



Mary "Betsy" Elizabeth Terrazas

February 25, 1940 - May 9, 2020

Comments



“ I miss you Mom. Especially in these trying times that we are going through. I miss your unique perspective on the world love you much Mom by

Pat - June 19 at 12:12 PM



“ Thank you, Pat.

Luis Terrazas - June 19 at 10:42 PM



“ This photo is from around the year 2000, at the former Acapulco Restaurant on Restaurant Row, San Marcos, CA. Betsy is seated at the lower right side of the photo; Luis is standing behind her. Luis's Mom, Esther Terrazas, is seated at the left side of the photo.



Luis Terrazas - June 15 at 04:07 AM



“ We were unable to have a birthday party for Betsy in 2020. This is Betsy at home for her 79th Birthday in 2019. Luis is behind her. Son Sean and his daughter, Taylor (Betsy's younger granddaughter), are on the left side of the photo, and son Don and his spouse, Kurt, are on the right side of the photo. We had a good time. Happy Birthday, Betsy!



Luis Terrazas - June 15 at 03:56 AM



“ Don is in the dark blue shirt.

Luis Terrazas - June 19 at 10:40 PM



“ Dear Mom,

Today is such a special day. Your grandson's, Jacob and Joshua, started their business called The Roots Nursery in Washington. It is a business that fosters healthy living spaces, renewability and living a good life through plants. Never has it been more clear to me how some things are just plain genetic. They love the plants they are growing and they are now moving to share that love with others across the country. You would be so proud of them. I hope you are looking down on them from heaven and I know you can't help but smile so very proudly.

I miss you everyday.

Love Evelyn

Evelyn Hanson - June 01 at 01:54 PM



“ Thank you, Evelyn.

Luis Terrazas - June 03 at 02:00 PM



“ Mom's & Luis' granddaughters Taylor and Lauren.



sean - May 27 at 11:53 PM



“ Thank you, Sean. Beautiful photo.

Luis Terrazas - May 28 at 01:03 AM



“ To mom. I miss you very much. I know you will always be with me and support me in my life. I feel your presents every time I see a mother with her child. Every time I see garden I think of you. I am and will always be very proud of you.

Love pat

Pat scott - May 26 at 09:16 AM



“ Thank you, Pat. She was always amazed by your technical skills, even when you were a young boy and knew how to get around the "child proof" safety controls she would try to place on the TV set on Stone Canyon. When she told me about that, she was frustrated but also proud you could do such things. She is still proud of you.

Luis Terrazas - May 26 at 10:54 AM



“ For Thomas at Alhiser-Comer: Your kindness, concern, and care will not be forgotten. Thank you for all have done for Betsy and me. Betsy and Luis Terrazas



Luis Terrazas - May 21 at 07:42 PM



“ Our appreciation to Reverend Dorie Gerber, Ph.D., a chaplain at Elizabeth Hospice, for officiating at Betsy's memorial service on Sunday, May 17, 2020, at Alhiser-Comer in Escondido. A favorite prayer of Betsy's, The Lord's Prayer, and the 23rd Psalm were part of the service. Betsy and Luis Terrazas



Luis Terrazas - May 20 at 02:50 PM



“ Betsy, Happy Mother's Day. From your husband, Luis



Luis Terrazas - May 19 at 02:55 PM



“ Luis Terrazas lit a candle in memory of Mary "Betsy" Elizabeth Terrazas



Luis Terrazas - May 19 at 12:56 AM



“ She was always the most loving lady no matter what she always kept a conversation going with me I would take care of her she was just an amazing lady and in a better place now

Eloisa Reyes - May 18 at 11:51 PM



“ Thank you, Eloisa. We appreciate you. Betsy and Luis

Luis Terrazas - May 19 at 12:53 AM



“ Our appreciation to all those who sent e-mails, flowers, cards, and Hugs from Home to Betsy and Luis.

