



Virginia Lopez Rios

August 1, 1943 - March 17, 2023

Our mother, Virginia Esperanza Lopez de Rios, was a kind, gentle soul who was quick to give and slow to judge. The legacy she leaves us cannot be measured in dollars or portfolios; it is much greater.

Our mother died on Friday, March 17, 2023, at the age of 79, with a rosary by her side. While we may wonder why such a hard-working woman and devoted mother was taken before she could truly enjoy the fruits of her labor, we are comforted by the many memories and are so proud of her life.

Our mother was born in Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila, Mexico to Carlos and Leandra Lopez on August 1, 1943. Together with her brother, Jesus Lopez, she was raised in a home filled with love and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. The fondest childhood memories she shared with her children always included visits with family and attending church at the Iglesia Guadalupe in Ciudad Acuña.

In her adult life, our mother found herself traveling between San Jose, California, and Ciudad Acuña. She loved California and adored her life in Acuña, but for the benefit of her children, she chose to settle in Del Rio, Texas, where she worked day and night to create an opportunity for her children.

Our mother understood and ensured her children understood that life was hard and rich at the same time. She showed us by example that one should work three jobs if necessary before earning a handout. We recall seeing our mother work at Hugo's Steak House and the Hicks-Ponder company Monday thru Friday, then as a clerk at Amistad Meat Market on weekends. She also substituted often as a care provider to the elderly during some evenings. When that third job couldn't be found, my mother turned a hobby into an opportunity. She discovered that people would gladly pay good money for her tamales. For most of her adult life, our mother provided tamales for so many families and loved being known and appreciated for her cultural culinary expertise. She was truly a tremendous daughter, mother, and friend.

We often read stories of commitment to education. Our mother was that unsung protagonist. She instilled a commitment to education and a love of country like no other. We recall having our mom buy us a World Book Encyclopedia set long before we had beds or a television. She visited our teachers on the first day of school each year and admonished them to be strict with us, spank us if necessary, and only worry about letting her know when it happened. The reasons were irrelevant; and she only needed to know that it occurred so that she could provide the same experience at home.

Even with all her jobs my mother demonstrated to us that one could never be too tired to pray each night, keep a clean household, cook for her children, attend church on Sunday, visit our grandparents in Acuña as often as possible, and share a meal with anyone in mourning. My mother often told us, "You only have so much energy and passion. Do not waste your passions becoming bitter for what you do not have. Instead, use that passion to make something of yourselves."

Her four kids, Virginia, Ricardo, Carlos, and Jesus, along with Maricela (Rick's wife), who she loved as a true daughter, will miss her tremendously. We are

thankful and comforted by your thoughts and prayers.

Only in her death can we understand the true meaning of something greater than anything money can buy – a mother's love.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Cemetery

5144 E. Hwy 90
Del Rio, TX 78840

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 22. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Trinity Mortuary
206 Kings Way
Del Rio, TX 78840
(830) 775-2230
info@trinitymortuary.com
<https://www.trinitymortuary.com>

Holy Rosary

MAR 22. 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM (CT)

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Holy Rosary

MAR 23. 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM (CT)

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Catholic Mass

MAR 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph's Catholic Church
510 Wernett St.
Del Rio, TX 78840

Tribute Wall

VF

“ Our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your mother. May you find peace and comfort knowing that your mother touched so many lives. A mother's love is the greatest gift we can receive. Our prayers are with you and your family during this time of grief. May God bless your mother's soul and may she rest in peace 🙏



Vallejo and Ortiz Family - March 27, 2023 at 07:38 PM

TC

“ To the Rios Family, we are so sorry for the loss of your beautiful mother! May she receive all of God's promises for his faithful children! Our thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time!



Tom and Vicky Contreras - March 23, 2023 at 05:00 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.



March 22, 2023 at 02:39 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.*



March 22, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.*



March 22, 2023 at 01:30 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.*



March 22, 2023 at 01:06 PM



“ *Thoughts and prayers for Family Lopez Rios*



Iracema G Ruiz - March 22, 2023 at 11:58 AM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.*



March 22, 2023 at 11:28 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.*



March 22, 2023 at 11:17 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.*



March 22, 2023 at 10:10 AM



“ *Doña Vicky, mi tan querida Amiga, compañera de trabajo y gran consejera, que dolor saber que se nos adelanto pero jamas olvidare su amistad y consejos, bendito sea dios por haberla conocido. Vicky y familia para ustedes mi mas sentido pesame.*



Magda Rangel - March 21, 2023 at 05:25 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray* was purchased for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.



March 21, 2023 at 04:39 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.



March 21, 2023 at 03:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.



March 21, 2023 at 11:34 AM



“ *Mrs. Fields Thinking of You Combo Tin* was purchased for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.



March 21, 2023 at 11:31 AM

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“ - ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.



- ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT - March 21, 2023 at 11:23 AM

SD

“ Scott & Teresa Dunn lit a candle in memory of Virginia Lopez Rios



Scott & Teresa Dunn - March 21, 2023 at 10:11 AM

LD

“ Love Scott, Teresa, Nathan & Justin Dunn purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.



Love Scott, Teresa, Nathan & Justin Dunn - March 21, 2023 at 10:06 AM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.



March 21, 2023 at 09:08 AM

SH

“ *Sonia Ramon Handt lit a candle in memory of Virginia Lopez Rios*



Sonia Ramon Handt - March 20, 2023 at 10:54 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.*



March 20, 2023 at 08:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.*



March 20, 2023 at 08:02 PM

JC

“ *We had the privilege of knowing Virginia for over 30 years. She was indeed a non-stop hard working lady. Highly dedicated to her children and anyone that knew her. May you rest in eternal peace for you have a special place in heaven.*

Jesus Castillo - March 20, 2023 at 07:48 PM

RG

“ Carlos - With love and friendship, we share in your time of sadness. Losing a mother is a pain that cannot be described in words. It is virtually impossible to move on from the memory of losing the woman who sacrificed happiness in her own life so that you could have a better one. A mother's love is truly irreplaceable. Arnoldo & Ruby Gutierrez

Ruby N. Gutierrez - March 20, 2023 at 07:42 PM

RG

“ Ruby N. Gutierrez lit a candle in memory of Virginia Lopez Rios



Ruby N. Gutierrez - March 20, 2023 at 07:40 PM

CJ

“ Cindy Jones lit a candle in memory of Virginia Lopez Rios



Cindy Jones - March 20, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.



March 20, 2023 at 03:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.*



March 19, 2023 at 09:36 PM



“ *Rose Remembrance was purchased for the family of Virginia Lopez Rios.*



March 18, 2023 at 05:21 PM