



Aida Griselda Martinez

October 22, 1930 - February 1, 2021

Aida G. Martinez passed away peacefully Feb 1, 2021 from natural causes. She was an accomplished business woman, artisan, and genealogist. She was born in San Antonio to Roberto E. Martinez and Ana Gonzalez Cortes. She attended Thomas Jefferson High School and was a member of the famed Lassos. After graduating, she worked at the First Baptist Church downtown as a secretary. Soon after, she met Guadalupe (Lupe) A. Martinez, a WWII veteran and St. Mary's student, at a dance. That meeting started a long courtship that resulted in their marriage in January of 1954 as he was embarking on his military career as a recently commissioned Army officer. They were married at Ft. Sam Houston Chapel.

Always on the lookout for creative outlets, Aida joined the Officer's Wives Clubs on the various bases they were assigned in the states and in Germany. At Ft. Bragg, she taught sewing, shoe covering, hat making, and crepe paper flower classes to other base wives, winning an award from the base commander for her many projects. The family relocated to San Antonio when her husband retired as a Lt.Col.

In San Antonio, Aida continued her creative activities but converted them to a business. She and her husband purchased a flower shop and property off Blanco Road and opened Aida Creations. Aida supplied the very popular football mums as fundraisers for all the student clubs at Lee High School,

where her children attended, and later other high schools in the district. She designed and popularized most of the common items used in mum decorations even today. She later expanded the business to include the Southside Flower Shop as a second location. As a florist, she traveled around the world as an award-winning designer and instructor at international conferences, including in Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia, China, Korea, and Japan. She retired from the business shortly following her husband's retirement from NEISD as a principal. They soon opened an antiques business, traveling to antique shows across Texas. On the "side," she was also president of the PTA, active in several civic organizations, such as the Black and White Ball and Los Patronatos, and was an artist, primarily in oils, in addition to raising her three children.

After closing those businesses, Aida and Lupe threw themselves into genealogy full-time and held officer positions with Los Bexarenos. Together, they wrote or co-wrote over 14 publications, most of which were sold to support Los Bexarenos. While working on a genealogy puzzle, Aida could rattle off dates, locations, names, and other details without referring to her notes. She loved helping others start their genealogy journey or solve a tricky mystery. They happily downsized in 2007 and moved to The Towers, where they again participated in the community social activities. Aida also continued her interest in sewing by joining the quilting group.

Aida unfortunately gave up most of these activities after suffering a stroke in 2014, except for her bingo, which she loved, and occasional quilting.

Aida was preceded in death by her parents, her brother, Robert Martinez Jr., and her husband. She is survived by her three daughters, Laurel Jimenez, Priscilla Martinez Gamer (Marty), and Marissa Martinez, a sister, Diane Perrault, her grandchildren Miranda Rice (Alan), Alyssa Buntyn (Chris), Carlos Benson Martinez (Jon), and Gabriel Martinez Gamer, five great grandchildren,

and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

She was an accomplished woman, a patient teacher, and a passionate learner. She will be sorely missed. A visitation will be on Monday February 22, 2021 at Alamo Funeral Chapels at 5:00 pm. A graveside service will take place at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery on Tuesday February 23, 2021 at 11:15 am.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you donate to Los Bexarenos to support their library.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **22**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Alamo Funeral Chapels
624 N Alamo St
San Antonio, TX 78215
(210) 554-5000
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Graveside Service

FEB **23**. 11:15 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Martinez family I am so sorry to hear of Aidas passing. I offer you my deepest condolences and sympathy to all the family. I pray for healing at this time of sorrow. May God Bless all of you.*

Priscilla Yanez Cadena

Priscilla Y. Cadena - April 07, 2021 at 09:19 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Aida Griselda Martinez.*

February 19, 2021 at 08:44 PM

