



## Mary Elida Barrera-Rivas

March 16, 1936 - July 25, 2022

Rodolfo “Rudy” Rivas and Mary Elida “Honey” Rivas

Our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, Rodolfo “Rudy” Rivas was born on June 6, 1930, in Lockhart Texas to Eudelia and Pedro Rivas Sr. God called His faithful servant on July 11, 2022, at the age of 92. He was preceded in death by his parents, Sister Esperanza Banda (husband Santos), and brothers Pedro (Wife Lily), Victor, and Sam Rivas (nephews Pete & Ramiro). He lived a long and wonderful life, filled with so much love, joy and happiness. His life touched so many, and he made others’ lives better in more ways than you can imagine. He was one of a kind. He had a way of pushing you to strive for more and to make you want to be a better person. He taught us how to be better. He coached many youth teams in softball, was an amazing pitcher, ran his business, Rivas Roofing and Remodeling....But above all, God first, then family. He was one of the kindest, and most gentle souls.... Always selfless, kindhearted, and giving. Loved to hear his stories, ....He will be missed dearly and forever remembered. It was an honor to be a part of his life and we were so blessed to have him.

His beloved soulmate, our mother, grandmother and great grandmother, Mary Elida B Rivas “Honey” to everyone who had the pleasure of knowing her, was born on March 6, 1936, in San Antonio TX to Sara and Gavino Barrera. God called her to join Him and her beloved husband Rudy July 25, 2022, at the age of 86. She is preceded in death by her parents, sister Lupe Martinez (Husband Arturo, Nephew Michael), brothers, Raymond (wife Margaret) and brother Gavino Barrera Jr. Honey was daddy’s nickname for her, but it most definitely suited her. Very loving and giving. Would set a place at their table for anyone. She loved to cook...Always said “make it with love”. She loved to garden and crochet. From notes in lunch boxes, valentines’ gifts, or a lil something just because, she stole all our hearts and made our lives so special with her love and affection. With her sunglasses, her hats, and always dressed to kill, she was such a beautiful Diva, inside and out.

After 64 years of marriage, grand love, and happiness, they could not be apart for even two weeks. Together, they were and still are a loving force to be reckoned with. We rejoice that they are reunited together and with our Father...We owe so much to them, and are forever grateful and honored to have been a part of their lives.

They leave behind daughters, Elida Rivas and Monica Rivas Chavez (Husband Kevin), grandchildren, Victor Rivas, Sarah Gomez (Husband Amando), Everett Reyes (wife Ivonne), Christopher Reyes, Anthony Reyes (wife Danielle) and Esteban Rivas. Great grandchildren: Elisha Reyes, Victoria Reyes, Victor Rivas, Castiel Reyes, Isabelle Rivas, Natalie Gomez, and Amando Gomez.

“Born and raised on the ways and gentle kindness of a small-town southern man”. We love you.. and we will see you again! Rest beautiful souls...you're work on earth is through!

Hasta la vista Papa and Honey

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Palm Heights Mortuary  
3711 S Zarzamora St  
San Antonio, TX 78225  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary

AUG 1. 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

AUG 2. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Philip of Jesus Catholic Church  
142 E. Lambert  
San Antonio, TX 78204

# Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Elida Barrera-Rivas.*



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July 30 at 05:39 PM