



## Josefa Lara

March 19, 1938 - December 6, 2025

Sra. Josefa Lara, beloved mother, abuela, and friend, departed this world peacefully, surrounded by family, on Saturday, December 6, 2025 at the age of 87.

Sra. Lara was preceded in death by her parents, Jesus Manueles and Rosa Lara of Honduras, as well as two sisters, Lucinda Lara and Blanca Lara, of whom she was the middle child.

She is survived by her two daughters - Maris Banegas of Spain, and Ledan Patricia Radcliff and husband Richard Radcliff of Dallas, Texas; four granddaughters - Carrie Radcliff and husband Kyle Kent of Allen, Texas; Kara Maris Willingham, Lindsey Leann Willingham, and Lesly Pérez; as well as four great-grandchildren, Mila Kent, Mason Kent, Emery Willingham, and Carson Willingham.

Born in La Paz, Honduras, Josefa Lara worked tirelessly for the banana factory, United Fruit Company, in La Lima, Cortés, for 24 years while raising two daughters on her own, sending both of them for higher education, and finally affording her own home through her hard work for "the Union".

Eventually, Sra. Lara joined her daughter in the United States and became a U.S. Citizen. She enjoyed watching her granddaughter Carrie grow up and

became employed for the very special family of Kathleen Jenkins, caring for her son Taylor Jenkins whom she loved and considered her own.

In her retirement years, Josefa enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren. She will be remembered for her humble and joyful nature, her wonderful sense of humor, her warm, accepting and welcoming smile, and the light she shared with all who knew her.

May the daily prayers she prayed for all her loved ones continually be heard and answered, now from a closer proximity among the angels and with the Lord God whom she loved.

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

DEC 12. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mountain Creek Cemetery  
2099 Hardy Rd.  
Grand Prairie, TX 75051

# Tribute Wall



“ Ceil, Taylor and Jake planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josefa Lara.

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**Ceil, Taylor and Jake** - December 12, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Josefa Lara.



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December 12, 2025 at 11:30 AM



“ Valli Waldron purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Josefa Lara.



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**Valli Waldron** - December 11, 2025 at 11:22 PM



“ Kitty Jenkins planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josefa Lara.

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**Kitty Jenkins** - December 11, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Josefa Lara.



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December 11, 2025 at 09:48 PM



“ Declan, Caroline and Charles Koetting planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josefa Lara.

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**Declan, Caroline and Charles Koetting** - December 11, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Josefa Lara.



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December 11, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ De parte de tú hija Maris de España planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Josefa Lara.

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**De parte de tú hija Maris de España** - December 11, 2025 at 12:48 PM

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“ *De parte de tú hija Maris de España purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Josefa Lara.*



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**De parte de tú hija Maris de España** - December 11, 2025 at 12:48 PM

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“ *My dear friend Patty, my deepest condolences Josefa will be missed. I had the best time with you and your mom when you would come over for dinner to my house. She was an absolute riot busting a dance move to 'Gasolina' with wild, infectious energy." She had a vibrant, infectious smile, that could cut through the gloomiest of days. Josefa had a way of looking at the world that found the humor in every day struggles, delivering a quick witted comment or a perfectly timed, gentle tease that instantly lifted my spirit. I will miss your mum a humble, kind, and beautiful human being with so much compassion for others. Her memory will continue to bring light long after she is gone.*

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**Teresa Rosales** - December 10, 2025 at 11:30 PM

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“ *Familia Calderón-Canales purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Josefa Lara.*



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**Familia Calderón-Canales** - December 10, 2025 at 07:08 PM

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“ *Mi respeto y cariño para Dona Josefa siempre con una sonrisa , ámable y carinosa tengo muy buenos recuerdos de mis tiempo de colegio siendo amiga de Leda descanse en paz ❤️ Betty*



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**Mirian Tamayo** - December 10, 2025 at 12:57 PM

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*Querida prima que Dios la tenga en su santa gloria, te recuerdo con cariño y tu sonrisa cariñosa fuiste una muy linda prima con migo ❤️*

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**Gladis Carrillo** - December 10, 2025 at 01:29 PM