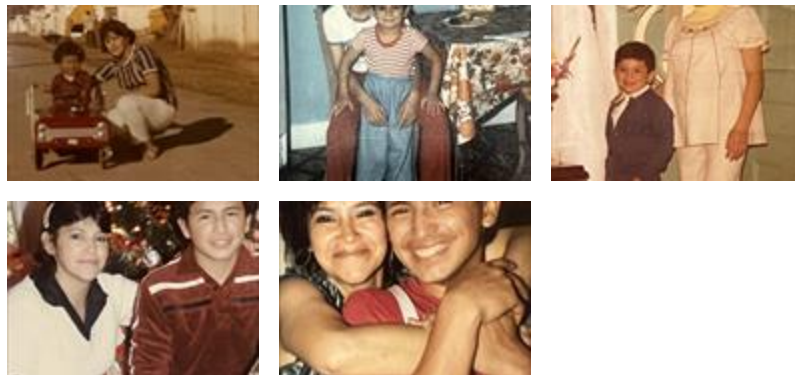
In keeping with her wishes, her children and grandchildren will gather privately to celebrate her life and spread her ashes.

The family requests that, in lieu of flowers, any memorials be made in the form of donations to Food for the Poor or the ASPCA.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Mom migrated to the US to provide a better life for me. She was only 22 my daughter’s age now. For the first five years she worked really hard to provide for me and to bring me to the states. Mom’s life in Guatemala was really hard. Mom’s life in America would be even more difficult. Mom was a fighter, strongest woman I’d ever know. The next ten years she would be in my life and she had many hard days but somehow managed to create a new family, one that would be with her and love her. I’m grateful to them for all the love they gave to her in my absence. I thought she’d live forever. I thought I would have time to make amends but that time disappeared in the blink of an eye. Not a day went by that I didn’t love you mom even if it was from afar. In her last moment she raised her arms to the Lord giving thanks and she was gone. I had a dream of her in a field of flowers, it was a warm sunny afternoon and she had a basket picking the prettiest flowers. She looked at me as if to say she was happy and at peace. I miss you mom and I love you. Here’s a picture of my family the best part of me.



Jorge Marroquin - November 09, 2024 at 01:56 AM



“ Reyna Amparo Garcia

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM

SP

“ *Sonia Montero Poyo lit a candle in memory of Reyna Amparo Garcia*



Sonia Montero Poyo - February 06, 2022 at 10:25 PM

JG

“ *Happy Mother's Day/weekend to my beautiful and caring Tia! Not only did Tia give me shelter, food and schooling when I needed it the most, she loved and care for many. So on Mother's day, Tia, you are especially remembered as my Mom, who had to be a Dad too. Thank you. I miss you so much!*



Jorge Garcia - May 07, 2021 at 10:59 AM

MA

“ *Voting is another beautiful memory we had with Mami. It was also Nalani's first time.*



Marisol - February 26, 2021 at 04:52 PM

MA

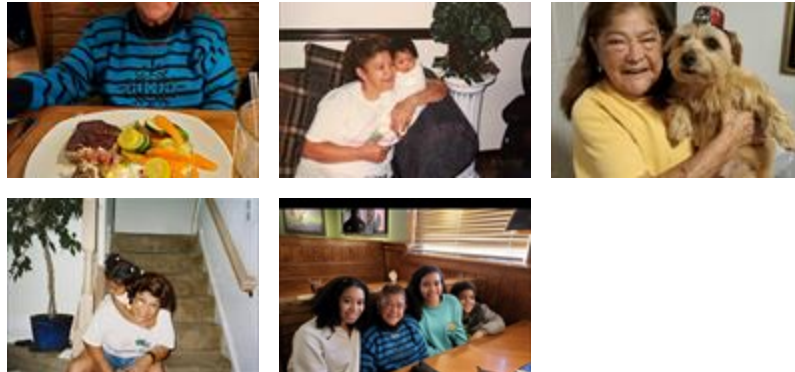
“ Mami lived with us the past four years. My kids loved having her and got pretty attached. Marco, who was almost 5 when Mami moved in with us, developed such a beautiful bond with her. She went to most of their events; at their schools, their games/matches, and social events. She also went on vacations with us, including a cruise that she absolutely loved.



