



## Joba Ramirez

February 15, 1934 - August 4, 2020

Joba (Jovita) Ramirez, age 86 years, of Denton, TX, passed away peacefully on August 4, 2020. She was born on February 15, 1934 to Clemente and Concepcion (Garza) Ramirez in Quinlan, Texas. At the age of seven, her family relocated to Tioga, TX. Growing up in a rural town, Jovita spent her time milking cows, riding calves, mending fences, and singing Hank Williams' songs. After the death of their mother, she undertook the challenging task of helping raise her younger siblings. Soon after she graduated from Tioga High School, the family moved to Denton, TX. Choosing to pursue a career in Nursing, she worked at the Denton State School while she attended and graduated from the Kress Foundation Practical Nursing Program which was associated with Texas Woman's University (TWU). Jovita worked at various hospitals in the Denton/Dallas area before retiring from the University of North Texas (UNT) Health Center after twenty-five years of service. She enjoyed working with college students and befriended many of them who continued to keep in touch with her.

Jovita had many interests that ranged from doing crafts to helping roof her home. She had a green thumb and spent hours tending to her plants. Jovita was always eager to grab a friend and "hit the road". Most important of all, she was a compassionate and generous person who would willingly lend a helping hand to anyone in need. She never met a stranger. She could converse for hours in any store aisle with anyone.

Jovita's family is one of the oldest Hispanic families to settle in Denton where

she joined and volunteered with several charitable organizations. She was a charter member of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC), specializing in the scholarship program. Jovita was a graduate of the Citizens Police Academy and volunteered for Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), Habitat for Humanity and the yearly Denton Health Fair.

She is survived by two sisters Amilia (Molly) Stibbard and husband, Louis of Los Angeles, CA and Victoria Ramirez of Denton, TX; ten nieces and nephews; and numerous great nieces and nephews. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Juan and Tonnie (Tony) Ramirez; and sisters, Tomasa and Rosa Ramirez. Honorary pallbearers will be John Ramirez, Daniel Stibbard, Michael Ramirez, Eddie Sanchez, Oscar Sanchez, Fritz Ramirez, Antonio Ramirez, and Julio Gauna.

A special thank you to her niece Sonja Ramirez who was truly supportive to her Aunt Jovita during her illness.

Due to the pandemic, a graveside will be held 10:00AM, Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at Pilot Point Community Cemetery, in Pilot Point, TX. A celebration of her life will be scheduled for a later date. Online condolences may be shared at [www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Alzheimer's Association or the LULAC Scholarship Fund.

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

To send a flower arrangement to the family of Joba Ramirez, please [click here](#) to visit our Sympathy Store.

# Tribute Wall



“ I got to know Joba & Vicky in the Boweling Green Garden. Joba hated to come to the garden but as she would say Vicky dragged me out here. All though she would enjoy the flowers when she got there.

August 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Our Denton hearts will always be filled with wonderful memories of joyful times we had with Jovita. She celebrated a life well lived. Jovita was a caring and loving person. May the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her. DEP

Isabella Pina-Hinojosa - August 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ We were neighbors for many years when the family lived on Bradshaw and East McKinney! Praying for the family!

Onis Tankersley - August 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ On behalf of my family, I wish to thank all of you for your kind words and condolence for my sister Joba. In times of need, she was always a true beatitude.

Amilia Stibbard - August 09, 2020 at 12:00 AM



“ Jovita was such a dear family friend. My parents, Mary Alice and Rudy, and I will be praying for her and her family.

Dawson - August 08, 2020 at 12:00 AM

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“ We (wife Nancy and me) did not know Vida for that long, but met her in doctors office couple of years ago and they became close friend. immediately, they were smiling and chatting like old friends. After a couple of times like this. some time went by and Vida was already in the Alzheimer's facility. I took my wife there and during the tour, we all were walking opposite directions, and they both saw each other again, i looked at each one and they immediately went to hug each other and chat. You could tell they knew each other and was close.. during the time there, we became good friends with Vita as she was always so nice and friendly. I would visit them and would always try to spend time with them both.. She was a wonderful person and will be missed my many. Some that wont be known. She touched many of us and will be missed very much.. Our condolences goes out to all their family.Chuck and Nan...

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**chuck** - August 07, 2020 at 12:00 AM