

# *Torture survivor Sister Dianna Ortiz dies at 62*

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Washington, February 22 (RHC)-- Sister Dianna Ortiz, a Catholic nun and outspoken opponent of torture, has died of cancer at the age of 62.

In 1989, Sister Dianna Ortiz was abducted by members of Guatemala's U.S.-trained military from the compound where she worked. Twenty-four hours later, she escaped. But within that brief period, her body had been burned with cigarettes, and she'd been raped, beaten and forced to torture a woman who was already near death.

In her memoir, "The Blindfold's Eyes: My Journey from Torture to Truth," Dianna Ortiz wrote about U.S. complicity in Guatemala's repressive political system and the torture and murder of more than 150,000 Guatemalans.



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