



Maria Pilar Carmona

December 8, 1929 - January 18, 2022

In the early morning hours on January 18, 2022, Mrs. Maria Pilar Carmona entered into her heavenly peace surrounded by her loved ones. She is preceded in death by husband Benito Carmona Sr., children Christopher Ray Carmona , Alicia Morales and her husband Jorge Morales as well as the following whom she raised, brother-in-law Lusio Carmona Lopez and Ambrosio Carmona Lopez, and sister-in-law Simona Guadalupe Lopez Carmona Martinez. She was also preceded in death by her mother, Silvina Villanueva, and father, Juan Villanueva, sisters: Jelos Villanueva, Senaida Mendoza, Juanita Villanueva and brother, Jose Villanueva.

She was born December 8, 1929 in Matehuala, San Luis Potosi, Mexico. She married Mr. Benito Carmona, Sr. on January 9, 1944. In 1954, she and her husband moved to Terrell, where they raised their children. They were one of 3 Hispanic families in the city at the time.

She was employed by Alexander Hospital and the Terrell Community Hospital. She worked closely with Dr. Alexander and Dr. Conrad whom she thought so much of. Mrs. Maria Pilar Carmona was known as “Mama Carmona” throughout the community. She also helped her son, Rick Carmona, with the establishing and daily operations of Carmona’s restaurant. Mama loved having family gatherings with her children and grandchildren. She was also a devoted member of Saint John’s Catholic Church. She served as a Eucharistic

minister for many years and also helped in the religious education classrooms. Her love reached for beyond her immediate family and her impact was felt throughout the community. She cherished every relationship with every person she came in contact with. She was a precious lady, and her faith in our Lord sustained her throughout her life. A special thanks to her caregivers, Joann Smith, Anna Garnica, and Angie Smith.

We give thanks to God for his generosity to us; each day we had with Mama was a gift from God. She loved others as Jesus commanded us to do! She always told us to have Faith! She always put everyone else's wants before hers. She was a beautiful example for all of her family to follow. We will dearly miss you Mama, but the memories we have with you will sustain us as we go forward. May you Rest in Peace!

Maria Pilar Carmona is survived by her children: Anita Cruz and husband Joe Cruz, Benito Carmona, Jr. and wife Margaret Carmona, Fernando Carmona, Aurora Barrientos and husband Dennis Barrientos, David Carmona and wife Donna Carmona, Eva Hernandez and husband Steven Hernandez, Sylvia Garcia and husband John Garcia, Rick Carmona and wife Lisa Carmona. As well as 18 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, and 8 great-great grandchildren as well as numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, church family and a host of friends, all of whom will be proud to carry on Mama Carmona's legacy of unconditional love and faith.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30am, Friday, January 21, 2022 at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church with interment to follow at Highland Memorial Gardens. Mrs. Carmona will lie in state from 11:00am to 3:00pm for those wishing to pay their respects on Thursday, Jan. 20, at Max Slayton Funeral Chapel. A Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be at 7:00pm, Thursday, Jan. 20, at St. John the Apostle Catholic Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family is strongly suggesting that, in memory of Mrs. Carmona's faithful service to the church, that contributions be made to St.

John's, 702 N. Frances, Terrell, TX 75160.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Gardens

Hwy 34 North
Terrell, TX 75160

Previous Events

In State

JAN 20. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Max Slayton Funeral Chapel
642 N. Rockwall Ave.
Terrell, TX 75160

Recitation of Rosary

JAN 20. 7:00 PM (CT)

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church
702 N. Frances St.
Terrell, TX 75160

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 21. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church
702 N. Frances St.
Terrell, TX 75160

Tribute Wall



“ *Max Slayton Funerals and Cremations created a Tribute Video in memory of Maria Pilar Carmona*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - January 20, 2022 at 11:05 AM

LC

Max & Staff - thank you all for the love & care of our most beloved Mother - Mama Carmona 🌹

LISA CARMONA - January 20, 2022 at 12:16 PM



“ *Maria Pilar Carmona*

October 08, 2023 at 07:43 PM

EV

“ *Mama, Thank you for always being there for us. You always opened up your heart to anyone who came to you and you always took the time to comfort all. The words spoken were soft and always ended with hope. You loved life. You loved the world. In your eyes everyone was a good person. Thank you for teaching our family God and family comes first, Because of you Mama, we have so many good memories and stories to share. All who came to know you were truly blessed. I miss you so much Mama...*

EVA - April 11, 2022 at 02:05 PM

RS

“ To the Carmona Family,
I am so sorry for the loss of “Mama” Carmona. May the Lord comfort
all of you in the upcoming days!

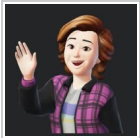
Ronnie Smith - January 22, 2022 at 11:15 AM



“ Angela Hayes lit a candle in memory of Maria
Pilar Carmona



Angela Hayes - January 22, 2022 at 09:25 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss your family is in my
thoughts and prayers Mrs Carmona was a
very good lady She always treated me like
family



Angela Hayes - January 22, 2022 at 09:25 AM

RD

“ She was “mama” to many, not just by name, but by her actions. She
was always the gracious hostess making you feel at home.
Rev. & Mrs. Beverly Davis

Rev. Larry & Mrs. Beverly Davis - January 20, 2022 at 05:15 PM

LH

“ *Mama Carmona was an inspiration to everyone who knew her. She lived her life as described in Proverbs 31. Our prayers are with each of her loving family.*

Joe and Linda Hogan

Linda Hogan - January 20, 2022 at 04:56 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.*



January 20, 2022 at 03:51 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.*



January 20, 2022 at 01:56 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.*



January 20, 2022 at 01:55 PM

FA

“Felipe, Susie, Chase, Destiny Arredondo purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.



