



Maria Elena "Nena" Duran

June 16, 1938 - May 2, 2026

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Maria was born on June 16, 1938, in Pharr, Texas, to Trinidad Arevalo and Maria Asencion Gonzalez and passed from this life on May 2, 2026, in Gilmer, Texas.

Maria married Candido Lara Duran in 1957 in San Juan, Texas. A fervent prayer warrior, she was a member of the Jefferson Baptist Church in Jefferson, Oregon. Maria was the ultimate example of what a mother should be. Full of laughter, she had this infectious smile that lit up the room. Her wisdom was evident to all as she sought the Lord's guidance in all she did. She was a wonderful exhorter as well, bringing encouragement and hope into every situation.

Those left to cherish her memory are her siblings: Olga Arevalo, Lucia Martinez, Rogelio Arevalo, Roel Arevalo, Jaime Javier Arevalo, Alma Arevalo, Anna Lee Arevalo, and Brenda Lee Moreno, and her 10 children, Rosa Duran-Perez, Maribel Adams, Linda Lahodny, Candido Duran Jr., Duane Eddie Duran, Florinda Page, Lillie Hagerman, Delbert Duran, Laurie Ann Ladd, and John Anthony Duran, plus numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Trinidad and Maria Asencion

Arevalo; siblings, Angelica Guzman, Trinidad Arevalo Jr., Arnoldo Arevalo, Yolanda Arjona, Armando Arevalo, and Rolando Arevalo; and her husband, Candido Lara Duran, in 2014.

The viewing for Maria Elena Duran, is scheduled for May 8th from 3-5pm at the North Santiam Funeral Service, 224 N 3rd Ave, Stayton, OR 97383. The family will receive friends at a later date. Private interment to be held at Jefferson Cemetery.