



Helen Amaya White

March 14, 1933 - March 19, 2020

Helen Amaya White was born March 14, 1933 at home to Charlie Amaya and Frances Amaya in San Antonio Texas. She passed away in her home March 19, 2020 in San Antonio Texas. She loved her childhood was always saying her parents were wonderful. She has two siblings Charlie Amaya Jr and Olga Gutierrez.

As a young woman She went to Tech Vocational School in downtown San Antonio and graduated from Tech Vocational School of Nursing. She put herself through School by working at the little Red Barn Steak House. While working at the Little Red Barn Steak House she met one of her old teachers Mrs. Baker who helped her get a nurse aide position at the Medical Arts Building and encouraged her to attend nursing school. Helen graduated and worked briefly at the Nix before working at the Baptist Memorial Hospital for 23 years before she retired. Upon retirement she did volunteer Hospice Work for the Sisters of Charity at the Incarnate Word. As a child in school she was asked what she wanted to be, and she answered a nurse. For some reason the teacher told her she could never be a nurse because she could not speak English. This may have lit a fire for her determination to be a nurse later in life. She saw her dream come true despite the difficulties she had to overcome. She used her skills to comfort many patients and was loved by them.

During her nursing career she loved to dress in her western skirts, hats and boots. Her favorite place to dance was the Farmers daughter. She eventually did Flamenco dancing under Teresa Champion and was great at it. As a teenager she won a dance contest so dancing was one of her passions and gifts.

While a nurse she also invested in real estate, worked hard and was a successful business woman as well as a nurse. She was a strong woman of faith and very resourceful with each of life's challenges. She travelled to Turkey with 6 children and became fluent in Turkish as well as speaking Spanish and English.

In her 80's She was a founding member of Bet Tehillah Assembly; attending for seven years. She made many contributions and assisted with Rummage sales and plate sales. She would bake cakes, do readings, sing songs in Hebrew, English and Spanish as well as to pray for others. She found her Jewish heritage and was very proud to reconnect. She was a loving and kind mother raising 6 children on her own. She had 27

grandchildren, 58 great grandchildren and 13 great great grandchildren . she is survived by her Daughter Linda M. Nguyen and husband Nhan. Her Son, Calvin E. White Jr and wife Ann. Her Son Ronald D. White and wife Betty. Her Daughter Cynthia A. Presley and husband Allen. Her Daughter Diane L Fernandez and husband Leonaidez. Her Daughter Sylvia G Ramirez and husband Manuel.

Events

MAR **Graveside Service** 03:00PM

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San Jose Burial Park

8235 Mission RD, San Antonio, TX, US, 78214

Comments



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I crossed her path she worked with my sister Leo@ Baptist
A wonderful high spirited woman!!! May you rest in Peace



cha cha - March 20 at 11:36 AM



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“ I will always cherish every memory i have of you memaw . till we meet again in heaven love
you my beautiful

Robert - March 19 at 10:25 PM