Felipe, Susie, Chase, Destiny Arredondo - January 20, 2022 at 01:53 PM

FT

“Frances, Jim & Greg Tankersley purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.



Frances, Jim & Greg Tankersley - January 20, 2022 at 12:49 PM

LW

“Love & Hugs from The Wardlaws purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.



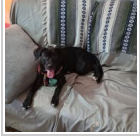
Love & Hugs from The Wardlaws - January 20, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.



January 20, 2022 at 10:46 AM



“ Working in the kitchen at Terrell Hospital,I was going to LVN school,Maria would have my notes from school and as we were setting up food trays,Maria would be asking me about my home work, Barbara and Maria always encouraged me to try harder..I was a nurse more than 40+ years..Maria was my angel...

Eleanor Lewis - January 20, 2022 at 08:35 AM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.



January 19, 2022 at 08:13 PM



“ Eva, so sorry to hear about your sweet Mama. Prayers for the Various family & friends.

RIP Mama Carmona. You were a great example to many of us. I always knew you would have a smile on your face when you saw someone, whether friend or stranger.



Sharon Rush Collins - January 19, 2022 at 08:12 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.



January 19, 2022 at 08:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.*



January 19, 2022 at 04:46 PM



“ *356 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Max Slayton Funerals & Cremations - January 19, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.*



January 19, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.* ”



January 19, 2022 at 02:21 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.* ”



January 19, 2022 at 01:39 PM



“ *Richard & Tricia Selman lit a candle in memory of Maria Pilar Carmona* ”



Richard & Tricia Selman - January 19, 2022 at 01:35 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.* ”



January 19, 2022 at 12:08 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.*



January 19, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.*



January 18, 2022 at 11:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.*



January 18, 2022 at 09:55 PM



“ *Pilar, Say hello to everyone in heaven for us. Flowers for Pilar. <https://youtu.be/5BQ6i5P5X5k>*

Yolanda Goldman - January 18, 2022 at 09:43 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.



January 18, 2022 at 09:35 PM



“ I met Momma Carmona in 1978 when she was the dietary supervisor at Terrell Community Hospital. I was a brand new RN on the 11pm to 7am shift. She was so loving and took me under her wings. On Mexican Food day in the cafeteria, she would always save me a plate. When Poppa Carmona became seriously ill and in the hospital, I would sit with her and make sure that she had all available comfortd. They both were a n pleasure to know. My husband, Vertis, and I have had the pleasure to work at Terrell State Hospital with several of the Carmona family members. Mommq raised a wonderful family and now she sleeps with the 😊

Carolyn Storey - January 18, 2022 at 08:57 PM



Mama Carmona was an awesome Mother and Wife. She will be missed by all that knew her. I will surely miss her. Prayers and thoughts to her wonderful family 🙏🙏🙏

Deborah Barboa - January 18, 2022 at 09:39 PM



She will be missed. Our sympathy and condolences to Mama Carmona's family. Her legacy is in part her great family and a smile that everyone remembers. Those who may have only known her from her restaurant knew that when she came out of the kitchen and smiled and greeted everyone that they were in her dining room and in her home. Everyone was comfortable.

Rick / Sandy Traylor - January 19, 2022 at 07:10 AM

JB

Mrs. Carmona was "Mama" to everyone! There is no way to measure the LOVE that this great lady showed to whoever she met. What an asset to her community! My heartfelt condolences to her wonderful family! Thank you for sharing her with us. Now "Mama", it's okay to rest.

Jerry Burr - January 21, 2022 at 08:31 AM

JF

“ Jeannette Martinez McCasland and Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Maria Pilar Carmona.

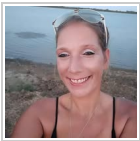


Jeannette Martinez McCasland and Family - January 18, 2022 at 08:50 PM

LT

“ I had the privilege of working with Mama Carmona years ago at Alexander Hospital. She was a hard worker and a joy to be around. My husband lives by them when they lived on 429. Prayers and sympathy to her family. May God help guide you through this difficult time.

Linda Tipps - January 18, 2022 at 06:59 PM



“ I love you mama and you will forever be in my heart, you will be missed dearly, I give so many condolences to the family that loved her so so much and was there for her in so many ways , I love y'all so much... Love Angie Smith, so many prayers for the family



Angela Besherse - January 18, 2022 at 03:41 PM

DA

I will always remember Mrs. Carmona's beautiful smile. Her legacy lives on through her loving family and friends. May she rest in peace in the Lord's loving arms. My deepest condolences to the family. My thoughts and prayers will be with you, Donna Azevedo

Donna Azevedo - January 18, 2022 at 06:13 PM

YG

Pilar, Say hello to everyone in heaven for us. Flowers for Pilar.
<https://youtu.be/5BQ6i5P5X5k>

Yolanda Goldman - January 18, 2022 at 09:27 PM

JH

Mama Carmona was so special a lady! She may not recall your name, but she remembered you by face. She would give you a big smile grab you and give you a big hug. It did not matter where you were, in the restaurant or out and about she always made you feel special. So sorry for the famil and their loss, but Heaven has gained an angel.

Jean Hofer - January 19, 2022 at 08:31 AM