



Anita Herrera

November 2, 1938 - May 28, 2021

Anita (Ana) Herrera, 82 years old, of Torrance, California, passed away peacefully on May 28, 2021, with her family by her side. She was preceded in death by her husband Jesus Herrera. Anita was born to Pedro and Sylvia Huerta on November 2, 1938, in Inglewood, California. While working at Mattel toy company, she was introduced by friends to Jesus Herrera. They were married on January 28, 1961, moved to Hawthorne, and then to Torrance where they spent most of their life together.

While raising her five children, she was an active member of St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church and School. There she had a steady presence on the playground and was known affectionately as the “yard duty lady.” She loved to take her walks around the neighborhood and would often stop to chat with neighbors. Another passion of hers was entertaining family and friends. She was a great host, constantly bringing people together, and her home was always open. As a result, Anita’s house was full of life, brimming with laughter and an ever-present throng of kids. Famous for her chicken mole and chorizo and eggs, Anita welcomed anyone who stopped by. She always had enough for one more, and if someone needed a place to stay, she would cheerfully say, “I have plenty of floorspace!” Anita’s greatest loves were her children and grandchildren -- and the Dodgers. She had a twinkle in her eye, a sweet, infectious smile, and will always be remembered for her kindness, warm generosity, and great sense of humor. She is survived by her five children Alisa Campbell (Rod), Orlando Herrera (Kathy), Jesse Herrera (Soyfa), Barbara Herrera, and Christopher Herrera (Samantha), her thirteen grandchildren, and her seven brothers and sisters.

Family and friends are invited to attend the funeral service to be held at 10 am on Thursday, June 24, 2021, at St. Lawrence Martyr Church, 1900 S. Prospect Avenue, Redondo Beach, California. Following the service, a short graveside ceremony will be held at 1 pm, at Holy Cross Cemetery, 5835 West Slauson Avenue in Culver City. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the American Diabetes Association on her behalf.

Cemetery

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

5835 W Slauson Ave
Culver City, CA, 90230-6505

Events

JUN **Funeral Mass** 10:00AM

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St. Lawrence Martyr Catholic Church
1940 S Prospect Avenue, Redondo Beach, CA, US,
90277

JUN **Graveside Service** 01:00PM

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Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery
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Comments



“ My Tia Aunna is the most humble and gracious woman you'll ever meet. To be as blessed as I was to love and know her. She has a very soothing voice and unique presence. I knew her as such a giving person who had so much love to give, no matter what she was facing behind her kind eyes. My Tia Aunna could COOK! Bobby Flay and Wolfgang Puck couldn't hold a candle to her chef abilities. All home taught and by MEMORY, none of this semi-homemade or recipes stuff. All her cooking talents and skills were an art form and manifestation of the love for those she was giving nourishment to. My fondest memories are too many to squeeze into this post! My Tia Aunna was so funny and naive. She probably did not even realize she was a comedian. Driving with her are the best to share! She never drove to best of my knowledge. Here I was strangely listening and following her directions of, “Go right, up ahead, go left”, not ever knowing the street names! LOL! The best one was when I started to learn Spanish and none of my other cousins or even some adults spoke Spanish. It was adults “secret code”, to keep us out of grown folks BUSINESS! So I ask her one day, gobbling down off a freshly made stack of flour tortillas, why do all her kids call their street, “Kelly Mayor”. It's not the way it's spelled? She said, “Some people learn to say things different ways, kinda how we say, Tore-Tee-Ahs”. I was still puzzled. Until one day I heard a person say they were on, “Sep-ill-Vay-Duh”. I had to put them on hold and bust up! I later called my Tia Aunna and told her and we got a real kick out of it! That's kinda how I should explain the way I refer to her in writing. Her birth name is Anita. I never knew that for many years. I've always phonetically spelled Anna, as Aunna. That's how I say it, kinda like our Calle Mayor & Sepulveda joke. One last memory about my Tia Aunna. She loved everyone and listened so well. The ONE RELATIONSHIP that will forever be etched in my head, is her loyal, trusted, honest and special bond with my Tia Ecka. They were a pair! It's always the quiet Ones!! At every family function, there they were sitting side by side as “sports announcers” at a athletic event. They rarely were bookends, but if you were blessed to be in between those two, you better be prepared to laugh and have a front row seat to the most rare and unique sisterly love they shared towards each other. My Tia Aunna was very missed by many having family spread out. My Tia Aunna was on loan to us by her Father GOD. We are all blessed to have known her and share a lifetime or moment with her. When you start to feel sad about the absence of her voice or just lost without her, smell Gardenias, Look up at the sky and watch the clouds GOD would provide for her on her walks, Laugh! She will live on through our telling of the memories we share and make known.....