Luis Terrazas - May 18 at 03:14 AM



“ Our appreciation to family and friends who were able to attend Betsy's Memorial Service at Alhiser-Comer in person or via Zoom on Sunday, May 17, 2020. Sorry if some of you were unable to participate. Thank you to family, friends, and neighbors, who were at the Celebration of Life for Betsy at our home later that same day. Betsy looked beautiful today in her wedding dress, that she made for our marriage on Saturday, November 18, 1978. Betsy and Luis Terrazas

Luis Terrazas - May 18 at 02:20 AM



“ To Betsy— you always made the day a little brighter and definitely more fun. You were a great storyteller and you could make an ordinary day interesting, if not exciting. I will miss you forever, as will your family.
Thank you for being my friend and for being a friend to the children we came in

contact with in Children's Services. You and Luis made an awesome twosome to them.

I love you Betsy,
Alice Pollero

Alice Pollero - May 17 at 04:59 PM



“ Alice, Betsy loved you and never forgot you, even in the most difficult times. She still has birthday balloons from you here at home. I admire both of you for who you are as social workers and most of all as people. I doubt that the County has any duos like the two of you these days. Love, Betsy and Luis

Luis Terrazas - May 18 at 12:43 AM



“ Betsy's Memorial Service is today, Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. CA time. If you are viewing via Zoom, please sign in by 1:50 P.M. today via the Link sent to your e-mail address.

If you wish to send Hugs from Home for Betsy, please call Alhiser-Comer at 760-745-2162, or e-mail them at: staff@alhiser-comer.com

Thank you, Betsy and Luis

Luis Terrazas - May 17 at 01:58 PM



“ On behalf of Betsy, thank you for the flowers and remembrances. Luis

Luis Terrazas - May 17 at 02:02 AM



“ We are honored for having the opportunity to share how touched we were when we met Betsy for the first time. She touched our hearts as we were approached by her sweet and welcoming smile the day we were invited to her house.

Betsy was blessed with a gift of giving. We felt the special bonding with her the moment we met. She was a treasure that filled the field of social work with commitment and compassion. We Will miss her dearly.

Sarah and Hamid

sarah and Hamid Karimi - May 16 at 11:47 PM



“ Thank you for everything. I remember when we all had dinner at Jackie and Doug's home. Betsy and Luis

Luis Terrazas - May 18 at 11:08 AM



“ 3 files added to the album Betsy's Memorial Folder



Alhiser-Comer Mortuary - May 16 at 06:25 PM



“ My appreciation to Nicole for all her help with Betsy's Memorial Folder. Megan, Nicole, Alison, and all the staff have been very kind. Thank you, Luis Terrazas

Luis Terrazas - May 16 at 09:12 PM



“ We will surely miss you! All the years watching you garden. Meeting up on our dog walks years ago, and talking for an hour while our old dogs sat patiently. The girls and I come to chat and laugh at your stories! Our twin girls, and your twin grandsons, Jacob and Joshua played together the times they were in town. Lots of memories, dear sweet Betsy! May you rest peacefully...

Love, The Gillespie's

Roger, Kathy, Kenny, Dave, Lauren & Shannen

Kathy Maskiewicz-Gillespie - May 16 at 02:19 PM



“ Thank you, Kathy. Maybe it was Lauren as a little girl who would give Betsy hugs during those walks on Harmony Place. Betsy loved gardening, and she knew neighbors enjoyed looking at her garden as they took their walks around here. Betsy and Luis

Luis Terrazas - May 16 at 02:41 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mary "Betsy" Elizabeth Terrazas.



May 16 at 01:39 PM



“ Dear Luis, Evelyn, Pat, Don and Sean,
I was very sorry to learn that cousin Betsy had passed away. I have many fond memories of times when she and her family visited my family in Burton, Ohio in the mid to late forties when we children were all quite young. We would reciprocate and make the 30 mile trip west to Cleveland to visit her family and our grandmother Mary, who worked in a furniture store.
My recollection is that Betsy's mother's parents lived upstairs and were originally from Hungary. A few times we made the trip by streetcar, which at that time extended all the way out to Burton. Betsy and I were the two oldest children, although Betsy was about 9 months older than me.
In more recent times, I remember visiting Luis and Betsy in their home in southern California and touring a few wineries, and their visit up north to the Seattle area not too many years ago.
My sincerest condolences and Best Wishes to you all, John Reinke, Redmond, Washington

John Reinke - May 16 at 12:53 PM



“ Thank you, John. We still have a keepsake from Anthony's Restaurant in Kirkland where you, cousin Tom, and your friend Judy took Betsy and me to celebrate our 35th wedding anniversary in 2013. I remember you also took us to a Thai restaurant in Kirkland. If possible, please send me e-mail addresses for cousin Tom Johnston and cousin Diane MacDougall and any others who are part of Betsy's family. Betsy and Luis

Luis Terrazas - May 16 at 01:37 PM



“ Frank, Florence Esparza, Julie Brown, The Pierce's purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mary "Betsy" Elizabeth Terrazas.



