



## Norma Silvia Gonzalez

September 30, 1936 - February 16, 2019

Norma Silvia Rivera Gonzalez, lovingly known as “Titi,” passed away peacefully in Lehi on Saturday, February 16. She was born on September 30, 1936 in Santiago, Chile to Juana Contreras Valdenegro and Joaquin Rivera Perez

Norma was the oldest of three children and grew up in Santiago. She met the love of her life Nelson Gonzalez one day when she was walking down the street near her home. He was up on a ladder outside fixing a door when he distinctly heard the noise of someone walking by with high heels so he had to turn around to see who it was. When he saw her, he about fell off the ladder. They were married a year later in Santiago on February 3, 1957.

The family moved to Nelson’s hometown, La Serena, where they raised their two children, Norma Ingrid and Nelson Antonio. There they operated a successful trucking company. The family met missionaries from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and was eventually baptized on October 12, 1967. They were sealed for time and all eternity with their children in the Mesa, Arizona Temple on January 17, 1969.

In 1968, the family moved to the United States and lived in Delta and Grand Junction, Colorado. Over the years, Norma worked alongside her husband in the trucking industry and in real estate. She also taught Spanish classes after getting her teaching degree. She and her husband spent a few years in Tucson, Arizona before settling in Utah, first in Orem and then in Lindon.

Norma loved spending time traveling with her family in Nelson’s big diesel trucks. She also enjoyed cooking, listening to music, dancing and visiting with friends. Her greatest joy in life occurred when she became a grandmother. She treasured the time spent with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved attending any and all activities that her grandchildren were involved in. Norma also served in numerous church callings throughout her life.

Our beloved mother and grandmother "Titi," is survived by her two children Norma Collett Bertoch (Scott Bertoch) and Nelson A. Gonzalez (Julie Hansen), five grandchildren, Sydney Almeida (Gonzalez), Jessica Brown (Collett), Andrew Collett, Anthony Gonzalez and Allie Burr (Gonzalez). She will be greatly missed by her 10 great grandchildren, Charlotte, Kennedy, Stephen, Colton, Graeme, Hayden, Amelia, Parker, Taya and Owen. She is survived by her younger sister Viviana Rivera, her sister in-law Norma Romero and numerous nieces and nephews. Her husband, parents and younger brother Alejandro, preceded her in death.

Funeral Services will be held, Friday, February 22th, at 11:00 a.m. in the Spanish Fork Somerset Ward Chapel located at 2981 East 1660 South, Spanish Fork, Utah, where a Viewing will be held prior to services from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. She will be buried alongside her husband in the Lindon City Cemetery, Lindon, Utah.

Funeral Directors: Utah Valley Mortuary.

# Cemetery

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# Events

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## Lindon City Cemetery

600 North 200 East

Lindon, UT, 84042

**FEB**

**22**

**Viewing**

10:00AM - 10:45AM

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Somerset Ward

2981 East 1660 South, Spanish Fork, UT, US, 84660

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**Funeral Service**

11:00AM - 12:00PM

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Somerset Ward

2981 East 1660 South, Spanish Fork, UT, US, 84660

# Comments

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“ What a sweet woman! She was my favorite neighbor across the street. Perfume and high heels will always remind me of Norma. My sympathies to all of you, she will be missed.

Allison Whiting Dederick

Allison Whiting Dederick - February 20 at 01:56 PM

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“ Mama Gonzalez. That's how I used to call you. You became my mama 41 years ago, when I came from Israel to be an exchange student at your home. You've always been so loving and caring. Life hasn't been easy, especially after dad passed away, but you always found the positive in everything and everyone. I'm so glad I got to see you again a couple of years ago and spend some quality time together. My mother and the rest of the family here in Israel also send their condolences I'll always cherish you and dad in my heart!

Efrat Galanti - February 20 at 12:31 AM

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“ When I left my home and moved to Utah for college, I had no friends and no family nearby. Titi immediately welcomed me into her family and treated me like her granddaughter. I will never forget how much that meant to me and how much comfort that brought me in my time of need. She was warm and kind, generous and happy. I love you, Titi. Thank you for being my grandmother.

Jodi Goodman - February 19 at 10:41 AM

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“ Muchas son las memorias que tenemos con Normita y Nelson. Ambos eran personas muy cariñosas y serviciales. Nosotros los queremos mucho y siempre nos recordaremos de ellos por su amor y actitud frente a la vida. Personas que nos dejaron un gran ejemplo de dedicación y esfuerzo. Como parte de la Asociación Chilena, ellos siempre estaban dispuestos a ayudar y a ser parte activa de esta organización con el deseo siempre de mantener la cultura y su amor por la patria. Normita y tu querido esposo, ustedes han sido personas que nos han edificado y ayudado a perseverar y a dar lo mejor aquí en la tierra y por eso y muchas otras cosas más, siempre les honraremos.

Hasta vernos con el Rey queridos amigo.s

Nicki and Barbara Biscopovich - February 18 at 11:48 PM

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“ Great friend, love her and her family. We had so much fun doing nothing. My love to Nonnie and Nelsie and their families. Love Peggy J Maynes

**Peggy Maynes** - February 18 at 11:43 PM



“ Mi hermana fue una mujer muy valiente y emprendedora, junto a su esposo que amaba entrañablemente decidieron dejar su país de origen y familia en busca de un mejor horizonte para sus hijos, cosa que lograron absolutamente..Yo su hermana menor fui más bien una hija para ella, me amaba muchísimo. Me quedo tranquila sabiendo que siempre estuve preocupada de ella y de entregarle momentos de felicidad . Siempre estarás en mi corazón, te amaré por siempre.

**Viviana Rivera** - February 21 at 08:53 AM



“ Although I have many favorite memories of Norma, one of them that will always stick in my heart is when I had sent her a letter while Steve was in the service and I was alone. In that letter I had casually mentioned how lonely I was and how I missed her and her awesome family. While I was working one Friday, I received a telephone call from Norma; we chatted a few minutes and she said are you still lonely? Of course my reply was yes and she asked me why I was doing for dinner and said they came to see me and wanted to go to dinner with me. I had never met such awesome, wonderful, truly caring people before in my life and to this day I love both Norma, Nelson and and both of their children with all of my heart.

Thank you for being such awesome friends to me and my family.

**Mary Paxton** - February 18 at 05:52 PM



“ Grover and I first came to know Norma and Nelson in Grand Junction, Colorado, where they had brought their two small children, Nelsi and Noni, to this new country. Their sweet, smart children were so polite and courageous. Our love, sympathy, and prayers go out to you and your families, Norma and Nelson. We have observed and been a small part of your parents' long journey of love, kindness, and devotion to others and to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Norma had numerous talents and skills, large and small. She could turn a simple hot dog into a feast by making Chilean "completos": a hot dog on a bun covered with mayonnaise, tomatoes, sour kraut, onions, and shredded lettuce. The sweet smile on your face and your tender abrazos will never be forgotten, Dear Norma.

**Noel N. Cardon** - February 22 at 06:31 PM