



Luz Maria Davila de Prieto

November 23, 1924 - December 25, 2023

Luz Maria Davila de Prieto passed away peacefully in her home, surrounded by family. She was born in Mexico City, Mexico in 1924.

Luz Maria was courted by and married the late Jorge Prieto, MD in 1949. Jorge knew he had married the most wonderful and beautiful woman in the world. She joined him to do his year of medical service in the little village of San Martin, Zacatecas, after which they moved to Chicago, IL. There they served the poor and immigrant communities together for many decades.

Luz Maria raised 9 children with incredible love and patience. She truly enjoyed and had fun with her kids, and her grandchildren, teaching them numbers and letters, but also and foremost, the importance of faith, love and justice.

In Luz Maria's home, there was always room for another guest, or several, be they stopping in for a meal, a cafecito or conversation, or even a place to land for a few days or weeks. Her quiet acts of kindness touched all who knew her, whether she was volunteering at her children's schools, serving as a gracious host in her home, or joining her husband on house calls and bringing along a home-cooked meal to a family in need. She also showed by example how to be a good steward of our environment, wasting nothing, whether it was a garment or leftover food. She was certainly one of the original recyclers.

Luz Maria and Jorge were warriors for social justice. Luz Maria believed and showed by her example that all of God's children deserve love and respect. They were active in their church, and held it to a high standard when some its leaders did not understand the importance of racial justice. They were active in the Catholic Interracial Council, the Illinois Migrant Council, and Luz was a founder of the Evanston LatinoAmerican Association.

Luz and Jorge were staunch supporters of Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers. When the UFW sent young staff and volunteers throughout the country to build support, they found a home in the Prieto household. Luz and her children frequently joined them on the picket line.

She is survived by her siblings Emma, Graciela, and Rafael Davila; by her nine children: Luz Maria (Luis W., D.), Jorge (Paula F.), Carmen (Sam G.), Francisco Javier (Yolanda V.), Antonio M. (Cecilia Q.), Carlos (Linda L.), Miguel J., Margarita (Mark M.) and Lupe (René S.), along with 14 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, and countless beloved cousins, nieces and nephews.

True to her name, Luz Maria was a bright shining light to us all.

Visitation Saturday, January 27, 12:30pm (1:30 mass), at St. Nicholas/St. John XXIII Parish, 806 Ridge Ave, Evanston, IL 60202. Livestream available: <https://youtube.com/live/iOeW-vnQ4DQ?feature=share>

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a donation to the Dolores Huerta Foundation <https://www.doloreshuerta.org/>, the UFW Foundation <https://www.ufwfoundation.org/>, or a charity of your choice. Charities supporting immigrants and refugees would be especially meaningful to Luz Maria and her family.

Arrangements by Inclusive Funeral Care, 773-370-2959 or www.InclusiveFuneralCare.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN 27. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

St. Nicholas/St. John XXIII Parish
806 Ridge Avenue
Evanston, IL 60202
<https://www.nickchurch.org/>

12:30pm visitation, 1pm mass

Tribute Wall



“ *Inclusive Funeral Care created a Livestream here in memory of Luz Maria Davila de Prieto*



Team Inclusive Funeral Care - January 24, 2024 at 04:32 PM

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“ *Love, Mimi, Gabrielle & Dominique planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luz Maria Davila de Prieto.*

Love, Mimi, Gabrielle & Dominique - January 26, 2024 at 09:09 AM

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“ *Love, Mimi, Gabrielle & Dominique purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Luz Maria Davila de Prieto.*



Love, Mimi, Gabrielle & Dominique - January 26, 2024 at 09:09 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Luz Maria Davila de Prieto.*



January 22, 2024 at 01:22 PM



“ *Latin American Youth Center planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luz Maria Davila de Prieto.*

Latin American Youth Center - January 18, 2024 at 03:15 PM



“ *Latin American Youth Center purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Luz Maria Davila de Prieto.*



Latin American Youth Center - January 18, 2024 at 03:15 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Luz Maria Davila de Prieto.*



January 12, 2024 at 01:58 PM



“ *Sending condolences and care for you all. Ken Rolling*

Ken Rolling - January 03, 2024 at 12:32 PM

IR

“ *Lupe, know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this sorrowful time.
I want to offer you our sincerest condolences on the loss of your beautiful mother Luz Maria Davila de Prieto.
God Bless you and your family always.*

Frankie and Ida Rodriguez

Idalina Rodriguez - December 31, 2023 at 08:02 PM

LP

Thank you very much Ida and Frankie. Your condolences are deeply appreciated by me and my family.

Lupe Prieto - January 07, 2024 at 08:42 PM

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“ *Idalina Rodriguez lit a candle in memory of
Luz Maria Davila de Prieto*



Idalina Rodriguez - December 31, 2023 at 07:54 PM

AY

“ *Ayari planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Luz Maria Davila de Prieto.*

Ayari - December 28, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Luz Maria Davila de Prieto.*



December 28, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Gran mujer, esposa, madre, amiga, trabajadora; ahora ya esta gozando junto a su Jorge amado de la paz de Dios.*

Luz Maria Negrete - December 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Muchos recuerdos hermosos de mi Tía Lucha! Era una hermana más para mi madre! Alegre, serena, directa! Descanse en paz! Un abrazo apretado a mis primos y sobrinos!*

Maria Teresa Carrillo - December 27, 2023 at 09:30 PM



“ *Sometime in the late '70s, a group of medical students drove from Minneapolis to Chicago with Francisco for some kind of student meeting. Luz Maria and Jorge welcomed us and there was a seat at the table as well as a warm home to hold us. I felt so completely at home, Jorge talking about the remarkable photograph of he and his colleague Quentin Young being taken off to jail, still wearing their HUELGA sandwich signs for the protest they were involved in. Luz Maria moving about, making sure we each felt nurtured and cared for. She made her home, our home. And I have never forgotten her. Rest in peace.*

Carmen Nevarez - December 27, 2023 at 12:44 PM