



# Maria Louisa Enriquez

November 22, 1953 - July 19, 2016

Maria Louisa Enriquez, 62, Passed away on July 19, 2016 peacefully at her home from a long battle of cancer. Maria "Moms" was born on November 22, 1953 in Luxora, Arkansas to Santos Morales and Andres Cruz. Moms grew up in Rio Hondo, Texas. Here is were Januario Sr. "Jan" and Maria met and fell deeply in love. She attended Gay junior high, she later moved to Yakima, WA. where she lived most of her life, later relocating to Salt Lake City, UT. Moms was full of life, she loved to dance and cook. Her favorite holiday was Christmas. She always shined through any obstacle our lord placed in front of her.

Survived by Husband, Januario "Jan" Enriquez Sr. Children: Richard: Spouse Patricia, Daughter: Rosemary: Spouse Rene, Robert: Spouse Tea and Januario "June" Enriquez Jr.:Spouse Tasha. Grand Children: Richard "Rico", Brady, Rudy, Jeanie, Ray Ray, Matthew, Rene, Jezelle, Janaiya, Robbie and Annabella. Great Grand Children: Jayden, Yazmin, and Alanna. Siblings: Sister: Elida, Brothers: Tony, Manuel, and Ray.

Private services will be held at the Enriquez residence.

Our deepest gratitude to the University of Utah Huntsman Cancer Institute for all their love and dedicated work on improving the life of our Beloved Mother Maria and those lives in need. God bless you.

Although you're gone, we are not alone, and never shall be.  
For the precious memories of the bond we shared,  
Will never depart me.

Our love surpassed the ups and downs and helped us along the way.  
And that same love will give us strength,  
To manage this loss each day.

On our minds and in our hearts,  
Moms, you shall forever be.

For just as much as I am a part of you,

You are a part of me.

-Unknown

# Comments

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“ Mom,

I can't believe how much time has gone by since you left us that Tuesday morning. I think about you everyday and wish I could laugh with you again, cook with you again, and just smile with you.

I know you are looking at us and smiling. I have tried to be a good dad and husband. Remember when you told me that day you were eating and we were watching CHIPS on your bed two days before you passed. You said “mijo no matter what or who tells you different, remember to be a good husband to Tasha and a better dad to the girls. No one matters in this world except the ones you love in your home. If people try to ruin that, you don't need them” I love you mom and I know that you are proud of me, I felt it the night before you passed when you squeezed and tapped my hand before I went home..... I miss you.

-Junior

June Enriquez - July 19, 2018 at 11:07 AM

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“ Moms,

Naiya cried for you today.... She said she just wants "Grandma to hug me!".... This broke my heart.

I held her tight, I agreed with her inside, I too want you to embrace me.

Love you Moms.

Please be with us everyday. Till we meet again.



Mrs. Tasha Enriquez - August 24, 2016 at 10:28 PM

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“ Mis sentido pésame a la familia..fuerza junior..cesar..

**Cesar** - August 08, 2016 at 11:48 AM

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“ Thank you every one for their sympathy in my family's time of need.

I want to say a few things about my mother who I loved deeply. Although my siblings share different memories that I know they will hold near and dear to them, these are mine and how I seen moms.

My mother was a strong woman, I dare someone to challenge that, she was strong in many ways. She could take a situation and walk away knowing she accomplished that hurdle. My mother became a mom at young age and raised 5 kids four kids and her little brother who called her mom. She came from a small town in Texas were you only make it out if you dared to leave..... She did that.

She moved to Washington state and had her children their.... Well three of us. She worked hard, I mean hard. Working the orchards is no joke and if you have never worked the orchards then I say you have never worked a hard day in your life. I would see this 5'1 little tejana climb 10ft ladders with 80lbs of apples on her shoulders.... Can no one tell us she carried her burdens and carried them well.

She raised her kids the best way she could, with my dad and without him. I know things between two people do not work out and as a man today I understand those things..... Thankfully they found each other again. I always apologized to moms for all the crap I put her through, she never judged unless she knew who you were and when she did you knew if you were in her graces or not.

Moms was truthful sometimes too truthful, she loved her kids, her husband and her grand children, she love to dance and cook at the same time, she loved her china cabinet and her favorite holiday was Christmas. My earliest memory of my momma was when she dropped me off at kindergarten and stayed with me for ten minutes or so, she told me everything was going to be okay you are a smart kid, she kissed my forehead and walked out as I started to focus in class and look around I seen the most beautiful face peeking around the door frame smiling at me, moms blew me kiss and waved. I smiled back and waved as I wiped the tear off my face..... I know I missed her then and I know I will miss her know.

