



Melida Ruiz

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A Melida Lacayo Ruiz, aka as Melcochita, Mama Mela, Lita, Tia, died after living 88 full years. She passed in her home surrounded by loved ones. Cause of death was determined to be general debilitation. She was born September 7, 1922, in Managua, Nicaragua, to Paz Morales and Toribio Lacayo. She had three sisters, Maria, Alicia, Haydee, and one brother, Toribio Jr. Haydee is the only survivor. Melida had a burning passion to become a school teacher; she graduated from La Normal de Senioritas, in Managua, Nicaragua, as a grade school teacher. In 1947 she arrived in San Francisco to pursue the American Dream – leaving the comforts of the classroom for the factory floor. In 1948, the young shy school teacher married the dynamic and ambitious Antonio Ruiz, also from Nicaragua. They decided to forgo a honeymoon and a wedding reception so they could buy a home. With a lot of hard work and help from family and compadres they purchased their first home in San Francisco. That home became the first home and haven for many Nicaraguan families starting their lives in the United States. Melida gave generously to all of the new immigrants sharing her home and hospitality to all in need of shelter. In addition, she used her teaching skills to become a foster mother and to provide quality care to many children who were at risk or abandoned. As a bilingual teacher with the HeadStart Program, Melida was recognized for her outstanding performance. Melcochita will be deeply missed by her loving husband, Antonio Ruiz. Mama Mela's family includes: Children: Chester Ruiz, Marvin Ruiz (1951-2003), Martha Ruiz and son in law Brad Maggy, and Antonio Ruiz. Grand Children: Children of Chester and Susan Ruiz: Mark Ruiz, Kathleen Ruiz, Michael Ruiz, Michelle Ruiz and Meagan Ruiz; Children of Martha Ruiz and Paul Johnson: Jennifer and Christopher Scerri, Paul and Becky Johnson; Children of Martha Ruiz and Brad Maggy: Aaron Maggy and Brian Maggy; Children of Antonio Ruiz and Susan Widule: Antonio Ruiz, Guillermo Ruiz, and Joanna Ruiz; Great



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Grandchildren: Children of Jennifer and Chistopher Scerri: Milena Scerri and Christopher Scerri Jr. : Children of Paul and Becky Johnson: William Johnson. Foster daughter Louisa Gutierrez and family. Also, we would like to express our appreciation to Silvana Massa, Amy Wireman and Molly Vatinel. These individuals are quite close to the Ruiz family and have provided heartfelt support and comfort throughout this difficult time. Gustavo Adolfo BÃ©cquer PodrÃ¡ nublarse el sol eternamente; PodrÃ¡ secarse en un instante el mar; PodrÃ¡ romperse el eje de la tierra Como un dÃ©bil cristal.Ã¡ Todo sucederÃ¡!! PodrÃ¡ la muerte Cubrirme con su fÃ©nebre crespÃ©n; Pero jamÃ©s en mÃ© podrÃ¡ apagarse La llama de tu amor. WE LOVE YOU FOR ALL ETERNITY MOM..



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Anonymous posted:

Nowadays, lots of health cocernns happen like abdominal pain, bowel problems, and lack of energy are commonly associated with an unhealthy intestinal tract. This is mainly because of our bad eating routine which induce waste materials to build up in the intestinal tract leading to specific health conditions to happen. In order to remove these the safe and natural method, then try colon detoxification at your home, proven and tested effective.##imported-begin##Hyangsook##imported-end##

July 13 at 12:33 PM



Anonymous posted:

I really waentd to develop a message to thank you for those great strategies you are placing at this site. My time-consuming internet investigation has now been paid with pleasant strategies to write about with my relatives. I would tell you that many of us site visitors are quite endowed to be in a fine place with many perfect individuals with interesting principles. I feel extremely fortunate to have encountered your entire webpage and look forward to some more fun times reading here. Thanks once again for a lot of things.##imported-begin##Prostreet##imported-end##

July 11 at 7:46 AM



Anonymous posted:

I simply pnalned to make a quick comment as a way to express gratitude to you for all those wonderful pointers you are posting here. Time consuming internet investigation has at the conclusion through the day been rewarded with high-quality means to share with my guests. I will claim that the majority of us guests can be extremely endowed to appear in a wonderful network with methods . marvellous people who have useful hints. I'm quite privileged to obtain used your webpages and appearance forward to really more fabulous minutes reading here. Thanks again for most things.##imported-begin##Abby##imported-end##

July 10 at 12:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I just saw this obituary and I hope this makes it to the family even though it is now April. I was Martha's friend when we were only 17. We met in a cosmetology school and became instant friends. Her mom was a beautiful mom who was warm, caring, and always watching over us! I remember I got in trouble because of something Martha and I did, and the next time she saw me, she just shook her finger and her head, pretending to be angry yet she was smiling while squinting her eyes. She and Tony Snr. called me Julita, little julie. I always remember that she was a Head Start teacher and I remember her sitting with her sisters in the kitchen, after Martha and I would come home. She was kind and loving and created a wonderful family. She was so proud of her children and I remember the boycotting and their involvement with Cesar Chavez. My wish for her is that she continues to have peace. I always loved her and the family as well. (I hope this finds its way to the family and we can communicate.) With cherished memories, Julia (Heick) Mullins##imported-begin##Julia (julita) alias BooBoo##imported-end##

April 5 at 2:43 AM



Anonymous posted:

Tia Mela, you will be dearly missed. Thanks for all of the great memories. We love you. Rob, Rica and Samuel Ruiz##imported-begin##Rob Ruiz##imported-end##

March 15 at 8:14 AM



Anonymous posted:

Tia Mela, Growing up I will always remember your smile and unconditional love you always extended to me and our family. I know that my Mom considered you as one of her best companions in life and you were always there for her. Thank you for being her friend. My childhood memories are filled with a lot of special experiences that bring laughter when I recall them. For instance the time we would go as a single family to the Avenue Theater or the time you and my mom would sing Bali Hi!! Thank you for being my Aunt and friend. Your nephew "Charley Boy"##imported-begin##Charles Ruiz##imported-end##

March 12 at 5:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Estimados tÃ?Ã?o Tony, Chester, Martha, Antony, y sus hijos y nietos. De parte de sus parientes Aguilar Ruiz de Costa Rica, les expresamos nuestro mÃ?Ã?s sentido pÃ?Ã?same y deseamos que la tÃ?Ã?a Melida se encuentre gozando en un lugar mejor. Somos pasajeros en este mundo, pero las personas que parten permanecen vivas en las personas que las aman y recuerdan con cariÃ?Ã?o.Un abrazoCarlos Aguilar Ruiz##imported-begin##Carlos Aguilar Ruiz##imported-end##

March 12 at 2:38 PM



Anonymous posted:

Querida Dona Melida,What a gracious woman you have been. I want to express my thanks to you and your family for taking us into your home, when we needed it most. Just on the recommendation of my Uncle Anibal, we were total strangers to you ,but you took us in just as if we were family. You always treated us like family and I never felt as if I wasn't. My siblings and I will never forget what you have done for us. I will always feel gratitude for the love that you showed my mother, and for the great friendship that blossomed between the two of you.Rest in peace now, and may Gods grace surround you.For Don Tony, and the rest of the Ruiz family, please accept my most heartfelt condolences. And may God give you comfort during this difficult time..Love,Connie##imported-begin##Connie Perez-Medina##imported-end##

March 11 at 12:08 PM



Anonymous posted:

Tia Mella ,You will always be missed. You were so gentle and kind to all who crossed your path. You are the salt to Tio Tony's pepper. Just know that we loved and continue to love you dearly. Say hello to our other family thats up there. We will take good care of Tio Tony so dont worry. I love you and enjoyed being with you. Such a sweet strong woman.##imported-begin##Janelle Ruiz##imported-end##

March 11 at 10:54 AM



Anonymous posted:

You where blessed to have such a loving person as your mom,grandmother,tia,sister.....And wife, to Antonio.reciban mis condolencias.Ernie ReyesNAHREP##imported-begin##Ernie Reyes##imported-end##

March 11 at 10:43 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Hiya Ma, Como estan todos...Marvin, Tia Alicia, Toribio, Tia Maria, and the cacino gang? I am sure they are all happy to see you. Enjoy yourself, you have earned. I miss you and wish we could all be together always....and in our hearts we are. Your babies are ok. We are all taking care of each other, especially of Dad, just like you taught us to do. Rest assured you have taught me well. I will always love you and miss you more than you could ever imagine. Love, Martha###imported-begin###Martha Ruiz###imported-end###

March 11 at 10:07 AM



Anonymous posted:

Lita Cosita, It is hard to imagine a world without you in it. I love you so much and I am so grateful to have had such a loving, kind and supportive Lita. Thank you for all the memories and life lessons. I will cherish them always and pass them down to my children. You will always be missed, but I know you are watching over us and that you are in a better place. Love, Jennifer and the Scerri Family###imported-begin###Jennifer Scerri###imported-end###

March 10 at 1:49 PM



Anonymous posted:

Although Tony Sr. was always the one to shine, charismatic and fun loving, it seemed clear Mela was his quiet strength – “wind beneath his wings”. I remember how her eyes would always light up if I had one of my grandchildren in my arms when I saw her . She was a kind & loving & we will miss her. (. . . and she made the very best rice and beans ever!) Our thoughts and love are with all of the Ruiz family -Hans & Candy###imported-begin###Candy & Hans###imported-end###

March 10 at 12:14 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dearest Aunt Mela, Your kind, gentle, and loving ways will be missed by so many. I'm so grateful to have had you in my life and family. Rest in peace. Condolences to my Uncle Tony & cousins & their immediate family. Love, Raquel "Raquelita" & family###imported-begin###Raquel Leon-Silva###imported-end###

March 10 at 10:24 AM



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Anonymous posted:

Sra. Ruiz, Thank you for your gracious ways and how you and Antonio welcomed me as your son Chester's friend into your home, heart and family from the very first. As others know far better than I your presence made everyone else around you relax, except Antonio. In his eyes and actions it was easy to see how much he loved and revered you. I thank you for the love and life lessons you shared with your family and which they freely share with others thanks to you. Thank you for long ago sending Chester my way so I could have a friend whose mother was so kind and peaceful. May God Bless You and your family always, Richard Ybarra##imported-begin##Richard Ybarra##imported-end##

March 9 at 5:53 PM



Anonymous posted:

Rest in peace Aunty Mela. You will be missed.##imported-begin##Colleen Crotts (Matushenko)##imported-end##

March 9 at 12:31 PM



Anonymous posted:

Aunty Mela, Your silence spoke so loud as did your numerous facial expressions. I will always remember your kind, open heart expanding with love and affection. We are lucky to have had you in our lives and know you will be with us always. Love you always, Nicole P.S. Your rice and beans were phenomenal, only wish I had the recipe to pass along.##imported-begin##Nicole Matushenko##imported-end##

March 9 at 12:24 PM



Anonymous posted:

Rest in Peace Tia Mela.##imported-begin##Debbie Ruiz Timms##imported-end##

March 9 at 9:41 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Melida by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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