



Linda May Desrosiers

April 27, 1945 - June 24, 2019

Linda May Parks Desrosiers, 74, wife, mother, grandmother and known by many as Nana, died peacefully on June 24, 2019 at her home in Hawthorne, California.

Linda was born to Richard E. and Olive Parks on April 27, 1945 in Greenfield, Massachusetts. She graduated from Greenfield High School in 1963 and later moved to Inglewood, California in 1964. By fate she was introduced to Gary Desrosiers (Orange, Massachusetts native) in California.

Linda raised two sons, Barry and Mark Desrosiers, and donated much of her time at their school. In 1975, she was eventually hired by Jefferson Elementary school in Lennox, CA as a Teacher Aid. She would later get promoted to Resource Clerk where she handled all the resource materials for the teachers. She dedicated 29 years of service and retired in 2004.

After 2004, she enjoyed her retirement by spending time with her grandchildren and family. She enjoyed many trips to Hawaii and Massachusetts.

She is survived by husband Gary, her two sons Barry and Mark, daughters-in-law Gabriela and Alejandra, and her grandchildren Baron, Trevor, Linda, Rosario, Mallorie and Mia. As well as her Mother Olive Sadler, her brothers Dick, Rob, Toby, and Richard.

She would always say her greatest accomplishment in life was her influence on her two sons and grandchildren.

Cemetery

Green Hills Memorial Park

27501 S. Western Ave.

Rancho Palos Verdes, CA,

90275

Events

JUN Visitation 04:00PM - 08:00PM

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Cove Suite

27501 S. Western Ave., Rancho Palos Verdes, CA,

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JUL Funeral Ceremony 10:00AM

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Historic Church at Green Hills Memorial Park

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Comments



“ We had the privilege of meeting Linda only a handful of times. But we noticed right away that she was very kind and very well loved by her family and those around her. We are very sad to hear of her passing. We're sure that God needed a loving angel like her in heaven.

Manny & Stephanie Carrillo - June 30 at 02:27 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Linda May Desrosiers.



June 30 at 01:09 PM



“ ...Love one another. As I have loved you”
-John 13:34

This bible verse came to mind as I sat to think of where to start as I reminisced on the life Nana lived and legacy that she left behind.

Nana was and has been a pivotal figure in my life, and will always serve as a reminder of what selflessness and becoming a total gift of oneself entails.

Nana was a woman of great hospitality who carried a genuine heart for people. She was a woman who I remember as always being present, attentive, and intentional about the conversations she had and relationships she nurtured.

There was a warmth about being within Nana's presence and a peace that surrounded you at any house gathering.

It wasn't an act, it was simply who Nana (and Papa) have always been.

When my wife, Vonique (known as well as Nikki) and I planned our first trip out to California, as newlyweds, in March of 2016; I remember telling my wife that Nana's and Papa's House was on my list of things to do. Not as a means to merely check off my list, nor as a means to kill time, but for two reasons....

Number one, I wanted my wife to meet and witness two amazing people who I value greatly and number two... given that Nana and Papa helped create many amazing family memories, presenting to them my wife and sharing with them a new milestone was one in which I wanted to help create for my wife.

She was a woman of fine character and a woman who loved like Jesus. Blessed are

those who continue to witness Papa carry this out because he too carries the legacy.

We are torn at the fact that we could not be there with everyone to mourn and celebrate the life of Nana, but know that you have been in our prayer and will continue to be.

From death to life... from grace to grace... and with Nana forever in our hearts...

From San Antonio, TX,
Rony & Vonique Galdamez

Rony Galdamez Jr. - June 30 at 12:31 AM



“ Nana was a beautiful person inside and out. She had this amazing way of always making you feel welcomed. I always felt special and important whenever I saw her. Whether it was making sure I got a birthday cake and card, finding out what my favorite color was, or just embracing me as if she hadn't seen me in years.

I'm indebted to Nana for the beautiful family she's created, for all the special holidays we celebrated, and for teaching me the difference between white and yellow cake. I'll miss her dearly.

-Nidia



Nidia Kiessya - June 30 at 12:19 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Linda May Desrosiers.



June 29 at 07:47 PM



“ I am so grateful that I got to have so many memories with Nana. I love you for being a loving person to always open your heart and arms to us. Thank you for always having us over, for the Fourth of July, that was one of the best days of the year for me. To see the fireworks at your house and having lots of fun at the pool.

When I spent time with Nina Gaby, I loved when we would go see Nana. she would have a box full of treasure for me to do crafting with her. I made a pin of a woman with a hat, that Nana taught me how to make. It is still my favorite crafting and bonding experience through the pin. The pin is still one of my loving memories of Nana.

