



## Lupe Molina

April 1, 1935 – December 22, 2021

Lupe Molina passed away on December 22, 2021 surrounded by her family (son Sean Molina, daughter-in-law Faith Rodriguez Molina and granddaughter Celine Molina). She was born on April 1, 1935 and bought her property in Joshua Tree in 1976 and finally moved out to Monument Manor full time in 1988 where Lupe created her art (gourd art) and made a name for herself. Lupe's friends knew her as "Grandma Lightning Turtle".

Here are examples of Lupe's gourd art published in *The Complete Book of Gourd Craft* written by Ginger Summit and Jim Widess in 1998.



LUPE MOLINA Coyote Gourds on Joshua Tree Stands PHOTO BY BRIAN RENNIE