



## Amparo (Polly) Santos Gonzales

January 13, 1932 - July 12, 2025

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the San Antonio and South Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association at: <https://www.alz.org/>

Amparo (Polly) Santos Gonzales, age 93, of San Antonio, Texas, passed away peacefully on July 12, 2025. Born on January 13, 1932, in Hondo, Texas, she was the beloved daughter of Pedro E. Santos and Guadalupe B. Santos. Polly was raised in Seguin, Texas, where she attended school and later earned her General Educational Development (GED) certification.

On December 26, 1948, she married Roman Gonzales, Jr. of Seguin, and together they moved to San Antonio, purchasing their first home in 1953. Polly devoted her early years to raising their seven children, ensuring they received strong Catholic educations. All seven graduated from St. Leo's Catholic School in San Antonio, five from Catholic high schools, and four earned college degrees—a legacy of love, sacrifice, and determination.

Following her years as a homemaker, Polly worked in the jewelry business for over 30 years, known for her elegance, grace, and work ethic. She had a deep love for plants and flowers—especially her vibrant bougainvillea's—and took pride in nurturing beauty in her home and garden.

A devoted member of St. Leo the Great Catholic Church for 72 years, Polly actively supported parish ministries including the Altar Servers, Boy Scouts, and served faithfully as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. In her quiet moments, she enjoyed Hallmark movies and reading, always treasuring the comfort of a good story.

Polly is survived by her seven children: Roman Gonzales III and Cynthia A. Blum of San Antonio; David R. Gonzales of Lakeway, TX; Michael A. Gonzales, Jesus T. Gonzales, and John E. Gonzales of San Antonio; and Joseph T. Gonzales of Vancouver, WA. She was the proud grandmother of 17 grandchildren (two of whom preceded her in death), 13 great-grandchildren (one deceased), and 5 great-great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her brother, Pete Santos, Jr.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband of over 60 years, Roman Gonzales, Jr.; her parents; her sisters Eva Caffey and Magdalena Montoya; and her brothers Ermilo, David, Mike, and Alex Santos.

Polly was the heart of her family—a loving and thoughtful matriarch known for her intelligence, compassion, and unwavering faith. She rarely missed a birthday or milestone and instilled in her family the importance of prayer, perseverance, and unity. Though deeply missed, her family rejoices that she is no longer in pain and is now enjoying her eternal reward.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 31, 2025, from 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM at Mission Park South, 1700 SE Military Dr., San Antonio, TX, with the Rosary beginning at 7:00 PM.

Funeral services will take place on Friday, August 1, 2025, at 12:00 PM at St. Leo the Great Catholic Church, 4401 S. Flores St., San Antonio, TX 78214, officiated by Fr. Antonio Gonzalez. Interment will follow at 2:30 pm at Pavillion

3, Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd., San Antonio, TX 78209.

# Cemetery Details

## Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Road  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 31. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Eulogy

JUL 31. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## **Rosary Service**

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**JUL 31. 7:00 PM (CT)**

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## **Funeral Mass**

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**AUG 1. 12:00 PM (CT)**

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church  
4415 S. Flores St.  
San Antonio, TX 78214

## **Interment**

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**AUG 1. 2:30 PM (CT)**

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

# Tribute Wall

MF

“ *Maria Diamantina Garza & Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Amparo (Polly) Santos Gonzales.*



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**Maria Diamantina Garza & Family** - July 31, 2025 at 03:15 AM

MS

“ *Maria S. purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Amparo (Polly) Santos Gonzales.*



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**Maria S.** - July 29, 2025 at 06:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Amparo (Polly) Santos Gonzales.*



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July 28, 2025 at 09:53 PM

RA

“ *Our sincere condolences to the entire Gonzales family on Polly's passing. May she rest in Our Lord's Eternal Peace.*

*From the La Salle Community*

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**Robert Aguirre** - July 28, 2025 at 05:10 PM

JG

“ 1 file added to the album *Tribute Wall*



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**Jesus T Gonzales** - July 27, 2025 at 11:00 PM

MG

“ Mom,

*I felt privileged to call you mother for the last 15 years. You are my second mother, and I am grateful and thankful for all these years. Your life was a gift to all of us. Thank you for your unconditional love, caring, kindness, patience, generosity, guidance, and support, even though at times we didn't deserve it. I have great respect for you as a strong and independent woman, a good mother, and a wife. Your legacy of love and memory will be cherished forever. We will sorely miss you, but we know that you are in a better place with Dad. Your spirit will forever live with us. Rest in Peace.*

*We will always love and honor you,  
Marie*

*Jesse and your grandchildren, Sean and Juliana*

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**Maria Sally Gonzales** - July 24, 2025 at 05:00 PM

MM

“ *Condolences to the GONZALES family from the TEJEDA family  
She is now in Heaven with Mom  
REST IN PEACE*

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**Mary Alice Tejada Miller** - July 22, 2025 at 08:03 PM

RB

“ Love you Granma Polly always...I can never thank God enough for you, the tough as nails sweet as lemon pie woman of faith, when my parents fell apart with faith n determination you took on the task of helping to keep us going, from encouragement in school, reading and math...study set your hands to goodness you would tell us ...you inspired me to commit to the king ..anyone who has ever been blessed enough to hear your hello can testify of the grace that was always in your voice, or the ah hito in your voice when we made a mistake ...thank you Hashem...my gosh thank you grandma for your patience, I possibly would have strangled dealing with a teenage me or well most of us really, and yet she took us to task each n every time challenging us to live right and keep the faith ..the only thing I know that she loved more than sweets is God, grandpa and her family and dear friends... May our lives the children n grandchildren great grandchildren, family n friends honor her and reflect that love, resilience n courage to push on lift up and drive forward her memory through family faith and willingness to lift one another up all while giving God thanks



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**Rav scott blum** - July 22, 2025 at 06:40 PM

JG

“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Wall



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**JoAnn Gonzales** - July 22, 2025 at 01:31 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Amparo (Polly) Santos Gonzales.



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July 19, 2025 at 05:34 PM



“ I love you and will miss you, I have always been told family is everything, thank you for being there for all of us. May god shine upon our family in this time of healing. I know you will be there helping us along

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**Kevin Santos** - July 19, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ Alex Jr and family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Amparo (Polly) Santos Gonzales.



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**Alex Jr and family** - July 19, 2025 at 05:01 PM



“ Liza and Johnny Dyer purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Amparo (Polly) Santos Gonzales.



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**Liza and Johnny Dyer** - July 18, 2025 at 01:38 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Amparo (Polly) Santos Gonzales.*



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July 17, 2025 at 11:07 PM