



Mary V. Lemos

April 8, 1917 - August 14, 2009

Mary V. Lemos, devoted mother, loving grandmother, gentle great-grandmother, kind sister, trusted friend and strong woman died peacefully in her Fort Collins home as family members prayed by her side on Friday, August 14, 2009. She was 92. Mary was born on April 8, 1917, in Houston, Texas, to Pablo and Cayetana Vasquez. As a young child she migrated with her family to Northern Colorado where Fort Collins became her lifelong home. In 1938, Mary married Ray G. Lemos, Sr. of Fort Collins. Together they raised 10 wonderful children. Mary was a homemaker until the death of her husband in 1961, after which she worked various jobs in order to provide financially for her children. During her life, she enjoyed her volunteer work at Holy Family Catholic Church and Poudre Valley Hospital where she served as a Pink Lady. Mary took great pride in providing childcare for many of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her home was a safe harbor for several of her grandchildren in need. She spent many joyous hours preparing meals for her family. She loved quilting, sewing and crocheting. However, her most important treasure was the close relationship she had with her God, her angels and her saints. Her strong values left a legacy for her family. In her own special way, she displayed unfailing strength, faith and the ability to care more about others than self. Mary spent the last five years of her life living with her daughter, Lupe; son-in-law, Jerry; granddaughter, Carissa; and dogs, Cookie and Charlie. Together they built a faith-based, peaceful and joyful family unit. During this time, Mary also developed a joy of sports and attended

numerous sporting events. Mary is survived by three sons and four daughters; Ray Lemos, Jr. Janet, Eleanor Jimenez Tony, Marcella R. Lemos, Elena Spiotta, Victoriano Lemos, George Lemos, Sr., and Lupe Lemos-Sigward Jerry. In addition, Mary is survived by two sisters, Anita Bustos and Betty Hernandez of Cheyenne, Wyo. She is also survived by special grandchildren, Ray Lee Lemos, Lisa Lemos Escobar, Thomas Oliver and Miguel Lemos, 15 additional grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Mary is preceded in death by her father, Pablo Vasquez; mother, Cayetana Vasquez-Sanchez; stepfather, Juan Sanchez; brother, Joe Vasquez; husband, Ray G. Lemos, Sr.; three sons, Joe and Paul Lemos and infant son, Ray; daughter, Mary Ruybal; granddaughter Lindsay Lemos and great-granddaughter Angelica Mascarenaz. Mary's immediate family would like to thank Dr. David Abbey and his nursing staff for their continued care and compassion and Pathways Hospice for their support. A rosary will be recited 7 p.m. Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at Holy Family Catholic Church. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place 10 a.m. Wednesday, August 19, at Holy Family Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Grandview Cemetery.

Tribute Wall

AD

“ To Jerry & Lupe, So sorry to read about your mom's passing. She was a special person and will be deeply missed especially by her family. You have our deepest sympathy.

AI & Joan Duchene - August 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Marcella, Ray, George, Victor, Lupe, Lisa, Ray Lee and extended families. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of your loss of your mother and grandmother. May the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way....2Thessalonians 3:16. Mary was a wonderful friend and neighbor. She touched so many lives and we were blessed to have known her.

Liz Espinoza Gutierrez and family, Shirley Espinoza Rodriguez and family - August 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Please accept our condolences in the passing of your mom. She will be missed. You are all in our thoughts and prayers, asking God for comfort during these days.

Andy Vigil & Dora Salas-Vigil - August 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Lupe, Jerry and Family, So sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. How blessed you were to have her as part of your life for so many years and I know it is a great loss for you all. Diane and John Moen

Diane Moen - August 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

3C

“ NUESTRO MAS SENTIDO PESAME DE PARTE DE SUS AMIGOS DE 3 MARGARITAS DESEANDO PRONTA RECIGNACION

3 margaritas fort collins - August 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ Elena, With deepest Sympathy for your loss. May you find comfort in God's love and in the memories of the wonderful times you shared with your mother. My prayers are with you.

Liz Espinoza Gutierrez - August 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Lemos Family, I just read of you mother's passing in the newspaper. I am sorry for your loss but know that she is at peace and with the Lord at this time. She was a wonderful woman and a good friend. I remember stopping by your mom's house with my mom Lucia Lira Muniz when we were out and about visiting friends. I knew her through her children also as I went to school with many of them as did my brothers and sisters. She was a saintly woman and will be missed by many. I just think of her visiting with family and friends up in heaven. You are in my Thoughts and Prayers at this time. Sincerely Julia Muniz Koepsell

Julia MunizKoepsell - August 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ Dear Lemos Family, I'm truly sorry to hear of your mother's passing. The loss of a mother has great pain. Your mother was a wonderful person and a true friend to my family. All that knew your mother, are truly blessed. Know that our good lord wants her home with him and that her work is done here on earth. God Bless and keep you in his loving arms during this time and always. Tomasita Muniz Trammell

Tomasita Muniz-Trammell - August 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Mary was a very special volunteer at PVH and I was so privileged to work with her! Patients and their families felt her compassion and concern for them, and we treasure our memories of her. With sympathy and love, Jean and Joe Weitz

Jean Weitz - August 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ Jerry, Lupe & Carissa, My thoughts and prayers are with you. Mary was a lovely lady-she will be greatly missed.

Lisa Sigward-Kennedy - August 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Elena & Family, There is comfort in friendship, hope in prayer, peace in love. Sharing in your sorrow with love and friendship.

Jacque Guerrero - August 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ To the Lemos Family, Our deepest sympathy in the loss of your beloved Mary. How blessed you were to have her in your lives and she equally blessed to have such a loving, caring family. I am sure Lupe, Jerry and Carissa will forever feel her presence in their home since she had become such a major part of their family unity. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Jerry and Donna Schott

Donna Schott - August 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

OS

“ Dear, Lupe, Jerry and Carissa: I send my condolences to you and your family. I have gotten to know Mrs. Lemos over the last 2 years and she has always been warm-hearted, accepting, welcoming, friendly, kind and exceptionally pleasant to me. Mrs. Lemos has always been one of my favorite patients to visit and enjoyed seeing her at local sporting events and throughout Ft. Collins. Knowing Mrs. Lemos has made my job at Apria Healthcare very rewarding and fulfilling; she will surely be missed but never forgotten. You are our prayers and God bless! -Omar Serrato Apria Healthcare-Driver

Omar Serrato - August 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KC

“ As much as your life was blessed by the presence of Mary, that much and more was her life blessed by the love and care you shared with her. I wish you the comfort and joy of your memories. You are all in my thoughts. Kate

Kate Curran - August 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ To Ray, George, Lupe & the Lemos Family: My sincere sympathies to you in the loss of your mother.

Tim Stulz - August 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Ray and Janet we are so sorry for the loss of your Mother. May she rest in peace with the Heavenly Father.

David & Christa Bath - August 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JH

“*Lupe, Jerry and Carissa, I know without a doubt that Mary is at peace exactly where she would want to be, with her God. It was an honor, a privilege and joy to have known her and to have had her friendship and love. I will never forget her smile, her laugh and the fresh tortillas she shared as we sat together in her kitchen. What a treasured gift. Deepest condolences and love to you all.*”

Jodie Hopkins - August 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM