



## Ms. Minerva - Guzman

August 19, 1957 - July 15, 2023

Surrounded by her family, Minerva Guzman passed away on 7/15/23 at the age of 65 years after her brave fight against cancer.

Minerva Guzman was born to Inez Camacho Mejia and Mario M. Iglesia in 1957 in Los Angeles at White Memorial Hospital. She would become the eldest of her 4 sisters and 2 brothers. In 1976 she married Frank M. Guzman and later gave birth to 2 Girls and 2 boys and raised them with pride and instilled in them the values of compassion and love. Minerva's family and friends would describe her as caring, honest, loving, brave, trustworthy, and ambitious while always remaining a child at heart. She never strayed from the dance floor but would rather join it. She was adventurous, courageous, and wasn't afraid to explore new destinations.

Her drive to do more, accomplish more and achieve more spread to all her 4 children.

Installing her morals of never stopping at the easiest option but wanting to understand what is beyond the highest point. Her accomplishments were always goal driven by deciding to join the Army National Guard (91-95) Attended College in Bakersfield, Ca, soon became a Counselor and Correctional officer for TCI (97-2006), Corrections in Cuba, Guantanamo bay (Special assignment), MED Tech, Licensed Vocational Nurse(2016) and in her final years as a clinical nurse instructor for Unitek College.

Minerva's career as a correctional officer took her to Cuba where she had residence on Guantanamo bay and became friends with coworkers from around the world. Her time in cuba brought her to see iguanas' roaming free and having fresh seafood BBQ's by the ocean overlooking the sunset. She was known for her love of music and her love for family.

She enjoyed spending time at the Movie theaters, festivals. Watching Cartoons and above all walks with her grandchildren. She stood on her beliefs but was willing to listen to another person's views. She had respect for other cultures, their music, food and religion. She will be forever our Puerto-Rican Queen in heaven and an angel in our hearts.

She is survived by her children Christina Coffee, Melinda Guzman, Nixon V and Franklyn Guzman and her grandchildren Vance Coffee, Mia Coffee, Evan Coffee, Bella Martin, Tallulah Martin and Franklyn Guzman Jr. We love you mom.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I have a few memories which I treasure in my heart. I was so excited when she came to visit us in Florida when we were little and we all went to Kennedy Space Center.  
My favorite memory of Titi Mini was when I was little and my dad took my brother and sister to visit her and Inez in Pacioma. We had girl time when she painted my nails. I wasn't allowed to paint my nails but she didn't know until my dad came banging on the door which I locked 😂 she always made me feel special and loved. She would send us Christmas ornaments and it showed me that even though we didn't live close she still thought of us. When she found out I was going to also teach nursing clinicals we got to talk about her love for teaching. She gave me great teaching advice that I will apply and remember her. I'm really glad we got to visit in recent months and that she got to meet my little babies(Caden, Taylor and Maddie).

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**Melissa Toma** - August 05, 2023 at 02:40 AM

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“ for many years. Love Maria and Tommy purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Ms. Minerva - Guzman.



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**for many years. Love Maria and Tommy** - August 04, 2023 at 12:53 PM

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“*Minerva (Minnie to me) was one of the best people I’ve ever known. She never judged and saw the good in everyone. Minnie was a truly good person and the best friend I’ve ever had. She was kind, generous, thoughtful, and loving (the complete list would fill pages). She was also funny and silly (okay, goofy) and laughed hardest at herself.*

*I will take a moment to share a few stories about my friend.*

*Minnie always locked her keys in her car. We broke into Minnie’s car to rescue her locked keys more times than I can remember. We become so proficient at it that we could have pursued a career in crime.*

*We once packed up all five kids (her four and my one) in her tiny car, and the seven of us drove three hours to camp at Camp Land in San Diego. We’ve never been happier to exit a car.*

*When we went to eat with the kids, she would let them pick what they wanted from the kids’ menu but would always end up trading with someone who preferred her meal (she was a good mom).*

*When hanging out for the day, Minnie liked to have a cup of hot coffee in the middle of the day (long before iced coffee was a thing).*

*It didn’t matter that it was the middle of summer and 100 degrees.*

*While I was melting and craving an ice-cold beverage, she always chose hot coffee. Who drinks hot coffee on a hot summer afternoon? My friend Minnie, that’s who.*

*One Halloween, there was a costume parade at her children’s school, and one of the kids (Mindy, I think) had nothing to wear. We took two pieces of white cardboard, decorated them as one of the black playing cards, and put straps on them – black leggings and shirt, voila, she’s a card. Guess who won the prize for best costume?*

*I could go on and on, but my heart is breaking as I write this.*

*Sleep well, dear friend.*

*I love you.*

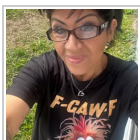
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**Martha Guilmette** - August 04, 2023 at 12:58 AM

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“ *Minerva took us in, under her wings, with no questions asked each time (3X) David & I came back from Philippine missionary trips. We stayed 3 months each time. She, Tina & Tina's mom in law - took me out to dinner for my bday, I felt like I'm blood family. I also remembered Minerva taking Daisy, her doggie, for early morning walks. She had a quiet spirit, has an excellent temperament, balance in life, a positive thinker. Easy to be a friend. Well- loved by family as well as her co-workers. She's a rare gem. She's already and will always be dearly missed by many of us.*

Francis Camacho - July 25, 2023 at 09:58 PM



“ *My condolences to the family. I 1st found out she was my sister when I was 16. Jan 2013 we all met up here in Vegas. I'm glad I got to meet Minera and that she knew I was happy to meet her.*



Maria Skelton - July 22, 2023 at 05:23 PM

Tia Sarita

“ *I still remember our days when we were children and living with grandma & grandpa...All those times we got into trouble together...That time you taught me to dance the "funky walk" to Curtis Mayfield music ...The time at our aunt Bernarda's place in Brooklyn NY when we were playing, dancing and getting in to mischief together with our cousin Jimmy. I will never forget the mark you made on my heart and my spirit. Love you so much girl...Rest in heavenly peace.*

Tia Sarita - July 19, 2023 at 07:28 PM