



Consuelo Howell

January 29, 1927 - July 4, 2021

Consuelo Howell, a woman of feisty endurance and strong opinions, was known by many names: Connie, Tia Chelo, Consuelito, Mamacita, Nana, passed away on July 4th, 2021 in Austin, Texas. She was 94.

Born Consuelo Mendoza in 1927 in Las Piedras, Mexico, Consuelo was the oldest of eight children born to Lino Mendoza Aguilar and Maria Ambriz de Mendoza. She met and married U.S. Army soldier Paul Howell of Live Oak, Florida, in 1960 and began a new life as a military wife in Ft Bliss, Texas. She had one daughter, Lynne, and three sons, Mark, David, and John, in 7ve years and began her greatest role: mother. Her greatest joy was cooking and feeding those she loved and barely knew. She loved tamales and pinto beans, as well as grits and fried fish. She was passionate about sewing and made lots of her own and daughter's clothing.

After her home cleared of children Consuelo went to work cooking lunch and snacks for a church daycare, then onto an elementary school cafeteria where she was known for her bread and baked goods. She moved to Austin in 2012 to be closer to her son, David Howell, his wife Grace, and grandson Nathan. Living in a condo in North Austin, she built a new community of beloved friends and neighbors.

An independent and stubborn woman who only wanted to live by herself, she was forced to live with a series of people after she broke her hip in April 2020. She hated leaving the condo and being bossed around by others, particularly her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her husband Paul in 1998. Consuelo is survived by her children Lynne and Bruce Whitaker, Mark Howell and Marcie Land, David and Grace Howell, all of Austin, and John Howell of Seattle, WA. She left three grandchildren: Ella and Henry Whitaker, and Nathan Howell. She is also survived by her sister Gudelia Halsted of Round Rock, TX.

Consuelo developed a special bond with her nieces, Dr. Maria Halsted, Agnes Scott (Rph)

and Yolanda Mendoza for their companionship and help in navigating her elder care. Her neighbors Garnett, Tom, Gloria, Irma, and Angelina contributed to her well-being with their friendships and life-saving acts of goodness.

Her willful presence will never leave her children.

A Service will be held at a later date. For information, please contact Mark Howell at 207-720-0572 or mowenh007@yahoo.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Consuelo Howell*

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“Tia Consuelo, one of the last great pillars of the family, how can we forget all the help she offered us throughout the years. Without her and the other Mendoza aunts and uncles, we would not have been able to succeed. For years throughout my childhood, I always believed my tia Chelo was wealthy because of how much she always helped us. Now, as an adult, I asked here where she would get everything she gave us or if she had a lot of money back then, and she laughed and said “ay mijo, que rica ni que la fregada” - everything I would give to you all was donations gathered from my neighbors. From there, I would get clothes and shoes for you all. How can we forget the advice she would give us, and not to mention her scoldings, which we also got because she was very direct and would always say what was on her mind. There are certain people who, without obligation and without any self interest, are always there to help others; that was my tia Chelo. It hurts to know that she is gone, but at the same time, I am glad to know that she has been reunited with my grandmother, grandfather, and all her siblings, who she missed so much. She will be missed immensely. Rest In Peace Consuelo Mendoza. Rest In Peace tia Chelo.

Roberto Mendoza - July 11, 2021 at 11:38 PM



“Mi Tía Chelo siempre estaba al pendiente de que su familia, seres queridos y amigos estuvieran bien. Mi familia y yo la vamos a extrañar mucho. DEP Tia chelo la queremos mucho.



Alicia Mendoza - July 08, 2021 at 11:19 AM

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Roberto Mendoza - July 11, 2021 at 11:34 PM



“ *A genuine warrior of life, she will live in our memories.* ”



Eduardo Mendoza - July 07, 2021 at 11:53 PM

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“ *I will miss you my sweet friend I will miss our talks and the memories we shared and heaven became a better place with you in it love you Garnett* ”

Garnett Hopson - July 07, 2021 at 10:14 PM