



Maria De Jesus Figueroa

August 23, 2016

Passed away peacefully at home at home surrounded by her loving family and born to Eternal Life August 23, 2016 at the age of 79 years. Beloved wife of the late Dolores.

Maria was born in Milwaukee in November of 1936. She attended Vieau Elementary School and graduated from South Division High School in 1955. In the spring of 1959 she was crowned Mexican queen in celebration of Mexican Independence Day. Later that year she married Dolores "Lolo" Figueroa and together had four children; Elizabeth (Ricardo) Ramos, Linda (Kevin) Lopez, the late James, and Carmen (Michael) Heltemes.

Maria was devoted to her faith and family, and enjoyed the simple pleasures of life. She was blessed with seven grandchildren; Maria, Jessica, Joseph, Robert, Jennifer, Bryan, and Angela, whom she was very proud of. She also adored her four great grandchildren; Bradyn, Landon, Sofia, and Autumn.

Maria dedicated 28 years of service as an educational assistant at James Whitcomb Riley Elementary school. She was passionate about her job, and truly cherished the years of helping children. They held a special place in her heart. She was well known in the south side neighborhood as "Mrs. Fig".

Maria enjoyed spending time with family and friends; whether cheering for the Green Bay Packers, making tamales for the holidays, or celebrating birthdays, she cherished every moment.

Maria will be dearly missed, but we are comforted knowing that she is in the presence of our Heavenly Father.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be directed to Disabled American Veterans or the American Cancer Society.

Private interment Wood National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Wood National Cemetery

1301 Hines Blvd.
Milwaukee, WI 53295

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 29. 9:15 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Lourdes Church
3722 S. 58th St.
Milwaukee, WI

Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ I worked with Miss Maria for many years at Riley. She was a wonderful assistant who loved working with kindergarten students. My thoughts and prayers are with her loving family who I know will cherish the memories they have of this lovely woman.

Maryann Grzesiak - August 27, 2016 at 04:51 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Maria De Jesus Figueroa.



August 26, 2016 at 05:16 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Maria De Jesus Figueroa.



August 26, 2016 at 11:47 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maria De Jesus Figueroa.



August 26, 2016 at 09:16 AM

LD

“ Love, Figueroa's, Rose's and Dwinell's purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Maria De Jesus Figueroa.



Love, Figueroa's, Rose's and Dwinell's - August 25, 2016 at 08:11 PM

DJ

“ I remember Maria when we were at Riley School, she helped me in my k-5 class. She sometimes helped me out when my regular aide was not available! The boys and girls loved her and I sure did!! You have my sympathy, I know she will be missed!

With love, Donna Jorgensen

Donna Jorgensen - August 25, 2016 at 09:47 AM

LT

“ Very sorry for your loss. Maria was always very sweet and kind to me. I will miss her dearly .

Linda Tadyszak - August 24, 2016 at 07:05 PM

DB

“ Maria Seidler and Family, am very sorry for your loss. Loosing someone you love is one of the hardest things to do. May God hold you tight as you go through this. I will be thinking of you in the coming days!

*Debbe Buchanan
Wells Fargo Bank*

debra Buchanan - August 24, 2016 at 04:11 PM

TF

“ *The Heltemes Family purchased the Guiding Light Bouquet for the family of Maria De Jesus Figueroa.*



The Heltemes Family - August 24, 2016 at 03:07 PM

AN

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Angela - August 24, 2016 at 12:37 PM

KW

“ I am filled with sorrow knowing that Maria is gone, but I know she is reunited with her beloved husband and son. I first met Maria when I was her neighbor on 5th St. I taught at Riley School and Mr. Ross asked me if I knew any parent from the neighborhood who would make a good educational assistant. I immediately thought of Maria, who was such a hard worker, and cheerful addition to the staff. Plus that, on special days when we had staff luncheons, everyone waited for Maria's enchiladas. After all those years after both of us retired, we still exchanged Christmas cards with little notes filled with updates in our lives. I was honored to be the only teacher at Riley who had all 4 Figueroa children in my class. They were exceptional students and wonderful people. I know they loved their mom a great deal. My sympathy to Elizabeth, Linda, and Carmen and all your families.

Lovingly, with sympathy and prayers,
Kathy Wisniewski

Kathleen Wisniewski - August 24, 2016 at 12:22 PM

JG

“ I'm so sorry to hear the news about your mom. May she rest in peace. I vividly remember her spunky spirit as she hung out with all of you kids and us neighbor kids as we played in the alley on 5th street. I especially remember the games of kick the can and jump rope.

Joyce (Wojtkowski) Gill

Joyce (Wojtkowski) Gill - August 24, 2016 at 10:40 AM