



Esther Maria Diaz

October 9, 1925 - September 14, 2013

Esther Maria Diaz, age 87, of New Haven, MI, passed away on Saturday, September 14, with all of her children surrounding her. She was residing at the Medilodge of Richmond at the time of her passing and was well cared for during her time there.

Esther is survived by her six children: Stephen (Nadine), Hanford, CA; Ralph (Sharon), Utica, MI; Arthur, New Haven, MI; Kathy, Sterling Heights, MI; Sylvia, New Haven, MI; and Sue, New Haven, MI.

Esther is also survived by her siblings: Joe Gonzalez, Sarah Mellado, Connie (Ralph) Diaz, Arlene Flores, Rueben (Marion) Gonzalez, Honey Rodriguez, and Nina Simpson. She is predeceased by her sisters Nate Aginaga and Elva Gonzalez. And she is loved and remembered by her sisters-in-law Dora Medel, Lola Colmus and Della Chantaca, as well as innumerable godchildren, nieces, nephews and family friends.

She is also survived by her seven grandchildren: Monica, Raul, Matthew, Deanna, Gigi, Sherri and Stephen. In addition, she has 18 great-grandchildren and ten great-great grandchildren (plus one on the way). They all truly loved and will dearly miss their "Gram."

Esther was born on October 9, 1925, in Independence, KS, and raised in

Pontiac, MI. She was married to the love of her life, Stephen Diaz, on April 4, 1942, and he predeceased her on September 17, 1982. They raised their six children in New Haven, MI, beginning in 1951. They celebrated over 40 years of marriage together with their undying and infinite love.

Esther was a stay-at-home mom whose goal in life was to raise her six children with all the love and care she was able to give. We will all miss her beyond measure.

Esther loved to travel and went to such places as Mexico, Spain, Portugal, etc. She loved flowers and gardening and you could always find her outside working with her plants and flowers. She was also a volunteer for Focus Hope in New Haven for many years.

Our family will be forever grateful for the loving care given to our mom in her later years by Sylvia and Arthur. Without their 24/7 care, she wouldn't have survived as long as she did during her difficult journey with her long-term illness.

The viewing will be from 1-9 pm on Thursday, September 19, at Wasik Funeral Home in Shelby Township, MI, at the corner of 22 Mile Rd. and Schoenherr Rd. There will also be a viewing on Friday, September 20 from 10 am- 11 am prior to Catholic Mass at St. Francis of Assisi Church at 11 am (at the corner of New Haven Rd. and North Ave), New Haven, MI, followed by interment at the New Haven Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at www.wasikfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Centennial (New Haven) Cemetery

30700 Clark St
New Haven, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home, Shelby Township
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Shelby Township, MI 48315
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Instate at Church

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Francis of Assisi Church
62811 New Haven Rd.
Ray, Mi

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall

KD

“ I'm so very sorry to the Diaz family for your loss of Esther. My deepest condolences go out to you during this very difficult time. I'm so glad she was able to have all her children with her when she passed. I'm sure that meant the world to her. Remember all the great times you had with her because those will never go away. Peace be with you!

Kristen Dawe (Delphi)

Kristen Dawe - September 19, 2013 at 07:46 AM

JD

“ Sue - I was saddened to learn about the passing of your mother. I am sending my condolences and thinking of you and your family. May your memories bring you comfort.

Jann Dagg

Jann Dagg - September 18, 2013 at 05:56 PM

SW

“ Kathy, Sylvia, susie and the "boys"

Your mom always treated me like family when I came to Michigan. I can remember one visit in particular..they were having a party in the backyard and your mom thought it was a good idea for the kid from Chicago to make the taco's. I must have made about 200 tacos, well is seemed like 200. When we brought them out, she just laughed and laughed. I only have good memories of her and dad. It is the good memories that take away some the sadness. Sally and Rebecca Torres said it so beautifully...It gives me solace in knowing that she is with good company in that garden filled room in heaven among all the people she loved so dearly and knowing that she will be waiting for us as they have been waiting for her. Love you all and hope to see you soon. Sue Whitaker

Sue whitaker - September 18, 2013 at 10:50 AM

ST

“ Dearest Sylvie, Susie, Kathy, Art, Ralph, Steve, and Family:

Where to begin to express the sadness we feel in the loss of your beautiful mom. I have been thinking about Your Dad so much today. Remembering how sad I felt that day so many years ago. Alice and I were consoled by the fact that in the last year or two of his life we got the chance to be with him and talk with him on our trips to the doctor. Losing him was like losing a dad. Because the reality was, Your Dad was a dad to us. He loved us like a dad, And, that is how we feel about your mom. She loved us unconditionally and taught us the meaning of friendship. She was like a sister to my mom. And a daughter to my grandma and grandpa. She never failed to give my dad respect, and he loved her for that. She was Grandma Esther to Kris, just as your dad was Grandpa Steve to him. Your aunts and uncles became ours too. It was Uncle Ralph and Tia Connie. Tia Arlene, and Tia Honey. My cousin Julie is Goddaughter to Uncle Ruben and Aunt Marion. And, Brother Steve is Godfather to our cousin Laurie. So, there...I guess we are family!

