



Juanita Guzman Brown

April 7, 2024

Juanita Guzman Brown, 92, died April 7 peacefully and surrounded in her final days by her loved ones.

Juanita was born in Tampa, Fla., to Nemencio Guzman and Annie Franks Guzman. She graduated from Middleton-Don Thompson High School in 1950. Soon after, she moved to Philadelphia, where she met her husband, Paul. The couple had seven children.

Besides being a good and resourceful wife and mother, Juanita worked outside the home in a variety of industries once the children grew older, including waitressing and for Spiegel, the mail-order company. She retired as an associate at the Drexel University bookstore.

Juanita loved to sing and grow things, from vegetables to flowers to houseplants. She was an extrovert, easily striking up conversations with people. Raised an Episcopalian, she converted to Catholicism upon marrying Paul and raised her children in that faith. She was a woman of deep faith.

She was predeceased by her husband and three of her children, Michael, Romando and Gloria Brown Leidel. She is survived by daughters Yolanda Lahaza (Matthew) of Langhorne, Pa., and Dr. Juanita Woodland of Mt. Royal, N.J.; sons Paul (Eltonza) and John, both of Durham, N.C.; 10 grandchildren;

15 great-grandchildren; a dear godchild, Patricia "Patsy" Brown; several cousins, nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

Juanita's funeral will be held Monday, April 15 at 10 a.m. in St. Francis Xavier Church. Visitation will be at 9 a.m. Burial will follow in SS. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Springfield, PA. Dinan Funeral Home is handling arrangements. In Lieu of flowers, Juanita requested donations be made to America Needs Fatima - <https://americaneedsfatima.org/>

Tribute Wall

CA

“ I will never forget your care, love and support while my Mother was dying and after when I was so lost. I treasure the lunches we shared when I visited you and Biscuit in Philly. Que Descanse en Paz, Tia.
Cynthia Abejuro

Cynthia Abejuro - May 03, 2024 at 11:45 PM

JB

“ I will never forget your sweet loving self...I will miss talking on the phone with you...I know you were tired and needed to go & be in peace with Paul, Michael, Ronny & your baby girl Gutchy...love & miss you always!!



Jolie Brown - April 14, 2024 at 05:10 PM

EE

“ In loving memory of Abuela, which she allowed me to call her from when I met her as a child visiting her sons, Mr. & Mrs. Brown, Uncle John, and Caroline on Bernice Street. She was a loving woman and will never be forgotten.



To the family, you all are in my prayers and have my deepest sympathy.

Elder Claytius Ennis - April 11, 2024 at 06:11 PM

PB

Thank you, Clay. She remembered you with great fondness. Your note comforts our hearts. Best to you, friend.

Paul Brown - April 13, 2024 at 02:20 PM

JT

“ We love you Ms. Brown!! You were such a bright light to any room!!
Rest well sweet lady ❤️
Love, Jessica T.

Jessica Thomas - April 11, 2024 at 01:11 PM

BC

“ Blessings to you and the family Paul. Bobby Carr

Bobby Carr - April 11, 2024 at 12:32 PM

PB

Bobby, thank you for your note. Paul

Paul Brown - April 13, 2024 at 02:24 PM

BW

“ Aunt Nita your smile, laughter and energetic spirit will be missed. I
love you and may you rest in peace.

Barbara Wright - April 10, 2024 at 09:28 PM

CA

“ Cathy lit a candle in memory of Juanita
Guzman Brown



Cathy - April 10, 2024 at 05:36 PM

PL

“ Aunt Nita, You are loved by your family both on earth and in
heaven. You are an inspiration. I know you will be another angel for
you family. Patricia Longenecker

Patricia Longenecker - April 10, 2024 at 02:20 PM

CE

“ *My Mom and Juanita would talk on the phone everyday at 5am giggling like 2 kids over coffee. Now it's always going to be 5am for them.*

Chanda T Ellis - April 10, 2024 at 01:29 PM