



## Lena Irene Hernandez

August 18, 1942 - June 11, 2023

Lena Irene Hernandez, 80, passed away on June 11, 2023 in Bartlett, TN.

Lena was born on August 18, 1942 in Ruleville, MS to William R. and Lou Zella Stacy. She grew up in Ruleville and graduated from Ruleville High School in 1960. She entered the Army on January 27, 1961, as part of the Women's Army Corps (WAC). While stationed in Fort Sam Houston, Texas in 1962, she met the love of her life, Jose Hernandez. After a short courtship, they were married on August 5, 1962 and spent the next 59 years together until his passing on November 6, 2021. Lena was honorably discharged shortly afterwards in order to care for their family. They had four children: Jose Hernandez, Jr. (Loryn), Stacye Downing (Doyle), Diana Razer (Reginald) and Bryan Hernandez (Amy).

Lena supported Jose throughout his 30-year military career and several duty stations before settling down in Bartlett. She was also an avid garage sale shopper, memorizing the routes to each location well before Google Maps. She was very passionate about her family. They came first in everything she did. In her later years, she enjoyed spending as much time as she could with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lena was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters, and two brothers. She is survived by her children, her sisters Lucy Walker, Jo McArthur, Sue

Balducci, Judy Mosely, and Patsy Cobb (Danny), her brother Tommy Stacy (Janice), her seven grandchildren Brittany Razer, Brynn Pellegra (Lucas), Meghan Carden (Reid), Chad Hernandez (Kim), Tyler Razer, Kayla Rausch, and Rachael Heinley (Clay) and six great-grandchildren Remington, Vivien, Pruitt, Ava, Asher, and Scout, along with a host of cousins, nieces and nephews.

Lena will be laid to rest beside Jose at the West Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery in Memphis.