Marisol - February 26, 2021 at 04:34 PM

NB

“My abuelita was a warmhearted soul who loved and cared for others unconditionally. She enjoyed caring for her dogs and other neighborhood animals, and took pride in tending to her flowers which still sit on our kitchen windowsill. When it came to my siblings and I, she demonstrated her love through yummy traditional Guatemalan meals, eventful game nights consisting of Spanish Bingo, and other acts of affection -- including her, unforgettable, tight, warm embrace. She filled our house with laughter, from the funny way she pronounced “Walmark,” (Walmart) to her overall humorous character. I am grateful to have spent the last four years with such an amazing abuelita. While her presence is physically gone, her essence is not. I cherish the memories made with her, her words which have become household sayings -- her famous one being “no tienes ni gracia,” -- and the numerous events and milestones she has been a part of. I am especially fortunate to carry her name with me as ‘her Reyna.’



Nalani Reyna Butler - February 22, 2021 at 05:07 PM

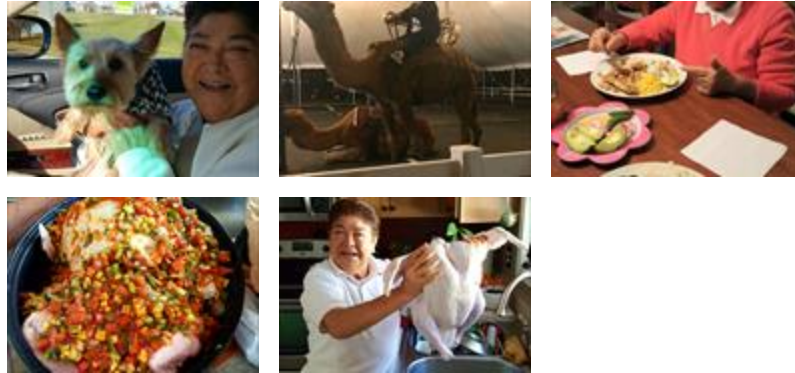
MA

Beautiful mama! Thanks for sharing.

Marisol - February 22, 2021 at 06:00 PM

JO

“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Jorge - February 21, 2021 at 10:06 PM

IH

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Irma Handel - February 21, 2021 at 11:48 AM

IH

“ Irma Handel lit a candle in memory of Reyna Amparo Garcia



Irma Handel - February 21, 2021 at 09:26 AM

IH

I will always remember Amparo my Maid of Honor. I always loved visiting her and her beautiful children at Christmas. I remember how she always had a beautiful gigantic bird cage at home. She loved to laugh and smile. She wanted so much to see her children succeed in life, and gave them every opportunity by working hard. She sacrificed a lot to see they had the best education possible. I know her children are thankful for all she has done for them.

Irma Handel - February 21, 2021 at 09:45 AM

JO

“ *Having a blast parasailing over #GulfShores beaches with Amparo!*



Jorge - February 20, 2021 at 08:17 PM

SO

She was always up for adventures! I'm so glad she had the opportunity to experience so many with you and your family.

Sonia - February 20, 2021 at 08:23 PM

MA

Wow!! Look at her!

Marisol - February 21, 2021 at 03:12 PM

JO

“ Amparo making it look easy at the 2008 "Tying the Knot 5K" in Orange Beach, AL!



Jorge - February 20, 2021 at 08:13 PM

SO

Beautiful! Thank you for posting/sharing.

Sonia - February 20, 2021 at 08:22 PM

MA

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Marisol - February 20, 2021 at 06:05 PM