



Lolita Ormaza Rivera

April 3, 1937 - January 19, 2024

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE

for Lolita O Rivera

11:00am April 3, 2024

Montecito, Covenant Church

671 Cold Springs Rd

Lolita Ormaza Rivera was born April 3, 1937, in Bogotá, Colombia to Dr. Alejandro Ormaza Libreros and Otilia Herrera de Ormaza. Being taught by private Franciscan nuns, she received her bachelor's degree in business from El Colegio Alvernia on November 17, 1956. Eight months after graduating she married Guillermo Roca Rivera on July 27, 1957, upon his return from serving with the Colombian Navy in the Korean War. They moved to New York where her two sisters, Blanca Lilya Ormaza and Maria Nora Ormaza de Casas lived. Then Guillermo and Lolita moved to Los Angeles for some warmer weather in October 1958. In 1965 Guillermo accepted a job transfer with Security Title Insurance Company as a Land Title Engineer, which brought their move to Santa Barbara with their three children. Lolita attended nursing school and became an Orthopedic Nurse at Cottage Hospital which she practiced for 29 years followed by 15 years as a volunteer in the Spiritual Care unit. She was a woman of faith who believed in Jesus Christ as her Savior and Lord, and wanted to share that with everyone to introduce them to a personal relationship with Him.

On January 19, 2024 she died peacefully in her home of 59 year. She was preceded in death by her husband Guillermo and sister Blanca. She is survived by her two sisters Maria Nora Ormaza de Casas and Gloria Martha Ormaza de Latorre; her four children: Gloria Weisman (Greg), William Rivera (Jill), Jeannette Hirschberg (Cliff), and Christina Rivera; nine grandchildren: Daniel Weisman (Katie), Rebekah Meyer (Matt), William Weisman (Marena), Christa Parry (Tim), Steven Hirschberg, Alexander Rivera, Nico Rivera, Ryan Hirschberg, Joshua Rivera; Ten great grandchildren: William Weisman, Margaret Weisman, Nathaneal Weisman, Hannah Meyer, Junia Meyer, Jonathon Weisman, Ethan Weisman, Levi Weisman, David Parry, Rebekah Parry. She is also survived by many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends who all loved her very much.

A celebration of her life will be at at Montecito Covenant Church 671 Cold Springs Rd at 11:00 a.m. All are Welcome.

The Independent, March 14, 2024

"My mother, the most beautiful mom in the world is now in heaven. She died peacefully in her home. Her love was unconditional and never ending. She was a woman of strength and dignity. Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren rise up and call her blessed. She opened her mouth with wisdom, and teaching of kindness and Jesus is on her tongue. She was an orthopedic nurse at Cottage Hospital for 29 years and after retirement, she was a volunteer in the spiritual care unit for 15 years. She helped plant Spanish churches. She lead many Bible Studies at home, church and even the radio with her husband.. she was a mentor to all and would ask everyone, "Have you made your reservation for eternity in Heaven?" Life on earth will never be the same without you, mami. But, you will forever be in my heart. She was loved by her four children, family, friends, and all that came to know

her.

Greg and Gloria Weisman Family"

Cemetery Details

Santa Barbara Cemetery

901 Channel Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93108

Previous Events

Funeral Service

APR 3. 11:00 AM (PT)

Montecito Covenant Church
671 Cold Spring Road
Montecito, CA 93108

Tribute Wall

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“ I met Lolita when her youngest daughter Christina & my daughter were in grade school. We met at church & I immediately loved her. I was a busy single sole supporting mom & our girls played together. Lolita was a prayer warrior. I knew I was being covered in prayers. When both my parents were in Cottage Hospital, Lolita visited & encouraged them & me as I was cooking for them & running between floors, caring for their house. as well as running a business. Then my best friend Kim Rogers had cancer & Lolita would visit her as the chaplain. She was so very gifted at loving people, encouraging them & family members, & praying. How she carried all that each day is astounding to me. But God gifted her in wonderful ways. Her girls are all delightful. They carry all her beauty, energy & spirit. My deepest condolences to you each. We all know that there was a huge welcome in heaven with "well done good & faithful servant" being shouted with cymbals! Lolita is in her promised forever home & we will see her again when we are called home. What a dear human, & I was blessed to have known Lolita.

Deborah Barnes - March 22, 2024 at 05:25 PM

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“ I first met the Rivera family in Santa Barbara in 1975. Our friendship lasted the rest of her life. When years later I moved to Colombia, it was knowing these beautiful Colombo-Americans that let me know I'd love both the people and the country. She was a great friend and support in so many ways. Her beautiful children are a tribute to her. I remember when my own daughter was about 5, I took her to meet the Riveras, and we all went to the Santa Barbara zoo. We always had fun together. I treasured her friendship and loved her dearly.

Susana Hernandez - March 09, 2024 at 02:59 PM