



Margaret G. Runkel

February 27, 1931 - August 30, 2020

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Kinston, North Carolina: Margaret Frances Guerrero Runkel passed peacefully from this earth on Sunday, August 30, 2020 at the age of 89 years. In her final hour she was attended by her two eldest children, Sharon and Stephanie, and her sister, Maryann. Margo was born in Falls City, Texas on February 27, 1931 as the sixth child out of 15 of Emiliano and Porfiria (Lopez) Guerrero, who preceded her in death.

Margo grew up in Texas before her family, migrant farm workers, moved to Saginaw, Michigan and established themselves as the first Hispanic family in Saginaw County. She was a veteran of the United States Air Force, where she met her future husband, James A. Runkel, Sr., who survives her. Margo was the mother of six children: Sharon Bonnett, Stephanie (Bryan) Eaves, James A. Runkel, Jr., who preceded her in death (Karen Kunkler), William (Joan) Runkel, Edward (Rebecca) Runkel, and Kenneth (Constance) Runkel. She was blessed with 15 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. She has two surviving siblings, her sisters Irene (Henry) Alva and MaryAnn (Mike) Brosman.

Margo lived the life of an Air Force wife, raising their children in Delaware, Michigan, California (twice), North Dakota, the Republic of the Philippines, and Indiana. They eventually settled in Indiana, where they had their first chance to put down real roots. Margo personified the Mexican tradition of *mi casa es su casa* and never met a stranger or failed to make a friend feel

welcome. She embraced the study abroad program, hosting five students from four different countries. As her family grew, she supported and adored her many grandchildren and great grandchildren. In her retirement, Margo and Jim wintered in Florida for a number of years, enjoying the company of her niece, Elizabeth and her husband, Jack Hudson, before moving to North Carolina to live with their daughter, Stephanie, and her husband, Bryan. A Funeral Mass will take place at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 7243 E. 10th St., Indianapolis on Friday, September 4, 2020 at 11 am. Visitation will take place one hour prior to Mass, beginning at 10 am. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to the American Cancer Society in the name of her son, James A. Runkel, Jr.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
7243 East 10th Street
Indianapolis, IN 46219

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was very sorry to hear of Margo’s passing. I was a sub for her whenever she went to Florida. We were all in a Euchre Club in Indianapolis. She was a very sweet and fun loving friend. Deepest Sympathy.

sherry vail - September 06, 2020 at 07:46 PM

MH

“ We were sorry to hear about a good neighbor. Sorry we will not be able to attend the Funeral. Are thoughts and prayers are with you. With our love. Jim & Mary Ann Hazzard

mary Ann Hazzard - September 03, 2020 at 09:36 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Margaret G. Runkel.



September 02, 2020 at 03:43 PM

HD

“ Hal and Mary Daniels were friends of Margo and Jim for a long time and enjoyed many great times with them dining or just playing cards. Margo was a great person to be around and we will miss her. Prayers and condolences go out to her loved one.

Hal Daniels - September 02, 2020 at 03:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Margaret G. Runkel.



September 02, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket* was purchased for the family of Margaret G. Runkel.



September 01, 2020 at 09:44 PM