



## Isabel "Mama H" Hernandez

August 1, 1946 - May 31, 2012

Isabel Munoz Hernandez, "Mama H", of El Campo died May 31, 2012 at the age of 65. She was born August 1, 1946 in Wharton, Texas. In 1973, she and her husband opened up Hernandez Nursery, which they operated for 35 years. During that time, Mama H became known for her wonderful home cooking, and in 1983, they opened Casa Hernandez Mexican Restaurant, which they operated for 25 years before their retirement.

She is survived by her husband of 49 years, Joe D. Hernandez of El Campo; daughter Rachel Hernandez of El Campo; sons Stephen Hernandez of Sugar Land, Joe Hernandez, Jr. of San Marcos, Richard Hernandez of El Campo, John Hernandez of Dallas; grandchildren Elena Hearne and Amanda Hernandez, Stephen Anthony, Gabriela and Isabella Hernandez, and Xena Hernandez; great-granddaughter Judith Hearne; brothers Domingo Munoz of Hungerford and John Munoz of Wharton, Lupe Landin of Palmer, Jesse Landin of Fort Worth; sisters Anita Hernandez of Dallas and Ada Nicholson of Mansfield, Josie Soto of Watuaga, Adelina Gonzalez of Dallas. She was preceded in death by her parents Margarito and Margarita Bernal Munoz, brothers Lee Landin, Valentin, Pascual and Floyd Munoz, and sister Cecilia Lopez.

Visitation will be Sunday from 12 – 5:30 pm at Triska Funeral and then 6 – 8 pm at St. Robert Catholic Church with a parish rosary being offered at 7:00 pm. The Funeral Mass will be 10:00 am Monday, June 4, 2012, at St. Robert Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Holy Cross Memorial Park.

Serving as pallbearers are Johnny Escamilla, Siggy Escamilla, Mario Denker, Danny Hernandez, Henry Lillie, Robert L. "Robbie" Nolen, Jr., Ricky Pena and Zac Zambrano. Honorary bearers are Paul Gordon, Robert "Bobby" Perez, and John Steelman.

Memorial donations in memory of Isabel Hernandez may be made to St. Robert Catholic Church or to the American Heart Association.

Words of Condolence may be left for the family at [triskafuneralhome.com](http://triskafuneralhome.com).

# Tribute Wall

SF

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Hernandez family. I spent many hours eating with friends at Casa Hernandez during my 38 years of teaching in El Campo. We always knew the food would be fantastic when she was cooking in the kitchen. I was a customer from the time they first opened and she always came by the table to talk and laugh with us. She will be missed.

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**Sharon Little - formerly from El Campo, TX - friend of the family - July 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

LT

“ We would like to express our deepest and heart filled condolences to your family from our family. We pray and hope you will find the strength to overcome your loss. She was a wonderful person and we will hold her memory near and dear to our hearts, afterall you and your family were like family to us. Take care and we will continue to remember your mother and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Lorenza (Delgado) Quintanilla, kids David, Charlie, Sandra, Doll - Houston, TX - Close friends of t - June 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

BF

“ Thank you for many years of friendship. The recipes shared will be used and passed on by my family for generations to come.

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**Billie Joiner - El Campo, TX - friend - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

RC

“ Joe, Diana and I express our sympathies on the death of Chavela. In her time on earth, she left so many beautiful memories. She is now praying for her family and loving you from heaven. We are sure Jesus had a room prepared for her. God bless all of you. Amen.

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**Rafael Quintanilla, Jr. - Austin, TX - cousin** - June 04, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ To the Hernadez family your mom was one the great moms one could want always pleasant to me even when went to eat on sundays after basketball or just drop by..with steve.was sweet to all.god has got a new angel with him. Momma H u will be missed by all that were very privileged to know her.

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**david g. guerra - el campoy, TX - friend of family** - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Isabel you were my one and only Godmother. I have learned and embraced so much from you through out the years. Thank You for everything you have done for me and others. I Love You and will Miss You Dearly.

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**John Walter Snyder - Kimmell, IN - GodSon** - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ My Condolence go's out to each one of you. I never forgot our friendship and your parents. It's hard when one loses a parent, but they will always will be in our heart each day of our lives. My family will keep each one of you in our prayers.

