

# Maria Guadalupe Linares

January 22, 1954 ~ May 22, 2015 (age 61)

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Maria Guadalupe "Lupita" Linares, 61, of Hoopeston, IL, passed away Friday evening, May 22, 2015. She died peacefully at home surrounded by family and friends.

Maria was born January 22, 1954, in Harlingen, TX, the daughter of Juan and Margarita (Vargas) Linares, the second of eight children. Her life revolved around the members of her family. She always reached out to help others, and her compassion and quiet smile enriched all those she touched. Maria was a lifelong volunteer, helping others in her community: fundraising with St. Anthony Catholic Church, McFerren Park playground and numerous other community needs, without expecting anything in return.

She leaves her loving memories to be cherished by her father, Juan Linares, Hoopeston; brothers Juan Jose "Joe" (Jane) Linares, Fort Madison, IA; Ernesto "Ernie" Linares, Hoopeston; Raul "Rudy" (Lori) Linares, Westville, IL; George (Amy) Linares, Hoopeston; Raymond (Sarah) Linares, Bloomington, IL; sister Maribel (Ken) Baumberger, Indianapolis, IN; 11 nephews, 10 nieces and several great-nephews and great-nieces. She is preceded in death by her mother and brother, Eduardo "Eddie" Linares and two infant brothers.

Maria was enjoying her retirement after a counseling career spent at DACC Job Training Partnership Act, Prairie Center Health Systems and Comprehensive Employment Training Act. Further, she often provided volunteer translation services and was an instructor of English as a second language. For many years she worked as director of the Illinois Migrant Daycare Center and served as an election judge.

Maria was a graduate of Hoopeston-East Lynn H.S., Danville Junior College and Eastern Illinois University. An alumna of the H-EL class of 1973, she was elected Homecoming Queen and was a member of the National Honor Society. An active parishioner of St. Anthony Catholic Church, she was a Eucharistic minister and member of the Guadalupe Society.

Funeral Mass is 10 a.m. Friday, May 29, 2015, at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 423 South 3rd St., Hoopeston. Father Patrick O'Neal will officiate. Burial follows at Floral Hill Cemetery, Hoopeston. Visitation is from 5-7 p.m. Thursday, May 28, 2015, at the church. Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Memories or photos may be shared with the family on Maria's memorial page at: [www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com](http://www.blurtonfuneralhomes.com). Memorials may be made to St. Anthony Catholic Church.

## Cemetery Details