Frank, Florence Esparza, Julie Brown, The Pierce's - May 16 at 01:44 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Memories Album



Luis Terrazas - May 15 at 11:23 PM



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Luis Terrazas - May 15 at 11:17 PM



“ Aunt Helene, Betsy and baby Alice!! So cute!!

Diane MacDougall - May 17 at 12:17 PM



“ Yes!

Luis Terrazas - May 18 at 10:23 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Luis Terrazas - May 15 at 11:15 PM



“ Son Sean, Betsy, and Betsy's sister, Alice Donnelly, on the deck at the home of Betsy and Luis

Luis Terrazas - May 16 at 01:55 AM



“ Beautiful picture!!

Diane MacDougall - May 17 at 12:16 PM



“ Thank you.

Luis Terrazas - May 18 at 10:24 AM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Luis Terrazas - May 15 at 11:14 PM



“ Have probably never been this elegantly dressed since. My Mom says this suit was a gift from my paternal grandmother, who lived in Mexico City. Luis Terrazas

Luis Terrazas - May 16 at 01:53 AM



“ Betsy's service is this Sunday, May 17, starting at 2:00 P.M. in CA, can be viewed via Zoom. I have e-mail addresses for most of you, but NOT for Betsy's cousins Tom Johnston and Diane MacDougall, and maybe not John Reinke either. Also NOT for Mary and Dink Alderink. If you would like to view Betsy's service, please send me your e-mail address and you will get an e-mail inviting you to watch via Zoom. If you know of anyone else who would like to participate via Zoom, please send me their e-mail addresses. On behalf of Betsy and myself, thank you. My e-mail address is: lmterrazas@aol.com Luis Terrazas

Luis Terrazas - May 15 at 10:51 PM



“ Dear Luis and Evelyn, Patrick, and all your family,
I am so sorry to hear about my cousin Betsy Gardner Terrazas's passing away. I always admired her so much--she was my" grown-up "cousin and had a certain awe and glow about her! I remember she was the apple of my grandmother's (Mary Elizabeth Smith Gardner--whom she was named after) eye. She. was beautiful, so intelligent, and so verbal (as all us Gardners are!) the daughter of my mom's big brother Donald and wonderful Aunt Helene. I love hearing about all the love and care she spread around to all who shared her life. God bless you all in this sad time and may you have peace as you honor Betsy on Sunday. My heart goes out to her devoted husband Luis, and all her family and friends. Sending love, Diane Johnston MacDougall, Andover, Massachusetts

Diane MacDougall - May 15 at 07:21 PM



“ Diane: I don't think I knew the origin of Betsy's name. Thank you for sharing. Betsy told me many times she did not know her given name was Mary, not Betsy, until her first day in school, when her teacher called out the name Mary, and Betsy did not know until then that Mary was her actual name. Luis Terrazas

Luis Terrazas - May 16 at 02:05 AM



“ Thank you Luis, for your message. I am thinking of you and all your family and friends today! I really loved Betsy and only wished we had not lived so far away always (She lived in Ohio, us in Buffalo NY). Blessings to you all, Diane

Diane MacDougall - May 17 at 12:10 PM



“ Thank you, Diane.

Luis Terrazas - May 18 at 10:25 AM



“ Betsy's memorial service at Alhiser-Comer is this Sunday, May 17, 2020 at 2:00 P.M. If you are not attending in person, please let Luis know if you would like to participate virtually; my e-mail is: lmterrazas@aol.com

You are also invited to visit Betsy and Luis's home afterward on Sunday for a Celebration of Life for Betsy. After all the spring rains, Betsy's secret garden is blooming.

