Eva Guardado (July 5, 1953 – June 11, 2020)
Born in El Salvador, María Eva Guardado immigrated to the U.S. in 1981 during the Salvadoran Civil War. Once in the U.S. Eva settled in East Los Angeles working multiple jobs in garment factories and warehouses, until she learned of the Mercado La Paloma. Evita began working at the Mercado in 2001 shortly after the Mercado opened and was part of the Mercado staff and community for 19 years. She was a kind and sweet person and loved by everybody at the Mercado. Eva died, unexpectedly, on June 11, 2020. El Mercado and the rest of the community still mourn her loss, and will forever remember her as a resilient, kind, and hardworking woman. We miss you so much, Evita!