



## Carmela M. Saldana

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Obituary for Carmen M. Saldana

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Wellington, Florida | Age 73

Carmen M. Saldana, age 73 passed away April 3, 2019 in Wellington, Florida after a courageous battle with cancer.

Carmen was born August 12, 1945 in Jalisco Mexico, an area known to be the birthplace of mariachi music and adorned with colorful and festive murals around the city. This would explain her joyful and spirited personality that might be displayed with a dance, a song, or a joke she might say to cheer everyone up. Carmen came to the United States at an early age with her Uncle and Aunt who took her to California to live. Growing up there and after attending the University of California Los Angeles (UCLA) for a brief time before moving to Brownsville, Texas where she married, and gave birth to two beautiful girls. Carmen was a wonderful and loving mother, grandmother, mentor, and friend with a smile that would brighten any room. Her wit was her gift to soften any difficult situation.

Carmen is survived by daughters, Graciela “Gracie” Lesley (and husband, John); Bertha (Betty) Hassaballa (and husband, Mohamed); four grandchildren, Desarae, DeAndre, Mya, and Cairo. She is also survived by Rodolfo Saldana and his wife and children; along with countless other family members and friends from the United States, Mexico, and around the world.

Carmen will be greatly missed by all those who loved and knew her.

A celebration of life will be held in Brownsville, Texas at a later date.

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**Gracie Lesley** - April 09, 2019 at 06:30 PM

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“ My mom was an amazing woman. She was a wonderful mother and friend. She worked hard to take care of me and my sister and was a Wonder Woman in my eyes. There was never anything that she couldn't do. The word "can't" never came out of her mouth, she would try her hand at anything. This included building homes to fixing cars. Like I said "Wonder Woman"! I will always cherish the wonderful childhood and adult memories that she created for me. She fought a four year battle with pancreatic cancer, there was many triumphs and many defeats along the way but her spirit always remained hopeful. She was truly a fighter until the very end! Now she has gone home to be with our Father. However her beautiful soul will forever live in our hearts and the memories made we will always treasure. We love you forever mom! Rest In Peace, free from pain, until we meet in heaven, United again!

Love you always,  
Gracie



**Gracie Lesley** - April 09, 2019 at 06:21 PM



“ This is such a beautiful tribute to Carmen, the Wonder woman. I am so glad I met her.  
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“ What I remember the most about Carmen is the uplifting sense of humor she had even on days when she didn't feel well. We had some great conversations together and we called ourselves the Golden Girls. I have many fond memories that I will cherish. So long for now, Carmen. Save a seat for me at the feet of our Savior, Jesus. We will rejoice and dance the Salsa with the angels.

**Yvonne Crockett** - June 02, 2019 at 09:10 PM