Betsy and Luis Terrazas

Luis Terrazas - May 15 at 11:09 AM



“ Dear Betsy, I'll never forget the times I visited you and your family in Cleveland. Your dad was my mom's brother and it was great fun to get to know all of you! Being with you and your family sparkles in my memory because I was in awe of every member of your family. I named my first Apple computer storage files "Besty, Alice, and Jay." And visiting with you and Luis in San Diego on the mountain top was amazing. I'll always remember your stories of being on the front lines of social work and being a political activist, also on the front lines. And how you and Luis fit together like hand in glove. And visiting with your children in San Diego. Your light shines always so brightly here and I'm sure, wherever you are. Thank you for your wonderful children, your hospitality, your kindness, your intelligent concerns for all human beings, your eye sparkling humor, your toughness, and all the gifts you've given everyone in your life. You won't be forgotten.

Tom Johnston, your cousin.



Tom J Johnston - May 15 at 03:17 AM



“ Tom, Betsy and I enjoyed your visit at our home back then. I am glad Betsy and I were able to visit you at your home in mid-November 2013, the longest road trip we ever took. You and Betsy's cousin, John Reinke, and his friend, Judy, took us out for our 35th wedding anniversary dinner in Kirkland, WA. We still have a keepsake memento from Anthony's Restaurant. Betsy and Luis

Luis Terrazas - May 18 at 11:18 AM



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Luis Terrazas - May 15 at 01:29 AM



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Luis Terrazas - May 15 at 01:26 AM



“ Sandra and Terry Drahman and Eleanor Doyle purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Mary "Betsy" Elizabeth Terrazas.



Sandra and Terry Drahman and Eleanor Doyle - May 14 at 09:48 PM



“ Hi Cousin Louie, You and Betsy had such a bond, somebody who really loved you and you her. You can bet that from whatever window she sees, she is still covering you with her love and gratitude. Sandra

Sandra Drahman - May 14 at 09:40 PM



“ Thank you, Sandra. Betsy and Luis

Luis Terrazas - May 18 at 11:05 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary "Betsy" Elizabeth Terrazas.



May 14 at 07:13 PM



“ So sorry to hear of Betsy's passing! She was such a good friend, she helped me make my wedding dress. I couldn't get the sleeves in right, she took over and they were perfect. That was 48 years ago. Jim and I will miss her. Sending our love to Pat, Don, Shaun and of course Evelyn.

Mary and Dink Alderink - May 14 at 06:39 PM



“ Thank you Mary. That is wonderful that Mom could help with your dress for your wedding to such a wonderful man.

Evelyn Hanson - May 17 at 01:38 AM



“ Mary, I think we may have spoken briefly once or twice when you and Betsy contacted each other by phone over the years. Your name is in her address book, yes, an old-fashioned address book. She had good memories of you. I did not know she helped you with your wedding dress, but that sure sounds like Betsy. She always found ways to help others. Betsy made her wedding dress when she and I were married. If you look at the Memorial Folder posted on this Tribute Page, and the same photo also posted among Memories Album photos, you can see how beautiful and radiant she looked at our wedding on Saturday, November 18, 1978 in Escondido, at the home of one of my maternal aunts. Betsy still has this dress, and wore it at her Memorial Service on Sunday, May 17, 2020 at Alhiser-Comer. She still looked beautiful to me, and a male staff person at Alhiser-Comer told me she looked much younger than her given years -- no facial wrinkles. She looked very much like she did at our wedding. Feel free to e-mail me at: lmterrazas@aol.com Luis

Luis Terrazas - May 18 at 10:51 AM



“ I don't remember much of a time in my life without Betsy, or more accurately "LouieAndBetsy", since I barely remember a time without my cousin and his beloved wife. I remember preparing for their wedding in our grandmother's rose garden. I remember the beautiful home on the hill with views as far as the eye could see. I remember all the many much loved cats and dogs, especially the dog that was bigger than Betsy! I remember well Betsy's sharp mind and strong convictions. But what I will always remember most is the love, friendship and devotion between Louis and Betsy. As I've gotten older I also now realize what a truly special gift Betsy and Louie were given in each other. They have each been truly blessed in a way that passing into new worlds can never diminish.

