



Adela Antonia Martinez

August 18, 1939 - January 16, 2024

Adela Antonia Martinez passed away peacefully in her daughter's home, surrounded by her loving family, on January 16, 2024, at the age of 84.

She was born in Honduras in 1939, to Maria Antonia Torres and Miguel Angel Ramos, and immigrated to the United States in 1966 with her mother-in-law, and four children to join her husband who had immigrated previously.

She was a pillar of strength, resourcefulness, and kindness to strangers. She taught herself to speak English and navigate the American way of life. She was a homemaker, lovingly dedicated to her children and home, and epitomized the essence of a caring and involved parent. She raised six children, often alone, while her husband was away months at a time working as a merchant seaman.

Her pride and joy was her family, followed by her love of crocheting, cooking, baking, and dancing. One of the proudest moments of her life, besides the births of her grandchildren, and great grandchildren, was becoming a naturalized US citizen at the age of 77. She was a warm and giving person, always putting the needs of others before her own. She collected used clothing to send to the needy families in Honduras, and crocheted baby shoes, and hats for their premature babies. She leaves behind a legacy of kindness that will be forever etched in the hearts of those who knew her.

She is predeceased by her husband of 52 years, Luis Alberto Martinez, Sr., her son, John Edward Martinez, and her six siblings. She is survived by her daughters, Elida Martinez (Roman) and Sandra Martinez-Gold (Jeff), sons,

Jorge Martinez (Rosalinda), Luis Alberto Martinez, Jr. (Diana), Glenn Martinez (Karla), her grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend a visitation and funeral mass on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home, 2607 Williams, Blvd., Kenner, Louisiana. Visitation from 9:00 am to 11:00 am, with Funeral Mass at 11:00 am followed by internment at Garden of Memories in Metairie, Louisiana.

Cemetery Details

Garden of Memories Cemetery

4900 Airline Dr.
Metairie, LA 70001

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home
2607 Williams Blvd
Kenner, LA 70062
(504) 466-8577
info@muhleisen.com

Funeral Mass

JAN 27. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Adela Antonia Martinez



L.A. Muhleisen & Son Funeral Home - January 23, 2024 at 05:40 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Adela Antonia Martinez.



January 26, 2024 at 01:10 PM



“ Juan Rivas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adela Antonia Martinez.

Juan Rivas - January 26, 2024 at 01:10 PM

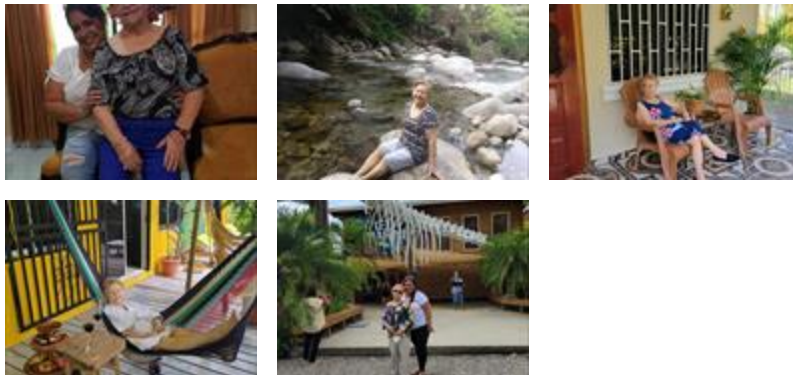
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“ Adela Martinez was my foster Mother when I was in Honduras, she was friends with my biological Mother and her daughter Sandy told my Mom about me. She had the prettiest smile and the cutest laugh and I’ll miss the way she called me “Yimmy” when we would speak on the phone. She took such good care of me and I felt her love whether she was in Honduras, Florida, or Louisiana and I’ll feel her love forever and always. Adela Martinez thank you for being one of my many Mothers, and sleep in peace □ Jimmy Powell

jimmy powell - January 25, 2024 at 08:11 PM

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“ 11 files added to the tribute wall



Sandra Martinez-Gold - January 25, 2024 at 10:19 AM

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“ Tom Forbes purchased the Simply Elegant Spathi phyllum for the family of Adela Antonia Martinez.



Tom Forbes - January 24, 2024 at 06:15 PM



“ *Elida*
Sorry to hear oh your Mothers death.
Regards
Dwight and Janie

J Dwight Leblanc Jr - January 24, 2024 at 05:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Adela Antonia Martinez.*



January 24, 2024 at 11:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Adela Antonia Martinez.*



January 24, 2024 at 11:12 AM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Adela Antonia Martinez.*



January 24, 2024 at 11:11 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Adela Antonia Martinez.* ”



January 24, 2024 at 08:34 AM



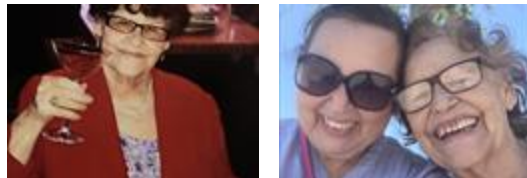
“ *Heavenly Grace Spray was purchased for the family of Adela Antonia Martinez.* ”



January 23, 2024 at 11:19 PM



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Sandra Martinez-Gold - January 23, 2024 at 09:32 PM



“ *3 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Sandra Martinez-Gold - January 23, 2024 at 09:24 PM

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“ Jim, Jimmy and Amy Powell purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Adela Antonia Martinez.



Jim, Jimmy and Amy Powell - January 23, 2024 at 02:21 PM

TC

“ Tania Jiménez y Castro planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Adela Antonia Martinez.

Tania Jiménez y Castro - January 23, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Adela Antonia Martinez.



January 23, 2024 at 01:53 PM

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James Powell - January 23, 2024 at 01:36 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Adela Antonia Martinez.*



January 22, 2024 at 11:54 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Adela Antonia Martinez.*



January 22, 2024 at 07:26 PM



“ *2 files added to the album Honduras*



Jim Powell - January 22, 2024 at 05:14 PM

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“ In 1988 a stranger offered to help us find a baby to adopt and that is how we got to know Adela. We had known Sandy for a relatively short period when she overheard my wife telling someone we were considering a foreign adoption and Sandy jumped in and said Honduras would be a great place and that she was sure her mother would help. Within what I think was weeks Adela, again a complete stranger, found a mother at a shelter who was looking to give up her unborn child as she already had a son and no means to support them never mind a baby. Our story with Adela did not end there as she volunteered to be the foster mother for our son during the long adoption process. She took him into her home and treated him like her own grandson. It was amazing to witness. How many people do you know who would go to those lengths to help a friend of their daughters? If the world had more people like Adela it would be a better place. She had a generous loving soul that we will never forget. Part of that fierce loving soul was passed onto her daughter Sandy who started us on journey to adopt in Honduras. We will be forever grateful to Adela and Sandy for the gift of my son.

Jim Powell - January 22, 2024 at 04:52 PM

EM

Hi Jim, this is Elida. I can't hold back the tears. I remember all this so vividly. Thank you for your kind words of my mom.

Elida Martinez - January 22, 2024 at 04:57 PM

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She was a special lady !

Jim Powell - January 22, 2024 at 05:25 PM