



## Carmen S. Olvera

April 3, 1928 - May 5, 2020

OLVERA, Carmen of Saginaw Township

Our beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend passed away peacefully on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at St. Francis Home in the presence of her loving family. She was 92 years old. Carmen Sepulveda was born on April 3, 1928 in Jester, Texas to the late Alfredo and Josefa (Rodriguez) Sepulveda. Carmen moved to Saginaw at the age of 15 to join her sisters, Maria (Lilly) and Ambrosia (Amby). She met Concepcion S. "Sam" Olvera at a community dance, they fell in love, and were married on June 21, 1951 at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Saginaw. He preceded her in death on June 2, 2014. Carmen's heart was always focused on God and family. As she raised her family she also worked for Saginaw Osteopathic Hospital as a ward clerk and pharmacy technician. She had a very active role in supporting her husband with his businesses, Michigan Concrete Structures and Surfaces and then Pre-cast Polished Concrete for over 30 years. Carmen was a faithful member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and for several years actively participated in the Diocese of Saginaw Lay Ministry Program and served as a Eucharistic Minister for over 20 years. Carmen dedicated time to LULAC, Council #11055 of Saginaw and participated in the American GI Forum Women's Auxiliary activities. Carmen and Sam often traveled to Mexico and Austin, Texas to enjoy sightseeing and visiting with their many relatives. Carmen deepened her spiritual life by attending Cursillos and enriched her religious beliefs by participating in pilgrimages. She especially enjoyed visiting the Basilica de la Virgen de Guadalupe in Mexico City and Medjugorje in Herzegovina. In her spare time, she also enjoyed gardening and had a special fondness for orchids and African violets.

Carmen is survived by her children: Isabel R. Olvera, Christina (Ramon) Gutierrez, Anna (Warren) Booms, Patricia Dzurka, Aida E. (David Dyckes) Olvera-Dyckes and Steven (Lori) Olvera; grandchildren: Marisa D. (David) Sinclair, Sabrina Gutierrez, Natalia (Brian) Gutierrez-Dowd, Dr. Diana Derige (Luis Pagan), Raquel (Omar) Barrientos, Cassandra Booms (Michael Wagner), Heather (Marc) Sedrowski, Jennifer (David) Hutchison, Andrew (Hayley) Cawthon and Julia Olvera; ten great grandchildren; twin sisters: Mary Lee Orozco and Mary Ocampo; brothers: Nate Sepulveda and Paul Sepulveda; step-sister, brothers-in-law: Lazaro (Margaret) and Jose (Donna) Olvera; sister-in-law, Maria Murillo;

she is also survived by several nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

Carmen was preceded in death by her husband, Concepcion S. (Sam) Olvera; sons: Jesus and Luis Olvera; son-in-law, Jeff Dzurka; step-sisters, Maria (Lilly) Gonzales and Ambrosia (Amby) Padilla; brothers-in-law: Max, Paul, Herman, Snow, Edward and Antonio Olvera; sister-in-law, Theresa Castillo.

**SERVICE:** To honor Carmen's legacy her family will gather privately on Monday, May 11, 2020 followed by Rite of Committal at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. The graveside service may be watched via livestream starting at approximately 2:30 p.m. at

<http://client.tribucast.com/tcid/4265295>. A memorial service to celebrate her life will be scheduled for a later date.

**VISITATION:** Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and following the Governor's guidelines for Michigan, please consider the following: Please wear a mask while in the presence of others, social distancing will be observed by staying a minimum of 6 feet apart from others, and only 10 people will be allowed in the Deisler Funeral Home at any time.

Private family visitation will be as follows: Carmen's children and their spouses 10:00 a.m. until 10:45 a.m., Carmen's grandchildren and great-grandchildren from 10:45 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., Carmen's sibling and in-laws from 12:00 p.m. until 1:00 p.m., Carmen's nieces and nephews from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. Carmen's children will have a prayer at 2:00 p.m. and then will process to Mt. Olivet Cemetery where the service can be watched via livestream at <http://client.tribucast.com/tcid/4265295>. The visitation schedule is suggested. However, it is fine if your personal circumstances require you to attend at a different time between the hours of 10 am and 2 pm on Monday.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during the unprecedented conditions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. We certainly understand if you are not able to attend in person. Your safety is our main concern.

**MEMORIALS:** In lieu of flowers, those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to CAN Council, Underground Railroad and St. Francis Home of Saginaw. Please share your thoughts and memories with the family through [www.DeislerFuneralHome.com](http://www.DeislerFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery

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## **Mt. Olivet Cemetery**

3440 South Washington

Saginaw, MI, 48601

# Comments

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“ A tribute video has been added.



Deisler Funeral Home - May 08 at 09:48 PM



“ Condolences to the family. My prayers are with you at this time. God bless.

**Kimberly Jimenez** - May 09 at 03:13 AM



“ My condolences to the family. our prayers are with you all. Love Pablo,Elsa, Diego, D'Angelo, and D'Martino Olvera

**Pablo ,Elsa Olvera** - May 09 at 08:13 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences on the loss of your mother. Thank you for sharing the beautiful tribute of her life; it struck a chord with me. She was a gift and a blessing to those in her life.

**Denise Ocampo** - May 10 at 03:22 PM



“ Hugs and Prayers from the Perez's in Texas. Aunt Carmen to me was the most sweetest person and always so kind when we would come to visit in Saginaw from Lapeer. I know my mom thought highly of her.

**Belinda (Perez) Fox** - May 10 at 03:31 PM



“ What a lovely tribute to your wonderful mother. I'm so sorry for your loss. Ronna Lamblin

**Ronna Lamblin** - May 10 at 06:45 PM



“ The video was a great remembrance of your mom and our life, love and legacy of our families. Still can remember our biweekly stay overs like yesterday. Great memories!  
OXOXOx Sylvia Ocampo-Wiechmann

**Sylvia Ocampo-Wiechmann** - May 17 at 10:39 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Deisler Funeral Home - June 15 at 11:10 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to the Olvera family.

Linda - May 16 at 01:56 PM

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“ 7 files added to the album LifeTributes



Deisler Funeral Home - May 13 at 02:32 PM

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“ Thank you for sharing such wonderful attributes of such a rich life. I will be watching the service remotely and send a gift of money to The Francis Home. In loving memory. Carol J. Schaefer, friend of Isabel.



Carol J. Schaefer - May 09 at 01:44 PM

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“ All my love and sincere condolences to the family. My Aunt Carmen was a sweet, kind, thoughtful, humble woman of God. She was always willing to share and talk to me in my stormy younger years. Cousin's of mine and I always introduced ourselves as her favorite niece and privately she would tell each of us we were her favorite, one time she said this in a group and two of us were there and she said “well now I'm busted. I better not say that again!”. I believe one of the most important things she taught me was not to fear death and to help people who are during and to be there with them so no one dies alone she told me this was one of her self missions . I will always love your kind spirit Aunt Carmen

Gloria Hanley - May 08 at 10:35 PM

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“ 77 files added to the album LifeTributes



Deisler Funeral Home - May 08 at 09:24 PM

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“ Diana (Derige) Psetas and her husband George, send our deepest sympathies to the Olivera family. The wonderful Matriarch Carmen was a beautiful and blessed lady.



Diana Psetas - May 08 at 08:56 PM