



## Sylvia V. Ritchey

January 3, 1955 - February 25, 2020

Sylvia Ritchey, beloved wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend passed away peacefully at home at the age of 65 with her family at her side on Tuesday, February 25, 2020 after an inspiring and courageous fight against ovarian cancer.

Sylvia is preceded in death by her father, David S. Valverde and in-laws Harold and Rosemarie Ritchey. Sylvia is survived by her husband Timothy and her beloved son Zachary; her mother Zulema C. Valverde; her siblings, Mary Alice Sarran and husband John, Kathy Felix, David Valverde and Peter Valverde; her sisters-in-law Renate Claybourn and Deirdra Marley and their husbands Ken and Mark and her brother-in-law Tracy; and her nieces and nephews, David Sarran and wife Ashley, Kellie Sarran, Albert, Jr. and Erica Felix, Stephanie Mancha and husband Abraham, Jessica and Jennifer Valverde, Kyleigh Halsey and husband Jason, Mackenzie Day and husband Taylor, Lauren Costley and husband Christopher, Joshua Yanity, and Jeremy Ritchey.

Born in 1955 in San Antonio, Texas, Sylvia was the oldest of David and Zulema Valverde's five children. A 1973 graduate of Highlands High School, Sylvia earned her Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy degree from the University of Texas at Austin in 1978, an accomplishment she was most proud of. From there, Sylvia practiced pharmacy on the South Side of San Antonio, making a difference in the lives of countless patients and mentoring many future and current pharmacists as a dedicated employee of Walgreen's Pharmacy for over 40 years. In the wake of Sylvia's passing, hundreds of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians from all corners of the profession have reached out to offer their support and condolences, a true testament to how beloved as a colleague, mentor, and friend she was and to the respect that she commanded as a professional during her career.

Sylvia had an unmatched passion for life and loved many things and many people; she was an eager and dedicated fan of the San Antonio Spurs, a season ticket holder for many years along with her husband Timothy. Together, Sylvia and Tim quickly became a fixture at Spurs games, knowing their fellow ticket holders and arena ushers by name and

enjoying their team with an infectious enthusiasm and fun-loving demeanor. Sylvia's level of love and support for the Spurs was matched only by her passion for her Texas Longhorns, never turning down an opportunity to exclaim "Hook 'em Horns!". Sylvia's loving and caring nature was exemplified in her love for her pets, especially toward her son Zachary's two "other" brothers, dachshunds Kirby and Sparky, her "granddog" Suki, and cat Coraline. Sylvia also loved to travel any chance she was able, especially to Las Vegas, a favorite destination.

While Sylvia's passion for life was plentiful and took many forms, the one thing that she loved above all was obvious to anyone fortunate enough to know her—her family. Sylvia was always proud of her son Zachary, to whom she showed unwavering support and love to all of her life, something that she would gladly let anyone who would listen know. Her proudest moment came in May of 2014, when Zach followed in her footsteps and graduated with his Doctor of Pharmacy degree from the University of the Incarnate Word Feik School of Pharmacy. Though she loved her "Sonny Bunny" deeply, it was apparent to anyone who knew her that Sylvia's greatest love in life was her husband and soulmate, Timothy. Married in August of 1984, Tim and Sylvia happily shared 35 years of marriage together, culminating in August of 2019 with the celebration of their anniversary and renewal of their marriage vows in the presence of their family and friends. Always by each other's side throughout their blessed marriage, Tim loved and cared for Sylvia with a tender yet protective nature that gave her an unmatched sense of comfort and strength, especially over the last few years when faced with the unexpected and daunting fight against ovarian cancer. Though her absence leaves them with profound sadness and a deep longing to be with her again, Tim and Zach are comforted knowing that Sylvia lives within them forever and that her resilience and determination will always help them to stay strong and live up to the pride she never ceased to feel for them.

Sylvia's sweet and loving personality never ceased to bring happiness and light into the lives of those who were fortunate enough to have known her and her memory will always continue to do so. Although Sylvia will be missed deeply by her family and friends, her joyful and loving spirit will live in each and every one of them until they are finally reunited with her again.

Visitation will begin on Friday, March 13, 2020 at 4:00 PM with a rosary and celebration of her life to begin at 6:30 PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. The funeral mass will be celebrated on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 1:00 PM at Holy Name Catholic Church with a procession from the funeral home at 12:30 PM. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South. Please join the family for light refreshments and coffee after the interment at the activity center at Holy Name Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, Sylvia's

family requests that donations be made to the National Ovarian Cancer Coalition in her memory.

Finally, Tim, Zach, and the rest of Sylvia's family would like to extend their most heartfelt gratitude to Dr. James Wilder, MD and the nursing and support staff of the 5 East Oncology Department of North Central Baptist Hospital; their tireless dedication to Sylvia's care, as well their professionalism, compassion, and love helped Sylvia feel trust and comfort in even the most difficult of times, something that her family will always hold a deep appreciation for.

# Events

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**MAR** **Visitation** 04:00PM - 09:00PM

**13**  
Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr, San Antonio, TX, US, 78214

**MAR** **Rosary/Celebration of Her Life** 06:30PM

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**MAR** **Funeral Mass** 01:00PM

**14**  
Holy Name Catholic Church  
3814 Nash Blvd, San Antonio, TX, US, 78223

**MAR** **Interment**

**14**  
Mission Burial Park South  
1700 SE Military Dr., San Antonio, TX, US, 78214

# Comments

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sylvia V. Ritchey.



March 13 at 06:50 PM

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“ Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Sylvia V. Ritchey.



March 13 at 06:28 PM

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“ Tim, I am so sorry for your loss. My deepest condolences to you and your family during this difficult time. May the memories you hold in your heart comfort you and your family always. you now have a beautiful Angel watching over you.

Much love,

Raquel

**Raquel Benavides** - March 13 at 02:03 PM

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“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Sylvia V. Ritchey.



March 13 at 11:25 AM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sylvia V. Ritchey.



March 13 at 10:33 AM

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“ Uncle Karl-Heinz und Diana purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of Sylvia V. Ritchey.



Uncle Karl-Heinz und Diana - March 13 at 06:02 AM

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“ Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Sylvia V. Ritchey.



March 12 at 05:05 PM

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“ Sylvia Perez lit a candle in memory of Sylvia V. Ritchey



Sylvia Perez - March 12 at 11:44 AM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sylvia V. Ritchey.



March 12 at 11:43 AM

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“ Tim, I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you and your family. There are no other words to describe what you and your family are feeling but only time and placing yourselves in the Lord's healing hands will help. I know what you and your family are going through and I will always be here if ever you or your family need someone listen to you. God bless you all.

Annette V La Grange



Annette V La Grange - March 11 at 08:49 AM

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“ Heavenly Sentiments Spray was purchased for the family of Sylvia V. Ritchey.



March 10 at 02:45 PM

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“ Tim, you and your family are in my prayers. My deepest sympathy yours and Sylvia's families.

Beth Houlahan Evans

Beth Houlahan Evans - March 10 at 11:01 AM

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“ Tim, my heart goes out to you and your family in this time of sorrow. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.  
Alma Infante-Canas



Alma Infante-Canas - March 06 at 11:36 AM

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“ We mourn with you my friend...  
Gabriel Nava

Gabriel Nava - March 06 at 10:10 AM

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“ My deepest condolences to Tim and all of Sylvia's family. You are all in my family's prayers. - .M. Madrigal

M. Madrigal - March 05 at 02:15 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sylvia V. Ritchey.



March 04 at 08:56 PM

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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - March 04 at 03:32 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



David M. Valverde - February 27 at 07:49 PM