



Blanca Medina Carrillo

June 12, 1935 - August 5, 2020

Blanca M. Carrillo (1935-2020)

Blanca Medina Carrillo passed away peacefully on August 5, 2020, with her daughters at her side at age 85. Blanca Amelia Medina was born June 12, 1935 in Piedras Negras, Coahuila, Mexico to Antonia & Maria Medina, the youngest of six children.

Her father was a successful businessman and taught each of his children the importance of education as well as being active members of their community, ideas that Blanca would utilize throughout her life. Blanca was visiting family in Mills Orchard when she met John Carrillo, who would sweep her off her feet. They were married in 1951 and shared a loving 66 year marriage before his death in 2017. John and Blanca had five children together, raising their family in Mills Orchard and Hamilton City. The Carrillo's made many lasting friendships and memories during this time as well as becoming integral members of the community.

Blanca especially was a role model for her children, as she learned English, became a US citizen, was active in the Catholic church, returned to college and earned a degree from Butte College, all while taking care of her very active household and attending all her children's activities.

In the mid-1960's, she earned a position as a classroom aide at Hamilton Union Elementary School, assisting in the kindergarten class for a number of years through the early 1970's before leaving to work for Glenn County Head Start for several years. She later worked at Notre Dame School in Chico in the kindergarten class for nearly a decade before retiring. Each of these successful positions gave Blanca the opportunity to work with children, a passion of hers. At Head Start, she was a mentor to many young aides, encouraging them to become educators.

All the while, Blanca was involved in many community activities aimed at self-growth, community improvement, and educational opportunities. Specifically, she was a member

of the Hamilton City Women's Club for many years and assisted in improvement projects throughout Hamilton City. In many of these, John was at her side, at her behest, assisting with the projects. She assisted with voter registration and volunteered at polling booths for several elections. A goal of hers was to encourage the Latino community to become active, involved, participatory members of the community and to learn and be aware of their rights in society.

Blanca made sure her voice was heard and did not shy away from sharing her opinion on issues of importance great and small, as many would come to know and respect. In the community, many came to seek her out as she became an honest source of information. In the early 1990's, Blanca became the first Latina to be elected a member of the Hamilton Union High School District Governing Board, a position she was very proud of and which gave her the opportunity to make important decisions that would positively affect high school age students. For her contributions to the children of Hamilton City, Blanca was selected for the Glenn County Educators Hall of Fame in 2010.

Her greatest passions were her family, Catholic faith, and close friends. She loved her family very much and was proud of being a loving wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She was giving of herself and of her time, as she cared for all equally. She felt blessed to have had the opportunity to watch her children and grandchildren grow, marry, and raise families of their own- she was Grandma to all.

Blanca was a remarkable woman who led an extraordinary life. Her kindness, love, and voice will be greatly missed. She was preceded in death by her parents, Antonio and Maria, her siblings, her loving husband John, and her young daughter Leticia. Surviving her are her daughters, Maria Chavez (Hector); Lory Frakes (Mike); Sonia Oseguera (Cris); and her son John Carrillo (Becky); Her twelve grandchildren- Claudia, Omar, Salomon, Romeo, Victor, Raquel, Kody, Sophia, Annika, Lisa, Anthony, and Ashley- and nine great grandchildren.

Services are through Brusie Funeral Home, and due to health concerns from Covid-19 pandemic, a rosary and mass are planned for a later date.

Burial is set for Friday August 14, 2020 in Orland.

Condolence and memory cards can be sent to P.O. Box 125 Hamilton City, CA 95951.

Contributions in Blanca's memory may be made to Northern Valley Catholic Social Services in Chico.

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Comments



“ I’m so sorry for your loss. Blanca was indeed a remarkable leader of the community. A strong, kind Latina woman, she helped many people and raised wonderful children.

Kathy Anderson Torres

Kathy Torres - August 17, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ Love:

When tomorrow starts without me,
Don't think we're far apart.
For those we love, are always near
They walk beside despite our sorrow and our fear
Especially when we lose someone so very dear.
If my parting has left a void
Fill it up with remembered joys.
Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free...
God saw me getting tired, so he wrapped his arms around me and gave me rest,
Peaceful and free from pain.
And when you think of me know I'm in your heart.
For love lasts longer than life
It's something death can never touch.

- Annika Oseguera

Annika Oseguera - August 14, 2020 at 05:04 PM



“ A poem for my Grandma:

When the sun starts to set for me, Don't remember me with sadness
Don't dwell in the regrets of not always being at my side
Instead remember all the laughter we've shared throughout the years
Remember the love and copious amounts of kisses
Know I'm at peace and that my life was worthwhile
For this is a journey we must all take and each must go alone
Why cry for a soul set free? Miss me a little, but not too long
I will forever live in your laughter
And every step you take
I will be step behind
Know I am always in your heart until the end
When I will once see you again.

By: Annika Oseguera

Annika Oseguera - August 14, 2020 at 04:56 PM



“ please accept my heartfelt condolences for your families loss.
I have many fond memories of both your parents and family.
My sympathies,
Cindy (Cutler) Green

cindy Green - August 13, 2020 at 04:32 PM



“ Mom

I think of you every day and every day in the future to come I lost think of you with you
always be in my heart and dad forever

lory Frakes - August 17, 2020 at 11:24 AM



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Brusie Funeral Home - August 13, 2020 at 03:50 PM



“ My deepest sympathies. Know that your in our thoughts am prayers during this difficult time. With love and warmth , Virginia Ortega and Maria Ortega

Virginia Ortega - August 13, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ We are saddened for the loss of Blanca, she was a loving and strong woman. We send our sympathies and will pray for your family, always caring for you guys. Lots of love Pablo, Irma Martinez & Family

Pablo & Irma Martinez - August 13, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ Condolences to the family. We are saddened by the loss. Thoughts and prayers from my family to yours.

Angela Feudner - August 15, 2020 at 05:58 PM



“ Visitation is Thursday August 13th from 6-8pm at Brusie Funeral Home.

Family - August 13, 2020 at 01:37 AM



“ Blanca and John were like part of the Ledezma Family. I will miss my visits with her. We would sit and talk about everything. I remember visiting her one night at the rehab center after a surgery. We talked for hours and I finally left when she realized what time it was. Surprisingly the nurses didn't ask me to leave. She was my preschool teacher and mentor. She always encouraging me to go back to school and get my degree. She would say “Get an education, no one will ever take that away from you”. I became a preschool teacher and taught 10 years because of her. I learned a lot from her and John. I am thankful that god put them in our paths and I know they are both now together, looking down on all of us. I will miss you, but you will forever be in my heart!

Cristina Diaz-Rios - August 12, 2020 at 10:16 PM



“ Love, Kody purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Blanca Medina Carrillo.



Love, Kody - August 12, 2020 at 01:32 PM