Tracy Nasse - May 14 at 05:18 PM



“ Thank you, Tracy. Yes, Betsy and I were married at your Mom's (my aunt Sally) and our maternal grandmother's home in Escondido on Saturday, November 18, 1978. A wedding photo appears in her Memorial Folder posted on this Tribute page, and also in her Memories Album. Betsy and Luis

Luis Terrazas - May 18 at 11:02 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Anne Gardner - May 14 at 02:02 PM



“ Thank you, Anne for posting this. Betsy and Luis

Luis Terrazas - May 18 at 11:03 AM



“ Dear Mom,

How do I put into words all that you have brought to my life? Words and education were something that you valued and you taught me it could open doors. It is because of you that I am the woman I am today and it is through you that I have strove to teach my own children this very important lesson. Intellectual pursuits were something that you often engaged in.....this could be why none of us could ever beat you at Jeopardy or at Trivial Pursuit. No one did it better. This , you felt, was a hallmark of being a Gardner, a natural curiosity about the world, a keen sense of humor when things didn't make sense and the ability to tell a story. To this day, I hear your echos in many of the things I see every day. This is a wonderful gift.

You believed in a purpose driven life and that we need to always act according to our conscience which would help us to do the right thing. You once said to me "if you don't listen to your conscience, it is not worth having". I have lived my life this way and can't thank you enough for the values you instilled in me....as they were so much a part of you. This is another wonderful gift.

I will miss hearing your "I love you's" , telling you "hi Mom" when we spoke and sharing my ice cream with you....you always wanted just one more bite...always made me laugh. Every time I see the movie Fletch and Something's Gotta Give, I think of how you laughed at some of the scenes to near tears....they remain among my favorites memories..

You taught me how to value myself and that I was deserving of a happy life. Your love of Luis and his devotion to you taught me this. That people could love each other so deeply and stand by one another throughout everything....another wonderful gift from you.

You also taught me how to charm the socks off of the people around me and how to make life-long friends. You were a friend and you had this beautiful charming way of drawing people to you. This beautiful spirit lives in your grandchildren and on in me. Your laugh was infectious, your smile lit up a room and there are so many things about you that I carry to this day. I will miss you more than you know and it is with fierce love and belief in all of your gifts that drives me to be a better mother, better friend, better sister....just better.

In all things in my life, I will find you there.

I guess I could put it into words. "Thank's Mom, you guided me again".

Love Your Daughter,

Evelyn

Evelyn Hanson - May 14 at 11:28 AM



“ Evelyn, thank you. We are more than glad you have found your soul mate. Betsy and Luis
Luis Terrazas - May 18 at 11:25 AM



“ Betsy, I love you more than ever. You are the best MSW / LCSW social worker I ever knew. Without us, CSU San Marcos would not have a Master of Social Work program. You never received credit for that, nor will I, but you were the wind beneath my wings in creating that program. Remember your plant story at CSU Long Beach? We may never know, but I think that moment of authenticity by you eventually led to the CSUSM MSW program. Untold numbers of MSWs from CSUSM may never know any of this, but I know what we did. Your courage, resilience, and strength, especially

in recent times, is beyond what words can express. You are a beautiful woman, devoted mother and grandmother, caring daughter, sister, aunt, and friend, and a loving spouse. I will watch over your secret garden as long as God allows me. And if I am so blessed, we will be together again. Thank you for marrying me on Saturday, November 18, 1978. You have been my lover, best friend, and the best thing that ever happened to me. Your husband, Luis

Luis Miguel Terrazas - May 13 at 08:32 PM



“ With Love from Her Grandsons Jacob and Joshua purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mary "Betsy" Elizabeth Terrazas.



With Love from Her Grandsons Jacob and Joshua - May 13 at 06:09 PM



“ I am going to miss the strongest person I know. Once she had her mind set on something, it took act of God to get her to change her mind. Getting her MSW is one of the many things she had mind set on and got it. I am going to miss you a lot mom.

Patrick scott - May 13 at 06:00 PM



“ Pat, Mom was always proud of you. So am I. We are very happy that your life has turned around, especially in recent years. Betsy and Luis

Luis Terrazas - May 18 at 11:23 AM