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DORA M. HARPER, our beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, neighbor and friend, passed away at her home on Wednesday, March 27, 2019, after a very short illness. Our hearts are broken, as she was in great health for most of her 93 years of life. We are grateful she was able to see her 6 children gather around her and be with her for her final days.

Our mother was born on April 8, in California, and we were looking forward to celebrating her birthday. Mom loved her house here in Hurricane, Utah, and took great pride and joy in decorating her home, inside and out. She enjoyed her morning routine of having a cup of coffee while reading the newspapers or feeding the songbirds and watering her plants. We children have fond memories of her various art pieces and wonderful family mementos. Her passion for cooking, music, photography and movies was happily passed on to all of us. Mom loved to go shopping or take car rides with her children, as well as going out to eat with her friends or taking a drive to Mesquite to play her slot machines. She looked forward to her weekly appointment with her hair stylist or nail salon, and she loved her jewelry pieces and stylish clothes.

Mom enjoyed her privacy, but would always be there for us if we needed a good listener or a friendly shoulder to cry on. Her brain was very sharp until the end. We loved hearing of her memories when she was younger and reminiscing about her conversations with her brothers and sisters. Mom endured many hardships during her life, yet she remained strong and was a shining example of how to survive with patience and grace. She had a big heart and was generous to a fault, even offering a ring or bracelet to strangers who complimented her on her fashion.

We have always been so proud of our Mom — she was so special, and we will miss her every day. Her passing leaves a huge void in the lives of her grieving children and of those

who also knew and loved her. She had wonderful neighbors and friends, especially Tammy, Darlene, Renee, Aurora, Chantelle, Alicia, Barbara, and Maria. We would like to thank all of you for taking care of Mom in your own special way, and we are forever grateful to you. We would also like to recognize and acknowledge the wonderful care Mom received from the nurses and aides during her short hospice time. The hospice team was so helpful not only for Mom but also for our family.

She was preceded in death by Milton, her dear husband of 33 years; her daughter, Lydia, and her granddaughter, Andrea.

Our Mom was survived by her six children: Phyllis Barriga (Richard) of Bullhead City, Arizona; Michael Aldrete (Carmen) of Summit, New York; Phillip Aldrete (Joanne) of Charlotte, North Carolina; Joni Harper Dunn (Thomas) of Hurricane, Utah; Milton J Harper, Jr. (Rhonda) of Dallas, Texas; Julie C. Harper of Bar Harbor, Maine. She had 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her siblings: John Montana, Bill Montana, Annabelle Hernandez, Juanita Owen, and Ricky Collins.

The Lord is my shepard; I shall not want. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Psalm 23:4

# Comments

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“ I was deeply saddened by the news of Dora's passing. Mr. Harper was my boss at the POE in Calais, ME (that's where I first met Dora (which she wanted me to call her from day one). Over the many years we have kept in touch with Christmas cards and phone calls with the news of Calais. This was the first year I didn't receive her card. My heart goes out to the family as it is hard to lose your MOM - mine died in 2015 at 94. Love to all Sandra and Tom Smith.

**sandra smith** - April 20 at 09:51 AM

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“ My Mother and I are very sorry for your loss - My parents were friends with both both Mr & Mrs. Harper when they lived in Maine and when they moved to the same neighborhood as my parents in Sebastian, Florida. Mom kept in touch with Dora when she moved by letters and phone calls. She will be greatly missed by everyone who loved her. We will keep Dora's family in our prayer - Ghislaine & Jackie Grogg

**Jackie Grogg** - April 14 at 10:08 PM

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“ Our prayers are with Dora's family Tom and I worked with Milt at Madawaska, Maine. Dora & Milt and family lived next door to my family for a while. Dora was the sweetest lady. Her smile was contagious. She was a wonderful wife to Milton. I don't know how she survived those winters in Maine, but you never heard her complain. Dora you will be greatly missed my friend. Nancy and Tom Gilbert

**Nancy Gilbert** - April 13 at 01:16 PM

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“ She was a dear soul. My late husband and I enjoyed her.

**Barbara Frey** - April 03 at 08:07 PM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are extended to each of you in Dora's passing. She was a lovely lady. So glad to have known her. May God be with you.  
Bob and Leona Harper

**Leona Harper** - April 03 at 03:28 PM

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“ Although I didn't know Dora very well, the stories Peter would tell about her and all his siblings, demonstrated the strong family ties and unity they had. My heart grieves for the Harper and Montana families. Please know you are all in my prayers. God Bless...



**Cheryl Montana** - April 02 at 07:12 PM

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“ Dora, I am not in the parking lot but here at my PC looking at your beautiful face. You would be happy with the picture your loving kids picked of you. Thats you . Oh I miss your voice and talking to you. ....THERE WAS 4 NOW THERE ARE 2.....RIP...

**Annabelle (Aunti A) Hernandez** - April 02 at 04:42 PM