



## Linda Marie Martinez

January 5, 1948 - March 24, 2025

Linda Marie Martinez, 77, of Benton Township, died Monday, March 24, 2025, at the Hanson Hospice Center in Lincoln Township.

Service celebrating her life will be held 1 PM on Wednesday, April 9, at the Midway Baptist Church in Watervliet. Cremation has taken place.

Arrangements are by the Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township.

Linda was born on January 5, 1948, in Benton Harbor to Willie and Edith Smith. She married her husband, Carlos, and together they had 59 years of marriage. She was a cook at Lake Michigan College and Synder Food Service. Linda retired from Lake Michigan College in 2007, but never gave up her love of cooking. Over the years she enjoyed arts and crafts, a good yard sale, and being surrounded by her loved ones. Linda frequently shared her passion for “I Love Lucy” with family members and collected memorabilia from the show. She will be deeply missed by her family and friends.

Her family includes her husband, Carlos; her children, Carlene Battista of Baroda and Carlos Kevin (Jennifer) Martinez of Benton Harbor; her sister, Brenda (Steve) Petzick, of Stevensville; her many grandchildren, and her great grandchildren, Zac, Zoey, Zane, Zaylee, Sophia, Mason, Kysmett, Jude, Everly, and Lucy. She preceded in death by her parents and a daughter,

Caren Marie Adams, in 2016.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of life

APR 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

Midway Baptist Church  
7517 Red Arrow Hwy.  
Watervliet, MI 49098