



Vivian Catalina Benavidez USAF MSGT

April 15, 1946 - July 17, 2019

Vivian Catalina Benavidez, USAF MSGT-retired, went to be with Lord on Wednesday July 17, 2019 at the age of 73. She was born in Albuquerque, NM on April 15, 1946 to Jose Benavides and Mary Jane Tellez.

She was preceded in passing by her parents and brothers, Ernesto Benavidez and Jose Benavidez Jr.

Vivian, lovingly known by family and friends as BB, is survived by; her children, Theresa Spikes (Don), Joseph Allyn Woods (Diana), Maria Gerfers (Scott), Kathleen Woods (Eric); sisters, Mary Gomez, Virginia Garay, Gloria Noriega, Genevieve Valdivia; 8 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren and many extended loving family and friends.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South at 11:00 am.

A private family viewing will be held before the service from 9:30 am -10:30 am, followed by Military Honors beginning promptly at 11:00 am.

Vivian loved life and people, and she loves our Lord and Savior.

In her words, "When I go, do not cry for me. I don't want people crying. I want you to have a party. To dance and sing and laugh and have a good time. One last time. For me."

As per Vivian's wishes, there will be a celebration of life party held at 10607 Cedar Elm after the memorial services have concluded.

We hope that you will join us in honoring her last wishes and celebrate the time we were blessed to share with her.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that you carry on Vivian's life mission: Love your family & friends to the best of your abilities, resolve old conflicts & extend an olive branch, be charitable & help your fellow man, and take the time to discover your interests then pursue them & share them passionately.

Previous Events

Private Family Viewing

JUL 25. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ When BB’s first two babies were born, I would go to her house and pack up the kids and bring them to my house. I kept them all day and just before it would get dark, I’d take them back home. I just thought she might need a rest from the babies and I’d show them to the neighbors and my great grand mother I lived with would give them bean juice in their bottles. She said it would keep them healthy. Later after I got married, I stayed with her in Riverside California. Both our husbands were in the Air Force and got orders overseas. We had a lot of road trips with the kids. We’d put blankets on the back of her Mazda station wagon and put the kids back there and off we go!! We came back to San Antonio Texas and stayed together off and on thru the years. She joined the Air Force Reserves and went to school to learn maintenance Of aircraft. She loved those air planes! We have stayed close no matter how far we were from each other, we always managed to stay close. I miss her so much but I know she’s in heaven, with our family that have gone before her. She’s probably flying one of her planes she took care of here on earth. So I you happen to see an military aircraft in the sky, it’s probably her saying hello!!! So keep watch in the sky for her!!!

gloria A. noriega - September 08, 2019 at 02:01 PM

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“ Dad purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Vivian Catalina Benavidez USAF MSGT.



Dad - July 24, 2019 at 12:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of
Vivian Catalina Benavidez USAF MSGT.



July 22, 2019 at 11:23 AM