She knew as she left this world I would be okay like that day in kindergarten. As a father I have lived through that kindergarten day and it is tougher for a parent to leave their child on their first day of school, I know it was hard for her to leave me, I know it was harder for her leave me this time more than I can imagine.

I want to give my gratitude to my sister and my father who stood by my mom the times I could not. I know you carried moms cross with her, I will always remember that..... I love you momma..... Say hi to Rae for me.

June Enriquez - July 24, 2016 at 02:19 PM



“ Beautifully said.....



“ Beautiful

June Enriquez - July 23, 2016 at 10:14 AM

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Richard Enriquez - July 22, 2016 at 06:34 PM

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“ Mom loved to dance... Live Love Laugh...Always



Patricia Enriquez - July 22, 2016 at 06:30 PM



“ Patty

Thank you for these adds they capture moms personality!

Xo

Tasha Enriquez - July 23, 2016 at 07:40 AM

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“ Hello momma, I just can't believe your gone it's hard for me to take in ..you where my only friend my best friend I ever had we used tell each other everything now who I'm I going to tell my secrets too..who I going to cry too for help when a daughter needs her momma..I can't say enough how proud I am of you and to b honored to b your daughter I couldn't ask for a more wonderful,tough and women u where thank you for sharing your life and many memories with me ...love you forever and in my heart...p.s....annabella will hear crazy stories bout her grandma ...love u momma....

Rosa Enriquez ????????????????? - July 22, 2016 at 03:15 PM



“ Rosa

I know we all hurt for the loss of our moms... But I could only imagine your pain as you have lived with Moms your entire life.

You should know without any question that June Jezzy Naiya and I are here for you. We visit you all every Sunday and that tradition will never end. That is OUR time with you.

Love you more than words can say..... Your Sister & Friend Tasha

**Tasha Enriquez** - July 22, 2016 at 05:58 PM

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“ Maria, you may be gone but not forgotten. You were such a strong, beautiful and fun lady be around. May you Rest In Paradise and spread your beautiful wings and fly.

Enriquez Family, we are so sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The Slagowski's



Rita N Danny Slagowski - July 22, 2016 at 12:22 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words Rita.

**Tasha Enriquez** - July 22, 2016 at 05:50 PM

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“ Mom I still dont want to believe that your gone, I know your in a better place with your mom, grandma and granpa, I remember the good things we had when we would get off of work and go play pool and have a beer, when we would get all dressed up and u would take me to a Spanish dance... I remember when we would go to wendover and you would take me on the dance floor and dance to James Brown you sure loved to dance.. Even when we would go take a road trip to Washington you would have me stop at the store to buy a Disco CD and we would sing really loud together.. Our BBQ we had our talkes we used to have you Always told me to be a strong women and take care of my kids .. When I got with your oldest son we where friends before lovers he took my kids and help me raised them. I love his boys too they are my step kids. I love you Maria and I'm truly going to miss you .. I hope your dancing and spreading your wings I will always be your daughter ...

**Patricia Enriquez** - July 22, 2016 at 11:14 AM



“ Patty,

This is a wonderful post. Made me smile that you shared the good times with Moms.

**Tasha Enriquez** - July 22, 2016 at 05:41 PM

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“ I'm your grand daughter (Jezelle) friend and I just want to say I'm very sorry for your loss I've met Maria a couple of times and she was very sweet and pretty. She will forever be loved!  
-Mallalai

**mallalai** - July 21, 2016 at 11:23 PM



“ Thank you for your kind words and support "my other child" Mallalai .  
-Tasha E

**Tasha Enriquez** - July 22, 2016 at 12:30 AM

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“ Your Smile is deeply missed, I always looked forward to seeing you. You raised awesome kids, thank you so much. June is a wonderful son-in-law. People used to tell us , mother in laws are not supposed to get along ,we proved them wrong! You are deeply missed , dance with the Angels.....bernice

