



Martha Stender

October 5, 1939 - January 7, 2014

Martha Alvarado Stender, 74, of Newnan passed away January 7, 2014 at Piedmont Fayette Hospital after a lengthy illness. She was born October 5, 1939 in Santa Barbara, Chihuahua, Mexico to the late Antonio & Maria de Jesus Alvarado.

She married her husband, Richard in El Paso, Texas and last November celebrated 52 years of shared lives. In addition to her husband, she is survived by four sons, Richard Jr. of Dallas, GA, Adam & Michael of Newnan and David of Tampa, FL. She also leaves ten grandchildren, Jordan Stender, Mason Stender, Cheyenne Stender, Hannah Stender, Marilyn Stoupa, Addison & Aidan Stender all of Newnan, Richard A. "Tripp" Stender III & Mackenzie Stender of Charlotte, NC & Isabella Stender of Tampa. A brother, Hector Alvarado & sister Irma Vasquez of El Paso, TX. Martha had many amigos in the Coweta Mexican community, who will miss her counsel, service and friendship. Her very special amigos are Josefina & Hector Hernandez and their family whose friendship she treasured.

A career Army wife, she spent 30 years moving 14 times to bases in the US and Europe. During an assignment at the US Military Academy at West Point she opened her home to 24 cadets as their sponsor, cook, and social organizer. Upon her husband's retirement from the Army, she resumed her career with Merrill Lynch in the Atlanta office, accruing 11 years in which she worked for the company in Germany and Washington DC. She found ultimate happiness in Newnan and often said it was the best place she ever lived,

while sometimes lamenting how her little town had grown too fast.

Martha showed tremendous courage as she battled serious illnesses for fifteen years, always bouncing back with a spirit and vitality that amazed her doctors. She credited her caregivers, Drs. Moraitis, Vilanni and Khan for making miracles possible.

Condolences can be expressed online at www.mckoon.com

The funeral is Saturday, January 11, 2014 at 11:00 o'clock in the chapel of McKoon Funeral Home, 38 Jackson St, Newnan. Deacon Steve Swope officiating. Burial will follow in Oak Hill Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday morning beginning at 9:00 a.m. McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory (770) 253-4580

Cemetery Details

Oak Hill Cemetery

96 Jefferson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-3744

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 11. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

McKoon Funeral Home
38 Jackson Street
Newnan, GA 30263
(770) 253-4580
care@mckoon.com

Service

JAN 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Martha Stender*



McKoon Funeral Home & Crematory - January 07, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *We are saddened by the loss of a wonderful person who was a model of a Military spouse. Our brief time together in West Germany was one of the most cherished memories we have. Our best to Dick and the rest of the family.*

Mike and Barb Morgan - January 11, 2014 at 04:15 PM

WH

“ *Dear Richard and Family, Our hearts and prayers are with you. We know how much Martha is loved and how much she will be missed. All of our love, Ann and Bud*

Warren Heiss - January 11, 2014 at 09:49 AM

AS

“ *My deep felt sadness for Richard Stender and*

Arlyn R Storey - January 11, 2014 at 09:18 AM

OF

“ OUR CONDOLENCES TO YOU, DICK AND THE BOYS, AND THE EXTENDED FAMILY FOR YOUR LOSS. WE HAVE MANY HAPPY MEMORIES OF MARTHA WHEN YOU ALL LIVED HERE IN EL PASO. SHE IS IN A BETTER PLACE AND I KNOW MY DAD AND HER ARE HAVING A GOOD TIME REMINISCING. WE LOVE YOU ALL

O'NEILL FAMILY - January 11, 2014 at 12:53 AM

LG

“ All of my love & strength to the Stender family. Rest in peace, Mrs. Martha.

Lyssa Gwen - January 10, 2014 at 11:13 PM

TF

“ On behalf of my entire family, Diane, Karie, Casey, & Kelly, I offer my sincere and heartfelt condolences to Dick, Sons, and the entire family for the loss of Martha. It was truly my family's fortune that Martha crossed paths with us on this earth ... she was such a positive influence to our lives at a very important time. Among the positive, her indomitable spirit was an inspiration, and her kindness was exemplary. I am compelled to add that her backyard parties were spiritually uplifting for our entire neighborhood in Germany! Martha will be a part of my family's lives forever, a reality for which I am eternally grateful. Martha, rest in peace, job well done ... we love you. Sincerely, Terry L. Rice, Colonel, US Army (Ret'd)

Terry L Rice & Family - January 10, 2014 at 02:54 PM

JR

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. She fought the good fight and she is no longer suffering. God has great plans for her. May your memories ease your sorrows. God Bless You Always.

Jim Stoupa & Rose R. - January 10, 2014 at 02:51 PM

VC

“ *What a remarkable woman! Martha was loved by so many ! My thoughts are prayers are with all of you. I pray that the many fond memories will somehow help ease your pain. God Bless! Vickie*

Vickie Carlng - January 10, 2014 at 01:15 PM

JL

“ *To Dick and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Martha always had a smile for everyone and was always ready to help anyone. She will be truly missed.*

John & Mary Lynn Lager - January 10, 2014 at 11:45 AM

GF

“ *What an amazing woman. How lucky you were to have a mom like that. We hope you will find comfort in your memories of a life shared and love remembered. Love the Sawtelle's.*

Gary Sawtelle & Family - January 10, 2014 at 09:43 AM

SH

“ *To Dick, Adam and the Stender family, so sorry for your loss. You are in my prayer's may god be with each of you at this difficult time.*

shirley hardcastle - January 09, 2014 at 04:20 PM

MV

“ *To my Uncle Richard, and my cousins, the family my Aunt Martha will truly be missed. We send our utmost condolences and prayers to all and know that we are all here for you. Love you all I'm happy I got to see her when you came to down to El Paso and visit how we laughed and talked she's amazing woman.. Love the Johnson's*

Monika Vasquez-Johnson - January 09, 2014 at 12:52 PM

JS

“ Grandma. Sweet Grandma. You were so perfect. So beautiful. So precious. So gracious. So giving. So kind. I miss you so much. We all miss you. But you are in a better place. Event shortly after, I felt your presence with me. Today walking around, I felt you with me. I felt your comfort. Your love. Your hope. Your faith. You are still the very same beautiful and giving individual you always were. This is the hardest thing I have ever had to experience. But your strength and love will get me through. Don't worry, I'll take care of Bop. I love you always. I will always wear my seatbelt. I will never stop for anyone. And I know that someone, in heaven, loves me very much. Here's to looking at you babe.

Jordan Stender - January 09, 2014 at 01:46 AM

JS

“ My thoughts, and most importantly, my heart are with you all at this most difficult. May the great love you shared and warm memories help to ease your loss.

Joan Stender - January 08, 2014 at 10:01 PM

BW

“ Please accept our sincere condolences at this difficult time. Our thoughts are with the family and friends she leaves behind.

Bobby and Geraldine Welch - January 08, 2014 at 01:19 PM