Love you Nana you will always be in my heart...
from Margie Perez Nunez

Miyi Nunez - June 29 at 07:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Linda May Desrosiers.



June 29 at 04:51 PM



“ Linda and I are cousins. My father and her mother were/are half-siblings. We got in touch a few months ago, and shared an interest in tracing our family roots. It wasn't long before I felt a strong connection to Linda. I looked forward to hearing from her, and watched for her emails. An email from Linda was a bright spot in my day. Each of us filled in some of the gaps for the other about our family, and learned things we never would have known had we not met. We also had similar experiences and memories of our grandmother, and by simply sharing experiences, we learned about some family mysteries that remain to be solved. Linda was so proud of her family, and sent photos of her beautiful grandchildren.

I had many more things to share with Linda. I was looking forward to knowing her better, and was hoping to meet her this fall. Sadly, I will never get the chance to share more of our history, or to meet her in person. I am so grateful that I had the opportunity to know Linda for this short period of time. I'll remember Linda every time I uncover another piece of our family history, with love and gratitude for her kindness.

My deepest sympathies for the loss of this very special person.

Jeanne McGee Frost

Jeanne Frost - June 29 at 03:00 PM



“ Dear Mom,
It is impossible to put into words everything I appreciate about you. In life, you were a wonderful person and an even better mother.

Thank you for being my mom and thank you for all the beautiful memories. I remember the times I spent as a kid reading to you out loud, and the many trips we made to the local library.

Thank you for consoling me when I was hurt and the time dad gave me a bad haircut.

Thank you for making all my birthdays special and thank you for helping me with all my craft projects, even though I usually made a big mess (you used to call me “mess a minute”).

Thank you for encouraging me to do the things I liked.

And thank you for being there beside me when my children were born.

I never really thanked you for your hard work and the sacrifices you have made for me.

Love you mom.
Thank you.



Mark Desrosiers - June 28 at 11:18 PM



“ From Jan Reed
I met Linda when her son, Mark, was a student in my kindergarten class. She began at Jefferson School as a parent volunteer. Then, she was hired as a teacher’s aide. I was fortunate to work with Linda in the classroom for several years. We became best friends then and always remained best friends. Later, she was promoted to be in charge of the Resource Room for all the teachers. Linda took great pride in organizing the room and running it efficiently. She was a very conscientious worker and a very caring person.

Linda and I had a very special and trusting friendship. We knew that we could confide in one another and that neither of us would ever reveal anything said in confidence. We also shared lots of laughter and lots of good times together. I am so lucky that I met Linda. I knew her as a very wonderful mother to Mark and Barry, a very wonderful grandmother, a very dedicated worker, and the best friend you could ask for. I will forever cherish our friendship.

I have many great memories of Linda. One of my fondest memories was attending Linda and Gary's 50th wedding anniversary celebration. It was a special evening, and I will always remember how very happy she was that evening. I am so grateful that I was there to experience her absolute joy.

Linda, I will miss you greatly. But, you will live forever in my heart.

Linda Desrosiers - June 28 at 11:16 PM



“ My sister Gabby met a cute looking guy back in February 1985 whom she married a year after. The Zapien family was not just blessed to welcome Barry in our lives but we were even more blessed by gaining his family too. Nana didn't have a sister nor a daughter so she was excited to have Gabby as a daughter. Nana's days of being the only female in the family we're over as Gabby came with six sisters and lots of nieces. We shared many girl talks, shopping dates, eating out, bridal showers, baby showers, weddings and LOTS of birthdays.

Nana is a very special person to our family as she gave us so much great advice, spent hours on the phone to hear you talk at any time of the day or night. She always had a beautiful smile even when she was having a bad day. Nana would always make us laugh especially when she tried to have a conversation with our mom. She welcomed our family into her home with open arms and love. For many years, 4th of July was celebrated at her house and she would make sure we would feel special. We always looked forward to her homemade Jell-O cake, ice cream punch, potato salad, and deviled eggs. As she looked forward to our homemade salsa, rice and beans.

My brother Gabriel and I were only 7 & 10 years old when we met Nana and have beautiful memories growing up with The Desrosiers but especially with Nana as she was like a second Mom to us. We went on camping trips, had pool parties with her family, went to Disneyland and had multiple sleepovers.

I personally shared summer vacations at Nana's house going with her to her work at the school. She always made sure Papa shared his chocolate Jell-O pudding with me. She taught me different things in life than my mother did. She always made sure that I spend time reading, remind me of the importance of having an education and standing up for myself. I'll never forget going to her when I had a boy problem and her bringing out her notebook so we can write down my "pros and cons" before making a decision in life. I still use that advice even now and shared it with my kids. Nana and Gabby threw a surprise bridal shower for me at Nana's house. She always

made sure I knew how much she loved me and she was always there front and center to see me. On my wedding day, I made sure she sat next to my parents in place of my grandparents because that's how much she meant to me. Nana was very ladylike, respectful, loving, caring and made sure we all played fair. I'll never forget all the special and beautiful she felt on her 50th wedding anniversary party. I have many fundamental memories and stories with her that I'll always treasure for the rest of my life.

