



## Alice Vela Muniz

December 27, 1932 - December 19, 2023

### Alice Vela Muniz Obituary

In Loving Memory of our mother, Alice Vela Muniz, age 90, who went home to be with Jesus on December 19, 2023.

She was the widow of Fred G. Muniz, who were married for 38 years before his sudden passing in 1991. Together, they had 8 children.

Born in Cotulla, Texas on December 27, 1932 to Ambrosio and Anjelica Vela, she was their youngest daughter out of 7 children.

In 1941 her family settled in Racine, Wisconsin where she lived until 1973. Alice was raised in a musical family. A talent instilled by her father at a very young age. Along with her 6 brothers and sisters, they formed a musical group called The Vela's, and soon were on circus billings, performing and entertaining crowds in Arizona, Colorado and Wisconsin before finally settling in Racine. When her brothers were called to fight in WWII, she continued

performing with her sister and often entertained for the local soldiers at Racine's Elks Club.

Later, she attended Gateway Technical College where she studied nursing. Upon completing the program, she was accredited with a license to practice nursing. A lifelong profession she remained in until her retirement age.

In 1973, she relocated to San Antonio, Texas with her husband and 8 children. There she was a member of St. Leonard's Catholic Church for many years. She volunteered her time to teach the parish children the catechism of the Catholic Church. She occasionally assisted at a local senior center where she attended to the medical needs of the elderly and established a tax service to help the illiterate and impoverished.

In 2015, Alice relocated one final time to Henderson, Nevada where she would live out her golden years. Alice would say, her greatest reward in life were her children. She loved them all uniquely and unconditionally. And, was her happiest when she was surrounded by her family and friends. She leaves behind her 8 children: Delia Lowrie, Irene Castaneda, Julie (Joseph) Villarreal, Peggy Sue Gonzales, Rosie Muniz, Cynthia (Jeffrey) Bregman, Alfred Muniz Jr., and John J. Muniz. She had 18 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. She is survived by her brother Ramon (Norma) Vela and her sister Mary Barrera, both from Wisconsin.

Dear Mother,

Though it brings us great sorrow that you are gone, we know that one day we will rejoice when

we see you again. Your spirit lives on in each of us and will remain in our hearts forever. May God grant you eternal rest, a peace you so deserve. And, may God give us strength as we grieve, and bring us comfort and joy from the memories we shared with you. Vaya con Dios.

Visitation will begin at 3:30 P.M. followed by a Prayer Service at 4:00 P.M. on Sunday, January 14, 2024 at Mission Park Medical Center, 8332 Fredericksburg Road. The Graveside Service will begin at 10:00 A.M. on Monday, January 15, 2024 at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. Service location will be upcoming.

# Cemetery Details

## **Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery**

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## **Visitation**

**JAN 14.** 3:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Medical Center  
8332 Fredericksburg Road  
San Antonio, TX 78229

## **Rosary**

**JAN 14.** 4:00 PM (CT)

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8332 Fredericksburg Road  
San Antonio, TX 78229

## **Graveside Service**

**JAN 15.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209



# Tribute Wall

PS

“ Thank you everyone for all of your much needed love and support. Be Blessed always and forever in Jesus’s Mighty Name. And thank you God for Giving our mom. We will miss her much, but no words can be written to replace her valued worth. We are forever grateful that you chose her and her entire bloodline for your own. Thank you family.

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**pstric** - January 20, 2024 at 02:02 PM

JR

“ You were always welcoming and friendly from the day I met you 20 years ago. I’m glad we were able to meet one last time this past October. Rest in Peace.

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**Joel Rogers** - January 16, 2024 at 11:17 PM

JM

“ Thank you for being my Mother, my friend and my confidante. I will always and forever love you. ❤️ Rest well, with no more worries. You don't have to worry about me Mom, I'm going to be ok. Love your Son, Johnny Jesus 💙

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**John Muniz** - January 16, 2024 at 12:25 PM

JM

“ My Mother whom I will always love and adore. I'll miss my dancing partner 🥹 and my laughing buddy. No one will ever take your place my forever G-ON. ❤️



John Muniz - January 16, 2024 at 12:19 PM

MR

“ Grams,  
Thank you for my mom and thank you for meeting your great grandkids! Your little Sa-c-q knows you are going to be next to Gramps. You shared a long life for us and we will always remember you and your smile. I love you, rest well! Mauricia (aka, your little Sa-C-Q).