What gives me solace in saying goodbye to your mom is knowing that she is with good company. I have taken comfort in the image of your mom entering a big room in Heaven being serenaded by our fathers playing guitar and singing, while My Grandpa Isaac and my Grandma are waving her into a garden filled with the most beautiful flowers that fill the air with sweetness. And, in the middle of this garden is a table filled with platters and bowls and trays of all the foods she loved, and of course there is a pot of tea. I can see her being hugged by her sisters, and laughing with my grandma, who loved her so. It comforts me to know that when it is our turn to leave this world that she will be waiting for us too, as they have been waiting for her.

Her love for us is eternal. And, as she told us..She "loves us all". May God bless you with the comfort of His embrace, and fill your hearts with His everlasting Love, and shield you with compassion and peace.

Sending you much love and friendship.

Love, Sally and Rebecca Torres

Sally Torres - September 17, 2013 at 10:38 PM

GF

“ *To The Familys Of my Sweet Tia Esther*

My sympathy Prayers and thoughts gp out to you all. Your Mom was one special lady she always had a sweet warm smile on her face and that how I will remember her. May the treasure's of all the memories within each and everyone of you all always be in your hearts. Tia was an amazing Mother full of Love and kindness, I pray that Gods anointing, grace and love will be upon you all at this time of loss and may his comfort bring you all peace.



*"God Bless Family!"
Love Gloria Chantaca French*

Gloria French - September 17, 2013 at 08:42 PM

TT

“ *Sue,*

While I never had the pleasure to meet your mother, she certainly raised an outstanding daughter - one who understands the joy of family and commitment to serve others. I'm sure that she left this world with a great sense of pride and accomplishment.

My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Tom Thivierge

Tom Thivierge - September 17, 2013 at 05:37 PM

LK

“ *Sylvia and Susie,*

I am so sorry to hear of your mother's passing. My heart, thoughts, and prayers are with you and your family.

*With love,
Linda Koltvedt*

Linda Koltvedt - September 17, 2013 at 05:14 PM

YS

“ *Very sorry to hear this. A true fighter that smiled though all her difficulties. One of my most unforgettable patients. RIP Mrs Diaz. Yousuf Siddiqui.*

yousuf siddiqui - September 17, 2013 at 04:00 PM

KH

“ *Rest in peace Tia. Tina*

Kristina Hibbs - September 17, 2013 at 03:14 PM

EC

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Eleanor Casarez-Lagalo - September 16, 2013 at 11:40 PM

EC

Susan Diaz , Esther Diaz, Della Chantaca, and Dora Medel in Traverse City, Mi

Eleanor Casarez-Lagalo - September 16, 2013 at 11:48 PM

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Larry J. Rodarte - September 16, 2013 at 07:34 PM

LB

“ *Sylvia, Susie and Family --*

It is with great sadness that I heard of Mom's passing, yet I truly feel she was ready to enter eternity. Esther was a great lady who reared a great family! You are blessed to have had her all these years. May her memory bring you comfort and her smile bring you joy.

With love and sympathy, dear friends,

Linda

Linda Brady - September 16, 2013 at 05:30 PM

LR

“ 13 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Larry Rodarte - September 16, 2013 at 05:07 PM

DJ

“ Sue,

We are sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Take comfort from all the good memories of your time here on earth together and remember she has gone home to a better place.

Our love and prayers,

David & Pauline Jones

David Jones - September 16, 2013 at 03:09 PM

BA

“ *Susie - Very sorry to hear about your mom. I'll see you on Thursday.
Lots of Love,
Barbara XOXO*

Barbara - September 16, 2013 at 02:14 PM

EC

*To our Steve Diaz Family. We are so sorry for the lost of our Beautiful Tia Esther Diaz. We will always remember her smile, it just glowed and she was always so happy to see us when we would visit. I will always remember when we lived on Hosmer St. in Saginaw her whole family would come over for a whole weekend and stay with the Chantaca Family. Today I think about it and wonder where did we all sleep :) Lord Knows but, we always had so much fun. RIP Tia Esther May god Bless your Family always. We love you and will miss you so much!
Jack & Della Chantaca's Family*

Eleanor Casarez-Lagalo - September 16, 2013 at 11:33 PM