



Maria J. Alma Delgado

August 8, 1921 - March 31, 2020

Delgado, Maria J. Alma

Grand Rapids, MI formerly of Saginaw

Our loving mother, grandmother, and dear friend passed away peacefully on March 31, 2020 at Aquinata Hall Assisted Living, Grand Rapids. She was 98 years old. Maria de Jesús Alma Rodriguez was born on August 8, 1921 to late Jose Maria Rodriguez Hernández and Maria de Jesús Alma Agüero de Rodriguez in Parras, Coahuila, Mexico. She married Marcos G. Delgado on March 3, 1949 and they shared 45 years together until his passing on January 16, 1994. Alma, also known as Maria, had been a member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church.

Alma and Marcos were active in raising their six children, participating in activities at Sacred Heart Parish where they were members, active members of the Cursillo movement and enjoying their extended family and many friends. In addition to raising their children, Alma assisted in the parish office, was a substitute teacher at their children's school, and served as Rector of three Cursillos. She later was a member at the St. Thomas Aquinas Church choir, enjoyed many crafts, volunteered for Meals on Wheels, and of course, was babysitter for many of her grandchildren. For many years after Marcos passed away, she continued life in Saginaw participating in many church activities and enjoying friends. She later moved to Texas with her son Randy and his family and then to Kentucky with her daughter Sandra. In 2012, she and Sandra moved to Grand Rapids. As Alma's dementia advanced, she became a resident of Aquinata Hall Assisted Living where she lived with the Dominican Sisters for 8 years, a true blessing for the family.

Alma is survived by her daughter, Sr. Sandra Delgado O.P.; sons: Ricardo (Gloria) Delgado, Roger (Dawne) Delgado, Roberto (Gini) Delgado, Rex (Julia) Delgado and Randy (Lisa) Delgado; 21 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and one sister-in-law, Suse Delgado.

Alma was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and siblings.

In accordance with Alma's wishes, cremation has taken place. Deisler Funeral Home, 2233 Hemmeter Rd. (off State) is honored to be serving the Delgado family. Due to the current health situation and group gathering limitations, the family will be planning a memorial service for Alma at a later date to be announced.

MEMORIALS: Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a donation to the Dominican Sisters~Grand Rapids. Memories and sympathies of Alma may be shared with the family on her memorial website at www.DeislerFuneralHome.com.

Comments



“ Alma Delgado was my private tutor for learning the Spanish language in the late sixties and seventies while I was in mission at St. Joseph, Saginaw. I loved her skill, humor, joyful smile and laugh. She lived a long life and will be missed. I send my sympathy and prayers to all her children and to those who loved her so much. S. Joan (Mary) Williams, OP

S. Joan Williams, OP - April 07 at 10:45 AM



“ My name is Lisa and I had the privilege and pleasure to be Alma's daughter-in-law. I married her son Randy when we were both just out of high school. As a young woman I spent a lot of time with my then boyfriend, soon husband, in their home. I'll never forget the warm welcome she always extended to me and the cozy feeling I had while with her. I was able to learn so much from her, but, of course, never the whole of her many talents and gifts. She seemed, to me, to be good at everything. And not just good... amazing and skilled at so many things. Her cooking, which she credited to her husband Marcos for teaching her, was always delicious and more importantly, always comforting. She knitted, crocheted, sewed, quilted, embroidered, tatted and did needle point. She was so creative. Later in her life she worked with ceramics, which you could tell she really enjoyed. All her work was flawless. I often mistook much of her yarn and thread work to be machine made... She was THAT good! She was a steadfast and loving mother and grandmother. And she was a good friend to so many, including me. I will miss her presence in our family but will always be reminded of her through Randy and our three children, who she loved very much and who loved her. Meema we all loved you and will miss you more than you will ever know. Love, Lisa

Lisa Delgado - April 02 at 09:18 PM



“ Tia Alma was always so kind and so gracious to my family. I will see her again in heaven. So sorry for your loss family. I always enjoyed being in her presence.

sally delgado - April 02 at 06:11 PM