Mauricia Rogers - January 16, 2024 at 11:59 AM



“ I love you grandma Alice. May you rest in peace in gods name 🙏



Robert Castaneda - January 16, 2024 at 10:15 AM

MM

MAMA ALICE, I never knew you but in my heart, you are my other Mama that have gone to meet Jesus. Let me say I love you and that you are so loved by many!!! Till we meet for the first time, you will always be cherished!!!

marge Mercurio - January 16, 2024 at 11:07 AM

ST

“ A beautiful life story that she lived and continues to live through all her children and grandchildren and so on. May God bless and be with all her loved ones. Our deepest heartfelt condolences to you all and we love you Pastor Irene..I pray the Lord be your comfort, your healer, and your strength. We continue our prayers for you all always ❤️❤️❤️ Thank you Jesus for everything..amen.

sandra torres - January 16, 2024 at 09:37 AM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - January 14, 2024 at 09:18 PM

BC

“ Bobby & Diana Gonzales & Toni Cantu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Alice Vela Muniz.

Bobby & Diana Gonzales & Toni Cantu - January 14, 2024 at 12:41 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Alice Vela Muniz.



January 14, 2024 at 12:41 AM

LC

“ I send my most sincere condolences to my sister in Christ ,Irene and her family ! May God Bless you all with His immense love and care in these difficult moments . May Your Momma Rest well in Gods Glory . May you all Continue to carry Our Beautiful Alice’s memeoeries in your hearts ❤️ We will always remember how beautiful she was inside ~ out and Her Sweet Spirit and Kindness !!  
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Lydia Cruz - January 09, 2024 at 05:50 PM

AN

*Rest in peace Grandma. To my mom and the rest of our family. May our Good God give us comfort and remind us of the appreciation of life during this time. May we be comforted to know she is in Heaven, amen.*

Angelica - January 09, 2024 at 08:38 PM

PC

*My mom. How I am humbled to say that she was an inspiration to sooo many. And gave her all. How she left a legacy, that we her children are her legacy, and we will never forget how she instilled all of herself in our lives. To love and look out for one another, and to never lose sight in caring for one another that was important. As her children, she always reminded us of her ‘motto’ that went, “I love you all the same. I don’t love any one of you more than the other”. We will always cherish our times together with her, and we were Blessed to have made millions of memories. So much so, to share with others. Yes, she will be sorely missed. And we are forever grateful and thankful she remained strong, teaching us to be the same, in keeping us always together, as a family should and never giving up on neither one of us. Her last wish was to see our dad again. I believe they are back together and may she be in perfect rest, and happy. Thank you mom.*

Pastor Irene Castaneda - January 10, 2024 at 02:06 AM

AV

*I give my condolences to you all cousins. I always admired my at she was so beautiful and had a big heart. they sang so beautiful her sisters and her and her brothers. They were well known in Racine. they use to play at places and crowds would gather to hear them and we would dance and enjoy our selves. I remember you cookie and Irene. I feel for you she and you were very gifted to have your mom 90 years. she was a strong Vela. So is Mena and Ramon. I pray I live that long and be like them. Love you all God Bless You. always thinking of you even though you were far. here's my number call me one day. again my condolences to you all Love and prayer Angeline Roy and Marys daughter. ( 414-213-3839*

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**Angeline Garcia Vela** - January 10, 2024 at 08:42 AM

RM

*Dearest mother,  
May you rest peacefully and may Christ our Lord lay his blessings upon you, while Angels and Saints continue to watch over you throughout your eternal peace. Your blessed spirit lives on and remains in each of us and we will forever cherish the memories of you in our hearts. You stayed strong in your final golden years while enduring pain from illness and our blessed brother Fred watched over you, helped you, took the greatest care of you and loved you endlessly. To our brother Fred, we love you and send you the greatest thanks from deep within our hearts! Words are not enough to express the thanks all of us feel! To all of us siblings, may we all continue to love and support one another as we grieve the loss of our beautiful mother dearest. We will miss her but she lives on in our hearts forever. May God bless us all! I love you mother always and forever!!! Your loving daughter, Rosie Muniz*

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**rosie muniz** - January 14, 2024 at 10:13 AM