You left us too soon but we thank God for the blessing of having you in our lives. We love you Nana and you will forever be in our hearts, it's not a goodbye but a till I see you again!

Cecy - June 28 at 05:52 PM



“ Nana was a second mom to me and always made me feel loved and never left out. Anyone who was close to her would say the same thing. She made everyone in her life feel special and loved. This is true especially with her grandchildren, who she would spoil rotten every chance she could. When I was little and stayed over at her house she would always make sure that I took a shower. When I was done she would put a towel on my back, sit we on the floor in front of the couch and comb my extremely knotted long hair. No matter how long it took she would make sure that every single last knot was gone.

My fondest memories with Nana are simple ones. We would sit on the loveseat together, with our chairs reclined and our crazy socks out. Every now and then they would match coincidentally. Then we would just talk. She would go on about the latest book she was reading or what book she was anxious to read next. Her latest discover about her ancestors. She would buy us Sudoku, word scrabble, or word searches do together. I would do my own puzzle and she would do hers and we would ask each other for help. She was a wonderful storyteller and shared her memories as a girl. There was never a boring moment with us sitting there talking for hours.

I love you Nana and I will miss you everyday but I know that you will always be in my heart. I will continue the legacy that you started of amazing Lindas.

Love Forever and Always,
Linda A. Desrosiers



Linda Desrosiers - June 28 at 05:49 PM



“ My Nana was everything any child would have wanted in a grandmother. She was kind, funny, courageous, always putting her children and grandchildren first, and always spoiling us when she could.

I'll always cherish all the times I spent with her. I remember every morning I'd be dropped off at her place before school. She's always make me breakfast, which was usually followed by a game of old maid or go fish. She'd usually always let me win and would always let me get away with cheating.

I'll always remember the times she'd offer me a bite, literally a bite of her dessert. And I'll always remember all the times she'd finish my dessert when I'd offer her a bite. There was also that time she ordered an expensive seafood platter on papa's birthday when all he ordered was hotdogs and beans. I'll always cherish these memories of her.

Thank you Nana. Thank you for all you've ever done for me, for all of us. You are loved and you are missed.

Mallorie Desrosiers - June 27 at 08:11 PM



“ Touching Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Linda May Desrosiers.



June 27 at 02:16 PM



“ My Sister was a very special woman. I will miss her. She was a rock for so many people she kept her struggles internal.

She and my older brother Dick were abandoned at 13 and 17 and lived with our Grandmother. She never complained she always was loving and compassionate to everyone.

I would not be here to day if she had not saved my life. I was 4 or 5 years old and my Uncle was dredging the local swimming hole. The older kids were riding the water over the dam. I jumped in got caught in a Eddy and it pulled me under. Linda dove in putting her life in danger to save me. Over the years she has been there, through my darkest hours she never gave up on me. I can't tell you everything she did for me and my family.

Linda I know you are in Heaven, I know you are watching over each of us.

It is comforting to know your are a prayer away.

I remember Saturdays watching American Bandstand and singing and dancing to "The One Eyed, One Horned Flying Purple People Eater, going out picking berries, Taking bathes in the steel tub. Sunday afternoon at Grandma house, watching the train go by, the time you taught me ride a bike and I drove out into traffic and almost got hit by the truck. The time you went to Girl Scout camp and I put my clothes in your suitcase.

The time I put on your Girl Scout Dress.

Annoying you and Gary when you were dating.

The camping trips with the family

So many wonderful times and memories.

Thank you Sis

You have left a legacy and will not be forgotten the children, grandchildren, friend and family will have you in our hearts for every.



Robert - June 27 at 12:02 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda May Desrosiers.



June 27 at 10:53 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Linda May Desrosiers.



June 27 at 07:11 AM



“ Linda was always so sweet and thoughtful ---a very gentle spirit. MayGod bless you always. Love, aloha

Marcia Grover - June 27 at 03:39 AM



“ A beautiful woman inside and out. With such a beautiful smile and loving words. She opened her heart and home to us. Spoiled us. Made sure you never felt left out. Thank you for everything you did for the Zapiens.

I'll always remember our summers together, sleepovers, 4th of July celebrations, Thanksgivings, our girl talk about life and car rides.

I'll always love and will miss you....You left us too soon.

Cecilia Zapien-Camorlinga - June 26 at 10:22 PM