My Deepest Condolences to HER Entire Family and Friends. May you be comforted by Gods Grace as she is now in Heaven. She is being greeted by all her loved ones she lost. It's a “Welcome Home Party” for her.

Ricky Chacon - June 24 at 03:52 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Ricky Chacon - June 24 at 02:58 AM



“ Ricky Chacon lit a candle in memory of Anita Herrera



Ricky Chacon - June 24 at 02:57 AM



“ Our deepest, deepest sympathies and thoughts to the entire Herrera Family. Anita has been such a wonderful neighbor and close friend to our family thru all these many years.

She has been our youngest son's "other mother". Our neighborhood will not be the same without her always smiling face. There are much too many memories of moments and times when our families shared an occasion or just a daily conversation to catch up on our families' activities and well-being. She was always a very caring person who would offer to help if her doing so would lighten our family's burden. She was a constant- always the same in character and friendship. A joy to know. We will miss her always but never forget her- grateful to know that we have been so fortunate to share in her life. We send our love to the entire family and hope that your grief can be filled with the happiness of knowing that she is loved. God bless you, Anita!

Neil and Susan Iacono

Neil and Susan Iacono - June 23 at 11:44 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anita Herrera.



June 22 at 09:49 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Anita Herrera.



June 19 at 04:13 PM



“ 50 files added to the album LifeTributes



McCormick & Son Mortuaries - June 18 at 08:26 PM



“ Mike and Janet Finley purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Anita Herrera.



Mike and Janet Finley - June 15 at 12:46 PM



“ Unsurprisingly, Anita was the first person we met when we moved into the neighborhood and she was the quintessential good neighbor. Over the years she grew to be a warm, generous and constant presence. She was a grandmother-like figure to our boys whose own grandparents live quite far away. As we all know, it's the small daily interactions that make a lasting impression. We will miss giving her a wave as we each go about our days, joking about how she was always cold and wearing sweatshirts while we always wore shorts, borrowing tools from one another, gawking at her impeccably neat garage, and chatting about the neighborhood news. We send our deepest condolences to the Herrera family; may Anita rest in heavenly peace. - vera d

Vera D - June 15 at 12:18 PM



“ Thank you Vera, I know my mother loved her walks around the neighborhood, and treasured her neighbors.

-Orlando Herrera

Orlando Herrera - June 18 at 11:09 PM



“ Mom-you will be forever missed. You welcomed me into your family and home with open arms when I was just a teenager. When Chris and I got married, you told me “Sam, call me mom” I will never forget that special moment we had that day. I was so fortunate to have that same special moment with you a few months ago when I visited you in the hospital and we told the nurse that story together! I'm forever grateful to you for the son you raised and is now my husband. You always said he's just like his dad! You were always so patient and loving with the kids. You are the most selfless woman I've ever known. If I can just be a quarter of the woman you are, I'd be happy. Your smile and laugh would light up the room. Especially when you had all your grandkids at the house. I will miss you forever mom! The kids are finding dimes; thank you for sending them! I love you!

samantha herrera - June 12 at 09:30 AM



“ Anita had such a calmness about her. When my daughter, Niki, needed someone to watch over my grandson, Alex, Anita took him in. Alex loved being with her and we were blessed to know he was in such loving hands. She was a wonderful mother and raised some beautiful, respectful, children. Rest In Peace, Anita, you will be missed.

Jamey McElroy - June 12 at 09:10 AM



“ Tia Anna,
I will always remember you for teaching me to make your delicious pasta salad. Lots of memories going over to your house with my mom. Death leaves a heartache No one can heal; Love leaves a memory no one can steal. Forever in my thoughts and in my heart.



Raquel L Simon - June 11 at 03:43 PM



“ There is so much to be said about, Tia Ana. She was a sweet, kind, and loving person. My memories of her was her quick smile and laughter. Tia Ana's beautiful soul, will always be in my mind and heart. Heaven is a better place with her there. Tia will be missed. Rest in peace.

Deborah Venegas-Prout - June 11 at 06:06 PM



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Barbara Herrera - June 10 at 05:36 PM



“ Anita Herrera, my beautiful mother-in-law, was the matriarch of the wonderful Huerta/Herrera family I am deeply fortunate to now call my own. I will miss you terribly, yet I only need look at my husband and children to feel your kind and generous spirit.

I love you mi hermosa suegra.

Kathy Weiler Herrera



Kathy Weiler Herrera - June 10 at 12:02 PM