



Elida "Lala" Cantu

April 2, 2022

Elida "Lala" Cantu, age 73, passed away on April 2, 2022 in Lynden, Washington.

Lala was born in Santa Maria, Texas on August 9, 1948 to parents Amelia Vasquez and Carlos Ledesma. On January 16, 1969, she married Petronilo P. Cantu in Arizona. They were married for nearly 35 years until his death in 2003.

For Lala, family was everything. There was nothing more important than supporting her children, and eventually grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was always there when you needed her, for guidance, encouragement, or a shoulder to cry on. She never missed a sporting event or concert as her children grew up. She continued that tradition for her grandchildren, too, always cheering the loudest! WooHoo, was all that could be heard from the stands.

Lala was loving, kind, and compassionate – a true friend. She will always be remembered for her generous and hardworking spirit, her honesty, and her ambition. There wasn't a laundry basket or sink full of dishes she wouldn't touch. Her passion was cooking. Countless people ate her table over the years. She provided them with the freshest tortillas, along with a wonderful smile.

Lala is survived by her daughter Marilu (Leroy) Veliz, son Petronilo (Heidi) Cantu, grandchildren Ivanna Liz Lomas, Marissa Lee Veliz, Tamara Shaye Cantu, Senaida Lynn Veliz, Thalia Celine (Gabriel) Gomez, and Magan Amelia Cantu, great-grandchildren Emmie Rose Gomez, Mateo Gabriel Gomez, and soon Baby Boy Pennell. Sisters Luisa Perales, Teresa (Armando) Melendez, and Lupina (Lalo) Hernandez.

She was preceded in death by her husband Petronilo P. Cantu, and her parents Carlos and Amelia Ledesma.

Services will be held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022. A visitation will be held from 10:00 a.m. – Noon at North County Christ the King Church in Lynden, followed by a funeral service at 12:00 p.m. A graveside service will follow at 2:00 p.m. at Ten Mile Cemetery in Laurel.

Please share your memories of Lala in her online guestbook.

Tribute Wall

DP

“ As I think back over the years of knowing Lala, what stands out the most was her beautiful smile and loving spirit. She would always greet me with a genuine heart felt smile, hug and kiss on my cheek. Lala was truly an Angel on earth.
My sincere condolences to All the family.

Donna Puffert - April 14, 2022 at 12:00 AM

BK

“ Lala had a most loving heart, warming smile, generous soul and humble spirit. We were truly blessed to know her.

Barb Klein - April 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

CC

“ We are sending you all strength and love from Texas. We loved Lala dearly.

Cindy Candia - April 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Such a sweet angel, can't wait to be greeted by her in eternity. Thankful I had the honor of meeting her. Prayers for comfort for you, her family at this difficult time.

Tawnya RN - April 12, 2022 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ I'm so very sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers go out to you Marilu and your entire family 💜💜

Karen - April 10, 2022 at 12:00 AM