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**Paul Ramirez - Cedarburg, WI - Friends** - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EF

“Good morning Sunshine”. You my sweet Isabel, will be missed dearly by all whose life you touched. Whether by the restaurant, your friendship, conversation or just a smile. You had that impact on people. Rest in peace now. And watch over your wonderful family. God has chosen a diamond! To Joe and all the family, I pray for peace and strength for you all. We were all truly blessed to have known such a wonderful woman. I love you Chavelita! ??

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**Elida Castillo - Rosenberg, TX - A friend** - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ We truly feel blessed to have known such wonderful lady. When your family moved next door to us we received a gift from God. We will hold you and your family in our prayers. May the angels open their wings and embrace you in the love and glory of our God in heaven.

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**Jennifer & Greg Eggemeyer - El Campo, TX - Neighbor** - June 03, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ She will be surely missed. She was a true blessing to me and lots of folks that she came into contact with. Special person indeed!!! My heart/prayers go out to the entire Hernandez family. May you seek solace in God and now know that she is with our "King of Kings" and will forever watch over you all. Love you guys!!!

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**Mary Castro - Dallas, TX - Long time friend of the family** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Mama H is surely cooking now in heaven. What a wonderful person she was. Always so friendly, smiling and greeting everyone. Jesus has taken a very special person home. Your family has many special memories to cherish. You have our sympathy.*

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**Cheryl & John Roach - El Campo, TX - friend** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *I am deeply saddened with the loss of my cousin Isabel . If I lived anywhere near I would be there for the family in your time of need . My love and prayers goes to the entire Hernandez family . Rest in peace Isabel . I will treasure your memory forever .*

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**Theresa S. Rocha - Yuma, AZ - cousin** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Remembering a friendship that began on the southside of town and continued throughout the years. Steve and I are thinking about your loss and praying that the days ahead will be filled with wonderful memories of a wonderful person. We love you Isabel, Joe and family!*

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**Kathleen Appling - Ingram, TX - Friend** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ *Dear Joe and Family,  
So sorry for your loss. God's blessings on tou all.  
Bette*

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**bette orr - El Campo, TX** - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ MY CONDOLENCES TOO THE HERNANDEZ FAMILY,,,,ITS VERY HARD TOO LOOSE YOUR MOM,,,,,,,,,SLEEP WELL ISABEL.....  
RAYMOND ESCOBAR,JR..

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RAYMOND ESCOBAR ,JR - houston, TX - friends - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

YF

“ My sincere condolences to you and your family,I was so blessed to have had the opportunity of knowing the wonderful person she was and why god put her on my path of life,she will truly be missed on earth but now dwells with the lord in heaven for eternal life.

*In christ love  
Yolanda M Snyder*

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Yolanda M. Snyder - Ligonier, IN - friends are chosen family - June 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are sadden by the loss of Mama `H' she will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Hernandez family we love you all.

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Jeff & DeeDee Skinner & family - Katy, TX - friend of the family - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ I'm am very blessed to say Isabel was like my #2 mom... if I wasn't home I could always be found at the Hernandez's. I find comfort knowing I now have another special ANGEL watching over me... ? I'm very grateful for the time she gave me through out the years . Our talks , the jokes we shared , our laughs ... I will always remember your smile Isabel , your loving beautiful smile..

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Esther Jaine Ansink - Hopewell, VA - #2 mom - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM

OF

“ *IT was very sad for me to hear the news from my mother Bernice that you had passed away but you are in our hearts and your family is strong and you will never be forgotten... I always remember back in the days when the restaurant first started out, how hard yall worked... thank you for having a place for us to go and enjoy your company and great food.... my prayers again to you and your loving family...*

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**Orlando Martinez - Randy - Richmond , MO - friend of the family - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

SF

“ *We are do sorry to here Mrs. Hernandez passing away. She was a very wonderful lady and we are happy we got a chance to know her for all those years. Many prayers go out to the family.*

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**Steven & Kim Socha - El Campi, TX - Friend - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM**

EF

“ *So many special memories or our days in elementary at Hungerford, Texas where we went to school together When I moved to El Campo, many years later I went to the Nursery there on Cotton st. and realized it was Joe and Isabelles. From then on we continued our friendship. When I moved to Oklahoma, each time we came for a visit to see family and friends, we would go by Casa Hernandez and I would either see Isabelle or leave a message to tell her hello. She will be greatly missed. Our heartfelt sympathy to all of you.*

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**Elaine Orsak Mach Cook - Lawton,, OK - classmate and friend - June 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM**