



## Margaret Suarez Guzman

June 6, 1924 - August 5, 2017

Margaret Suarez Guzman "Grangie", 93 of Fort Collins passed away August 5, 2017. She was born June 6, 1924 in Proctor, Colorado but raised in Iliff, to Hilario and Mercedes Suarez. In May of 1941, Margaret married John Henry Guzman of Brush, CO. Together they raised their family of 11 in Brush. After the devastating passing of John in April 1961, Margaret found it necessary to find a career outside of the home to provide for their children. Margaret commuted from Brush to Fort Collins to attend nursing school. Prior to graduation, she relocated her family from Brush to begin her nursing career at Poudre Valley Hospital.

Besides her unwavering love for her family and commitment to nursing, Margaret was effective in serving the community. She took great pride in being a successful voice in multiple local efforts that impacted hers and surrounding neighborhoods. These issues include but not limited to the "No Vote" on Truck Route Initiative 200 (in 1999), establishing the Museo de las Tres Colonias and securing the votes for building the Wal-Mart on Mulberry Street in Fort Collins.

In her spare time, Margaret had a passion for watching and cheering on her favorite sport teams the Brooklyn Dodgers, Broncos and Rockies. Margaret loved to garden, read, cook, crocheting and sewing, caring for her multiple beloved pets and being the number one fan at her children and

grandchildren's activities.

Margaret will be reunited in heaven with her parents, husband, John; son, Freddie; daughter, Louisa; grandson, Paul and granddaughter, Leslie. She is survived by children, Dave (Becki) of Longmont, Marty of El Paso, TX, Berta (Matt) of Fort Collins, Paul (Kim) of GA, Isadore (Joan) of Frederick, Augustine (Dolores) of Fort Collins, Juanita (John) of Fort Collins, Peggy Muniz (Mark) of Brush and Mark of Fort Collins; 25 grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren, and 4 great-great grandchildren. Along with 4 sisters and 2 brothers, numerous nieces and nephews.

The family would like to extend its deepest gratitude for the care, support and love Margaret received from the staff at the Rehabilitation and Nursing Center of the Rockies. "Grangie" was deeply loved by all her knew her and will be forever in our hearts.

A Rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. A Memorial Mass will be held at 9:30 a.m. on Friday at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Friends may send condolences to the family at [bohlenderfuneralchapel.com](http://bohlenderfuneralchapel.com).

# Previous Events

## Rosary

AUG 10. 7:00 PM (MT)

Bohlender Funeral Chapel  
121 W. Olive Street  
Fort Collins, CO 80524  
(970) 482-4244  
<https://www.bohlenderfuneralchapel.com/>

## Memorial Mass

AUG 11. 9:30 AM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
300 W. Mountain Ave. Fort Collins, CO 80521  
Fort Collins, CO 80521

# Tribute Wall



“ *My sincere condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with the Guzman family.*

*Jon Zimmerman*

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**Jon Zimmerman** - August 11, 2017 at 09:45 AM

DA

“ *My condolences to your family Jennifer Pawleshyn. Grangie was an inspiration for sure! Hugs...*

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**Dianne Ahart** - August 10, 2017 at 12:50 PM

BM

“ *Our condolences to the familia of Margaret. We have lost an icon in this community. We stand on the shoulders of trail blazers like Margaret. I was proud to work with Margaret on issues surrounding the Hispanic community. Margaret took me under her wing and became a real friend. I will always have a sweet memory of her when we made her salsa together. I will miss her, and love her always. She was a mentor to me.*

*Betty Aragon- Mitotes*

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**Betty Aragon- Mitotes** - August 09, 2017 at 05:34 PM

AN

“ *I am sorry for your loss. May your family draw strength and comfort from God's promise at Isaiah 41:10: "Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be anxious, for I am your God. I will fortify you, yes, I will help you, I will really hold on to you with my right hand of righteousness."*

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**AnnieB** - August 09, 2017 at 04:47 PM

PF

“ Penny and Paul Fonfara purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Margaret Suarez Guzman.



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**Penny and Paul Fonfara** - August 08, 2017 at 07:45 PM

YA

“ Yvonne Albright purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Margaret Suarez Guzman.



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**Yvonne Albright** - August 08, 2017 at 07:10 PM

DB

“ I am sorry to hear of the passing of Margret. I enjoyed working along side her in the quest to make our community a better place to live. The Fort Collins community lost a good champion. Prayers being sent to the family for healing.

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**Debra Bueno** - August 08, 2017 at 02:45 PM

GB

Gloria Balderrama I am very sorry to hear of the passing of Mrs. Guzman. She was an activist for and contributor to our community. My deepest sympathy to the family. Sending prayers for their comfort and peace.

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**Gloria Balderrama** - August 08, 2017 at 04:08 PM

PF

*Margaret was one of the kindest, most generous people I ever knew. She possessed a strong spirit and huge heart. She taught me more about nursing than any of the courses I took ever did. She was my son, Paul's Godmother and a wealth of advice about caring for children. Sending prayers to her wonderful family. May she Rest In Peace.*  
*Penny Fonfara*

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**Penny Fonfara** - August 08, 2017 at 06:58 PM