



Maria Linda Hernandez

April 11, 1965 - December 23, 2022

Linda Hernández passed away suddenly in the early morning hours of December 23rd.

Maria Linda Vargas Hernández was born April 11th, 1965 in Toppenish, Washington, the first child of Teresa Vargas Hernández and Francisco Hernández and the beloved big sister to Frank Jr., Emeterio, Jacinto, and Rebeca Teresa. The family eventually settled in Wapato in the big house that Linda would call home her entire life.

After graduating from Wapato High School in 1984, Linda began work at Yakima Valley Regional Libraries, where she assisted at the local Wapato branch for 20 years. She loved working in the library—keeping the branch running smoothly, chatting the day away with patrons, providing crafts and fun books to kids, and relishing any opportunity to help a library visitor with tracking down a good read or even to assist with pesky homework questions.

In 1996, Linda welcomed her miracle baby, Alfredo. He was the light of her life, and she was beautifully dedicated to him and his happiness. Never has

there been a prouder mom. Since he was a kid, Linda has been on the sidelines rooting for her son for countless hours for every sport imaginable—track meets, basketball games, and hundreds of softball tournaments, all where Alfredo excelled. She was at her happiest cheering for her son and his teammates. The ultimate cheerleader, nothing could keep her away when it came to supporting her son. Rain or shine, Linda was always there for him.

Linda was a devoted caretaker for her mother Teresa for many years. Her mom was her best friend and they were as close as could be. She was devoted in her care for Teresa and for the whole family and taught us all how to care for family and community. She was always the person to call and check in on someone, to offer support, a shoulder to cry on, or just a fun visit with some good food. Linda has always been the glue that kept our large family and network of friends together, hosting countless parties, barbecues, Easters, and cookie baking and tamales every Christmas Eve. During gatherings, Linda was constantly in motion, chatting, refilling plates, flipping a tortilla on the stove, giving the best hugs, and sharing stories and memories. She filled our lives with abundant laughter and kept everyone connected to each other.

There are so many people in her life that were bonded by Linda's love, humor, care, and her bright and brilliant smile. She was an incredible daughter, mother, sister, tía, niece, cousin, godmother, and friend. No matter who she was to you, her impact in your life has undoubtedly brought you warm memories that you will get to hold close forever.

She is survived by her son Alfredo Hernández and Kamri Contreras of Wapato, her father, Frank Hernández, and her siblings Frank Hernández Jr. of

Wapato, Emmett and Debbie Hernández of Alabama, and Jay and Melissa Hernández of Yakima. She is so loved and will be deeply missed by so many nieces and nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles, and friends around the Valley and beyond.

In her passing, she joins her mother Teresa and baby sister R.T. On her last day with family, as we decorated Christmas cookies together, Linda had the biggest smile as she shared the story of a dream she recently had of her mother. They were sitting together in the family kitchen, gossiping, telling stories, and filling the room with love and laughter. Just like always. After describing the dream, she said was comforted by knowing that her mom was always with her. We know that Linda is reunited with her mom and the rest of her family in heaven, continuing to fill the lives of those she loves with kindness, joy, and her infectious laughter. We will all miss her so much and look forward to visits with her in our own dreams.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Elmwood Road
Toppenish, WA

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 3. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Rosary

JAN 3. 3:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 4. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Aloysius Catholic Church
213 N. Beech Street
Toppenish,, WA

Tribute Wall



“ *Maria Linda Hernandez*

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *A very heartfelt condolences to the Hernandez Family may God give you all the strength to get through this ordeal, especially my best friend and umpire partner Frank Hernandez, I'll always treasure you Linda and I when us three graduated in 1984. Linda RIP up in heaven with your Mom. Love always Mark Ramos.*

Mark Ramos - January 03, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers to all the Hernandez family. May God give you strength and comfort during this difficult time. Linda had a beautiful smile, may she rest in Peace. The Marrs family, Dearte, Morales, Perez, Valencia and Rodriguez families.*



Anna Marrs - January 03, 2023 at 01:01 AM



“ *Our condolences and prayers to the family of Maria Linda Hernandez. We pray that God grant her family strength through these difficult times of losing a loved one. May she rest in peace. Robert and Minerva Morales*

Minerva Morales - January 02, 2023 at 08:52 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Maria Linda Hernandez.



January 02, 2023 at 08:10 PM



“ Condolences to the Hernández family during this difficult time. Ezekiel Jr, Suzy and family



Zeke Rodriguez - January 02, 2023 at 07:51 PM



“ MARRS, MORALES, DEARTE, VALENCIA, PEREZ FAM. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maria Linda Hernandez.



MARRS, MORALES, DEARTE, VALENCIA, PEREZ FAM. - January 02, 2023 at 07:04 PM



“ Wendy Hitchcock and Seneca Gray purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Maria Linda Hernandez.



Wendy Hitchcock and Seneca Gray - December 31, 2022 at 03:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maria Linda Hernandez.*



December 30, 2022 at 03:27 PM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Linda Hernandez.*



December 30, 2022 at 02:04 PM



“ *You will be missed Linda!! I will always remember your contagious laugh and big smile!
Love, Felicia Saiz Lopez*

felicia saiz lopez - December 29, 2022 at 06:44 PM



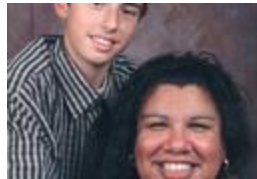
“ *Jaclyn Fiscus purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Maria Linda Hernandez.*



Jaclyn Fiscus - December 29, 2022 at 01:10 PM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home - December 28, 2022 at 01:00 PM

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“ Linda was the most beautiful kind hearted person I knew! She was always there for her friends and family! She will be missed dearly
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Karina Enriquez - December 28, 2022 at 02:16 AM

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“ Linda was so very proud of her son Alfredo everytime we saw her she was tell us all about what he was up to She loved everyone around her whole heartedly. She always had a smile and a hug waiting as she walked into a room. She will be DEEPLY missed ☐



Rhonda Vargas - December 27, 2022 at 07:44 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Linda Hernandez.* ”



December 27, 2022 at 07:39 PM