



## Ms. Diana Arguijo Mendez

May 17, 1962 - August 22, 2021

Diana Arguijo Mendez, affectionately known by her community as, "Momma", entered eternal life on Sunday August 22, 2021 surrounded by her family at the age of 59 years old. Diana was born in Dimmit, TX on May 17, 1962 to the late Luis Nunez Arguijo and Carmen Garcia Contreras. She was also preceded in death by her stepfather, Juan Contreras. Besides her parents, she was preceded by her sister Connie Banda as well as her daughter-in-law Adela Netro.

Diana was the devoted wife of 44 years to her husband Daniel Mendez. Proud mother of Rene Mendez (Marcela), Bertha Mendez Godinez (Juan), Wendy Mendez Enriquez (Jose), Patricia Mendez Cervantes (Simon), Rachel Mendez Almonte (Ruri), Adalberto Netro and Cassandra Anderson. She was the loving grandmother of Rene Mendez, Jr., Marissa Mendez, Daniella Guadalupe Mendez, Sofia Marie Mendez, Jared Alexander Mendez, Adalberto Netro, Jr., Samuel Netro, Leilani Netro, Angel Netro, Simon Iden Cervantes, Alan Cervantes, Adrian Cervantes, Angel De Jesus Guevara-Anderson, Jr., Mateo Sebastian Guevara-Anderson, Stacy Mendez Rivera, Esmeralda Mendez Godinez, Diana Mendez Godinez, Jose' Enriquez, Natalia Enriquez, Samantha Enriquez, Emily Enriquez, Rudy Almonte, Isaac Almonte and Layla Almonte and great grandmother of Annalise Netro. Diana also leaves behind her siblings, David Arguijo, Lupe Sandoval, Tomasita Cortez, Louis Arguijo, Jr., Darlene Hernandez, Jessie Arguijo, Marcelo Arguijo, Armando Arguijo and Joanne Oltivero as loving aunt to many nieces and

nephews she loved dearly.

Diana and her husband, Daniel Mendez raised an incredible family. They were migrant farm workers and traveled with the crop until they themselves decided to plant roots in Independence, LA. Here is where she discovered her love of strawberry farming. After years of working for and with other farmers, they decided to start their own farm, Mendez Produce Farm. There are various crops planted at Mendez Produce Farm throughout the year, but farming strawberries was always her passion. She is known to many far and wide as "The Strawberry Lady." She took pride in her crop and happily delivered it to customers across Southeast Louisiana and into Mississippi.

Diana never met a stranger. She was a mother and grandmother to an entire community as she was one of the first Mexican Americans to establish roots in the area and she was quick to defend against any small or large injustice in her community. And she was a friend to nearly everyone she came into contact along the way. She will be remembered for her love of farming, but most importantly, for her love of her family. She was an amazing mother, grandmother, sister, and friend. She bonded with everyone and left a lasting impression with each of them. There are not many who can mention her name, and not smile as a memory crosses their mind. Her unconditional love of people, kindness and work ethic will never be forgotten. That is a legacy that she passed on to her children, grandchildren, and family members. Diana always knew this day would come and she prepared everyone through her infectious laughter, antics, endless stories, pictures, and special time that she took with everyone in her life. She was everyone's biggest cheerleader, and she will be terribly missed.

# Cemetery Details

## Colonial Cemetery

Highway 51 North  
Independence, LA 70443

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **12**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Brandon G. Thompson Funeral Home  
12012 Hwy. 190 West  
Hammond, LA 70401

## Funeral Mass

SEP **13**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Mater Dolorosa Catholic Church  
620 3rd Street  
Independence, LA 70443

## Burial

SEP **13**. 2:30 PM (CT)

Colonial Cemetery  
Highway 51 North  
Independence, LA 70443



# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Diana Arguijo Mendez.*



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September 12, 2021 at 09:20 AM



“ *Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Ms. Diana Arguijo Mendez.*



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September 10, 2021 at 07:33 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Ms. Diana Arguijo Mendez.*



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September 10, 2021 at 07:26 PM