**Bernice Quintana** - July 21, 2016 at 11:15 PM

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“ A memory I would like to share of my grandma is when I would sleep over the day before Christmas Eve and in the morning I would get up early with my aunt Rosa and my grandma Maria, we would go in the kitchen and make tamales because it was just a tradition that the family would go over to grandmas (Mom's) house on Christmas Eve and we would eat tamales then open presents together. Anyways, I remember watching Mom's make the masa and she would put everything together so fast for the masa in a huge blue bowl and I don't remember what she put in there but I know that you need extremely hot water in the masa, and right after she put the boiling water in, she would go and mix everything WITH HER BARE HANDS!! I don't know how that lady did it! The water was so hot you could see a little bit of steam from the water but nope that didn't stop her she would still go in and mix everything with her hands lol! Meanwhile making the tamales we would have the radio on and there would be Mexican music playing and she would start to dance in her pajamas and her black slippers that where stepped on in the back she would have meat on her hands from making the tamales and she wouldn't hold her stomach and her hand in the air as if she was dancing with a partner and she would also close her eyes and tilt her head back as if she was going back in time and remembering the nights that she would go dancing when she was younger. Gosh she was so beautiful, still is! She had this smile that when she would smile so did everything else! well that's one of the many memories I have of her.  
I love you Enriquez family!  
your granddaughter, Jezz

Jezelle - July 21, 2016 at 10:53 PM

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Tasha Enriquez - July 21, 2016 at 10:33 PM

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Moms,

I am fortunate to say we have had a close bond for the last 10 years since meeting you. I am honored that you were and will always be My Mother in law , although you treated me much closer. I will miss spending every holiday with you... I will miss our Every Sunday Morning visits with Mexican bread and coffee. You are truly going to be missed and thought about by My Family everyday. Thank you for all the talks, all the hugs, all the recipes and all the advise you have given me through out the years. I will pass them along to our girls... Your NaNa and Jezzy. When I met your baby boy Junior he told me "My Mom is my everything"... I now understand why. In our Home, everything we say, cook , even the music we play is All You, and we start to cry. Please give us the strength to smile at these times. I am proud that you was at Every Event we celebrated, down to even the weekend Bbq's we had. We will miss your Smile, Laughter and even our conversations. My Friends and My Family were also close to you, Pops and Rosa... Because I felt that you were too Special to keep all to myself.

I am so saddened to let you go, but I know you are reunited with Your Mom, Grandma and Grandpa that , that gives me comfort.

June, Jezzy, Naiya and my self were there for you at every move, to help ease the stress. We were there every single day as your time approached to go home... And we value these days as we was able to hear your final wishes, we seen your smiles. Most of all we told you everything we needed to tell you , and I will keep my word to you.

Thank you again for being My Families "Everything".

Mrs. Tasha Enriquez

(I can still hear your voice saying my name)

Tasha Enriquez - July 21, 2016 at 10:20 PM

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“ Moms,

I never thought I would have to read and post this obituary this soon. I will miss the many jokes we shared, the same characteristics we had, our movie dates (remember when you opened the can of soda right when the preview ended!), what I will miss most of all is the smile from your lips to your eyes every time I would tell you my dreams goals. You knew I had what it took to be successful, I can say that your parenting and guidance has shaped your baby boy to the man I am..... These last days since you been gone have been the hardest days I have ever endured, but I can let you go with the closure I was able to achieve this last year as you battled for your life. I will always keep you in my heart and I will never forget the values you instilled in me. Thank you for being my best friend, my teacher, my dance partner, my head chef lol and most of all my mom..... I love you moms

You son,

- Januario "June" Enriquez Jr.

June Enriquez - July 21, 2016 at 10:17 PM

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“ My mother use to wake me up very late and say "mijo lets go get a burger" while the rest of my siblings were sleeping. She was crazy like that I mean who eats burgers with their 10 year old at 2:30 in the morning! Lol she was funny like that.



June Enriquez - July 21, 2016 at 10:15 PM

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“ Rosa Enriquez ?????????????????? lit a candle in memory of Maria Louisa Enriquez



Rosa Enriquez ?????????????????? - July 21, 2016 at 10:01 PM

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“ Dear Rosa & family,  
Your Mother was a genuine character.  
Her great love & care of her family was obvious!  
May your memories be sweet and vivid.  
May God comfort each one of you through the tough days ahead.  
You are in my thoughts and prayers.  
Romaine Tuft

**Romaine Tuft** - July 21, 2016 at 08:41 PM



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**Bernice Quintana** - July 21, 2016 at 09:18 PM



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You son,  
- Januario "June" Enriquez Jr.

**June Enriquez** - July 21, 2016 at 10:09 PM



“ i can't believe ur gone i never met u in person but i did met u on facetime. but when u were working and i was working with ur daughter and i always tell her to tell mom and dad hi for me and when u came and pick up rosie from work and u always ask how i was doing and i guest that day i became ur adoted daughter lol there isnt a day i never stop thinking of u.i promise u mom that i will help ur daughter my bff/homie threw all this love ur adoted daughter hazel R.I.P.

**HAZEL WORTHEN** - July 22, 2016 at 10:51 AM