



Estella Star Rodriguez-Smidt

April 27, 1947 - May 6, 2018

Estella Star Rodriguez-Smidt passed away peacefully at home with her husband and family at her side after a lengthy illness on May 6, 2018. Estella was born April 27, 1947 in San Antonio, TX. She graduated from South Haven High School and began working at Overton. She later began working as a social worker for the Dept. of Health and Human Services and retired after 20 years of service. Estella was very well known as a “fighter” for migrant workers and a true advocate for those less fortunate, including marching with Cesar Chavez, holding numerous positions with local agricultural organizations and translating for farm workers across the state. Estella was a very fun, energetic woman whose love for life was infectious. She enjoyed traveling, spending time with her family and watching sunsets at Scott Lake and South Haven with her husband, Glen. She had a love for dancing and music. She will forever be remembered by her husband and best friend, Glen; 11 siblings, Rudolph Rodriguez, Jr., Linda Ferrell, Sylvia Madsen, Rita Walker, Victor Rodriguez, Caroline Rodriguez, David Rodriguez, Rosey Pazey, Daniel Rodriguez, Diane Wentz and Esmil Rodriguez; 6 children, Enriqueta Turanzas of South Haven, MI, Joe Turanzas of Bangor, MI, Katheran (David) Barton of Santa Barbara, CA, Kenny (Dee) Larion of Virginia Beach, VA, Anita (Fidel) Mireles of Lawrence, MI, Tiffinie (Nick) Wiatrowski of Gilbert, AZ; 2 step children, Richie (Sandy) Smidt of Bangor, MI & Luann (Craig) Harden of South Haven, MI; 10 grandchildren, Blake, Deanna, Bridgett, Bradley, Billy, Brandon, Jacob, Ava, Milena and Henry. She was preceded in death by her parents,

Rudy and Longina Rodriguez and siblings, Lorraine and Antonio Rodriguez. Visitation will be held Friday, at the Bangor Chapel, D.L. Miller Funeral Home from 10 AM until time of service at noon. Interment will follow at Hoppin Cemetery in Arlington Township. Memorial donations may be made to Caring Circle Hospice Care. www.dlmillerfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Hoppin Cemetery

55490 28th Avenue
Bangor, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Service

MAY 11. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

IG

“ *My sincerest condolences to all her family. Stella and I worked together for many years at DSS. She was truly a caring and loving person. Although we didn't see each other after we moved out of Michigan I will always treasure the time we worked together. She was a beautiful person inside and out. May she rest in perpetual peace.*

Irma Gonzalez

Irma Gonzalez - May 15, 2018 at 09:49 PM

VO

“ *Condolences to Stella's family. Stella and I worked together in Hartford, MI in the migrant program. She was such a wonderful person and so much fun to be around. I'll always have the fondest of memories of you. Miss you!*

Virginia Trevino Oswald



Virginia Oswald - May 14, 2018 at 09:31 PM

MB

“ *Maggie Brooks lit a candle in memory of Estella Star Rodriguez-Smidt*



Maggie Brooks - May 13, 2018 at 04:10 PM

RL

“ haven't seen you since almost childhood, but have never forgotten you and you're family..God Bless you, and Godspeed be with you Ms. Stella..Randy Lute..Prayers for family and friends..



Randy Lute - May 12, 2018 at 05:50 PM

DH

“ So sorry for the loss of your mother. Her smile and kind heart will be missed by many. Hugs and strength to you all.
Love Debbie Lash Holubar



Debbie Lash Holubar - May 12, 2018 at 12:39 PM

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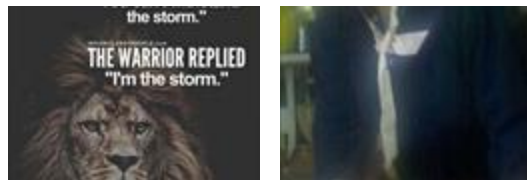
“ Hey Stella my friend! You truly were all those things your Big smile, the sparkle in your eye and a bit of mischievousness. Oh heaven is definitely in for a little “shake up” you will be missed by many.

Isabel DelaRosa - May 11, 2018 at 11:31 AM



Enriqueta Turanzas

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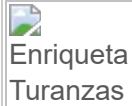
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Enriqueta Turanzas - May 11, 2018 at 07:22 AM



“ Sue and Kasper Smidt purchased the *Country Basket Blooms* for the family of *Estella Star Rodriguez-Smidt*.



Sue and Kasper Smidt - May 10, 2018 at 11:06 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Estella Star Rodriguez-Smidt*.



May 10, 2018 at 08:08 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Estella Star Rodriguez-Smidt*.



May 09, 2018 at 08:42 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Estella Star Rodriguez-Smidt.*



May 09, 2018 at 08:21 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Estella Star Rodriguez-Smidt.*



May 09, 2018 at 05:26 PM



“ *Estella was such a beautiful and vibrant woman that loved life. I'm blessed to have worked with her. Prayers for her husband and children*

Doug Schmutte - May 08, 2018 at 09:20 PM



“ *What a beautiful rememberance of a very special person! My sincerest condolences to the family!!!*



Marta Amar - May 08, 2018 at 08:50 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of *Estella Star Rodriguez-Smidt*.



May 08, 2018 at 07:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Estella Star Rodriguez-Smidt*.



May 08, 2018 at 06:52 PM