



Nicolasa “Niko” (Rodriguez) Bernabe-Lopez, was born on September 10, 1965 in Veracruz, Mexico. The daughter of Noe and Soila (Lopez) Bernabe. She grew up and received her education in Veracruz. On April 9, 1991, Nicolasa married Victorino Rodriguez. They made their home in Tuxtepec, Oaxaca, Mexico. In 1997, Nicolasa and Victorino relocated to Willmar, MN and raised their family there. She was a stay-at-home mother and helped care for many children in the community. At the time of her death, she was employed at a agricultural farm.

Nicolasa had a passion for taking care of people around her. She cared for family, friends and even strangers. She was always ready to help anyone that needed a lending hand. One of her greatest joys was caring for children. She especially loved taking care of her grandson, Oliver. Nicolasa enjoyed embroidery. She made many beautiful items for her family. In the last few years, she lived a healthy lifestyle and encouraged her children to do the same. She also enjoyed sewing, gardening, cooking, and hosting events for family and friends.

In her early years, Nicolasa wanted to be a lawyer to help families in need. Unfortunately, she was never able to fulfill that. Life has a way of getting in the way like that; however, Nicolasa still found ways to take care of others and would always lend a helping hand or listening ear when she could. She always had a smile on her face. Regardless of what she was going through, she always found a way to show compassion, love and understanding to others. She expressed and instilled those traits in her children. Nicolasa was an active member of the Living Hope Hispanic church in Willmar, MN. She loved Jesus Christ and expressed that love as much as possible.

She is survived by her loving husband, Victorino of Willmar; her two sons, Otoniel “OT” Jonatan (and Maria Munoz) Rodriguez, and Misael (and Destinee) Rodriguez both of Willmar; one grandson, Oliver Mateo Rodriguez; one niece, Abigail Zarate-Bernabe of Raymond; one great niece, Renatta Keely Rodriguez and two sisters, Gabriella Bernabe and Victorina Bernabe, both of Mexico, besides many more family and friends.

She was preceded in death by both her parents.

Nicolasa will be missed every day.

## *Celebrating the Life of*



*Niko (Rodriguez) Bernabe-Lopez*

*1965 - 2022*

*I love you all the way to my toes  
And of all the things you could, I want you to know  
My love for you  
It's not a love that changes with the seasons  
It's not a love that even needs a reason  
It's not a love that can be measured in a cup  
And it's not a love that will ever give up  
My love for you is stronger than a mountain  
More plentiful than a mighty fountain  
It's larger than the universe  
More splendor than the most well sung verse  
It is patient  
And it is kind  
It is gentle  
It loves you all the time  
It is not rude  
It is not proud  
And it remembers none of the wrong you do  
So when you're feeling so, so low  
With no direction  
Unsure of where to go  
When you feel like your time has come  
And there's nowhere left to hide or run  
Touch my heart  
And feel the seal  
Reminding you my love is real, my love is real!  
I love you all the way to my toes  
And of all the things you could, I want you to know  
My love for you*

In Loving Memory Of

***Niko (Rodriguez) Bernabe-Lopez***

September 10, 1965

July 26, 2022

Veracruz, Mexico

Raymond, Minnesota

**Celebration of Life Service**

Tuesday, August 2, 2022 - 2:00 p.m.

Peterson Brothers Funeral Home

Willmar, Minnesota

**Officiating**

Pastor Jose Rivera

Living Hope Hispanic Church

Willmar, Minnesota

**Music**

*"No hay pobreza más grande que tener riquezas y vivir y morir como pobre"*