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I met María Martin in the late 1970's when we were part of a handful of Chicano radio activists.

Like many pioneers, she was a visionary who created a space for Raza and women through programming and mentorship in a professional field that rarely accepted minorities.

While in the Bay Area in the 1980's we regularly collaborated on projects and news stories with mutual respect and camaraderie.

With her characteristic smile, good nature and professionalism, María graciously penetrated both English and Spanish markets covering a wide array of issues and personalities that chronicled who we are as people in the United States.

María will live in our hearts and will be represented in our work for a long time

Here's a humble tribute in the form of a calavera.

gracias
julio cesar guerrero



EDITOR'S NOTE: *Radio Esperanza, 96.5 KEPJ-LPFM-San Antonio and the Esperanza Peace & Justice Center mourn the loss of a courageous cultural warrior whose lifework leaves a legacy of media empowerment in indigenous and Latinx communities in the U.S. & Latin America. María Martin presente! Que descanse en paz y poder!*



María Martin founded the nonprofit GraciasVida Center for Media in Guatemala, where she trained & empowered indigenous women as radio journalists and continued to train journalists in Mexico, Bolivia, Uruguay and Nicaragua.

La Calavera De María Martin

Mira que bonitas flores
mira como brilla el sol
tan coquetas de colores
what a beautiful glow



En un dia como hoy
we lost a la Mariquita
remember her tan bonita
era puro corazón

Simón, mis vatos locos
por la ostia del Tejón
La Calaca le hecho el ojo
and took away her microphone.

Sana, sana colita de rana
los angeles le cantaban
but la Muerte tan ingrata
las cobijas le jalaba

No se aguiten, no es el fin
now there's a new generation
of young people asking questions
gracias a María Martin

Blanca palomita stop flying
parate en aquel nopal
dinos donde María is watching
con sus Bette Davis eyes

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