



### **DELLA ESPARZA OBITUARY**

Della Esparza

February 9, 2023

Fresno , California - Visitation will be on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at Stephens & Bean Funeral Chapel at 3:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. with a rosary at 6:00 p.m.

Funeral service will be Friday, March 3, 2023 at St. John's Cathedral at 10:30 a.m.

Burial to follow at St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery.

### **Some very nice tributes to Della**

Very sorry to hear the news. I worked with Della for 13 years at the Air National Guard. She was a great NCO and helped us keep all of our records straight. I considered her to be a friend as well as a co-worker. Condolences to the family.  
Mike "Grinch" Giersch, Lt Col, USAF (Retired)

It was with great sadness that I learned of Della's passing. Words may not suffice to express the heartfelt sorrow that I feel on her passing. Please accept my heartfelt condolences. I knew Della from work at the ANG.

Della was such a beautiful classy lady. Every time we ran into each other she'd lovingly said "hey hermanita" in her sweet sultry voice. Della and I would have conversations about our daughters, family and our homes. Giving each other advice. Della was such a beautiful soul. She will be missed.

I pray that God will grant you the peace that you need to get through this and may fond memories of your mother, sister, aunt, and friend bring you comfort during this hard time in your life. My heart and prayers go out to all family members.

Connie Medina

Very sorry to hear this news Della was a very honest, strong and resourceful lady. I worked with her for many years at the base. Daniel Lopez

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When I had undergone my first back surgery due to my severe sclerosis, she was there (along with my mother & family). When I had to undergo dozens of more back surgeries having to go under (meaning having anesthesia), she was there. She worked in the United States Air Force for nearly 40 years climbing her way up to becoming a Master Sergeant (not to mention too being a woman enlisting at a time when it wasn't as it is today). I don't know how she did it, but when she was aware of my next surgery, she sometimes would have to tell me "I am sorry son, I can't be there because I have to work at the base, but I promise you when you wake up, I will be there." And while my mother and I were waiting for the doctors and medical staff to come get me to take me into the operating room here comes a nurse... "there is someone here asking if they could come see you?.. they are in a military uniform." I would look to my mom with such excitement because she would surprise me by being there before I would go into the operating room. Out of all of my back surgery experiences (I had stopped counting after 38), She only had missed around 2, and only because the times she missed she couldn't leave due to her having training.

Fun fact: She gave me two years to lose weight (I used to be really overweight when I was younger before I had my back surgery) because she had a friend who

was a F-16 pilot who was retiring and he wanted to get me inside the jet carrying me. Did I lose weight?.. I didn't, but this is another example of how amazing she was to somehow get me such an opportunity.

I wanted to share this with you because she wasn't just any ordinary Tia (Aunt) or person, she was in my eyes god sent. I just so happen to have been blessed enough having a Tia like her in my life.

"Time is something we think we all have, which is true, but we miss the conception that it is limited." ~Victortheinspiration

Much love,

~Victor

Victor (Nephew)