



Andrea Lynn Valdes Herrera

August 12, 1974 - March 20, 2023

Andrea Lynn Valdes Herrera, 48, of San Antonio, Texas, passed away on Monday, March 20, 2023 after a valiant year-long battle with cervical cancer.

She was born on August 12, 1974 in San Antonio, Texas, the daughter of Ricardo and Donna Valdes.

Andrea had a zest for life beyond compare – she brought joy and laughter to every occasion, lighting up a room with her smile and effervescence. Andrea earned an education degree from Sam Houston State University and was a lifelong educator, impacting the lives of countless students during her 23 years in the classroom. She was a uniquely gifted reading teacher, nurturing a love of books and reading in the children she taught.

Andrea loved her family fiercely and spared no expense or effort to demonstrate her thoughtfulness and creativity, never missing an opportunity to celebrate them and make them feel special. She was spontaneous, fun-loving, compassionate, and generous. Andrea married her middle school sweetheart, Christopher Herrera. She doted on her husband and stepdaughter, Isabella, making every occasion memorable and continuously striving to be the best wife and mother she could be. Andrea was adored by her two nephews, Frankie and Samuel and her niece, Olivia, to whom she was a beloved second mom.

Andrea's was a life well-lived. She left a legacy of faith and found comfort during the darkest days of her illness in knowing that her citizenship is in Heaven (Philippians 3:20-21).

She is survived by her husband Christopher Herrera, stepdaughter, Isabella, father, Ricardo Valdes, Jr., sister, Denise Garibay and her husband, Frank, brother, Ricardo Valdes, III, and a large extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Family and friends are invited to a celebration of Andrea's life on Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 3pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapel, 3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio, Texas 78230. In lieu of flowers, the family asks guests to bring a book that will be donated to the library of the school at which she taught, Somerset Academy Collegiate. The Celebration of Her Life will be live-streamed on this memorial beginning at 2:45 pm.

Previous Events

Celebration of Her Life

MAR **26**. 3:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Andrea Lynn Valdes Herrera*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - March 26, 2023 at 02:34 PM

TT

Coach Herrera and Family. I am sorry I was not able to make the viewing today on your beautiful life. But I am at home watching it online and I thank you for all the memories and advise you gave as I was a new teacher to BCA . Spending time with you and your classes was so amazing and I seen all the love that you had. I cant thank you enough and I wouldnt be where I am today as a teacher and more with out you.

Tiffany Trejo - March 26, 2023 at 08:04 PM

CH

Sorry to the family of Andrea, she was someone I knew in my past and left a long and lasting impression on me and my family. She was deeply loved. Knowing she is no longer on this earth leaves me with a great sadness. I hope she did live a loving happy life filled with love, it is all she wanted. Miss you, love you Andrea. Christina

christina - June 06, 2023 at 01:46 PM

SG

“ Sweet Denise and all of the precious Garibays we have not forgotten. We continue to pray for your hearts to be comforted and strengthened by the power and love of our Heavenly Father and Saviour Jesus Christ by the Holy Spirit. May He lift you up and carry you in His loving and everlasting arms. (amen) love you all ~ Susan, Sarah (Mercier), Matthew and Samuel Gray ❤️🙏

Susan Gray - April 15, 2023 at 01:11 PM

SG

“ Susan Gray lit a candle in memory of Andrea Lynn Valdes Herrera



Susan Gray - April 15, 2023 at 01:09 PM

CR

“ My sincere condolences to the Herrera and Valdez family. REST IN PARADISE 🦋🦋
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Corina Roque - March 31, 2023 at 06:52 PM

DC

“ Andrea was one of my students and an editor for the Taft High School yearbook, *The Testimony*, while I was the adviser. She was a bright light of sunshine that other students were drawn to in the classroom. I saw her many years ago and she told me that she was teaching young children; she seemed so happy to be in that position. I'm sure she was a positive influence on them and her step-daughter, niece and nephews. I send my heartfelt condolences to her family.



Deanna Chambers - March 26, 2023 at 02:24 PM

ST

“ Susan Thorpe lit a candle in memory of Andrea Lynn Valdes Herrera



Susan Thorpe - March 24, 2023 at 09:33 PM

CT

“ Chris Van Tuyl lit a candle in memory of Andrea Lynn Valdes Herrera



Chris Van Tuyl - March 24, 2023 at 12:13 PM

JJ

“ *Janese Johnson lit a candle in memory of Andrea Lynn Valdes Herrera*



Janese Johnson - March 24, 2023 at 11:34 AM

CY

“ *Cindy Ybarra lit a candle in memory of Andrea Lynn Valdes Herrera*



Cindy Ybarra - March 23, 2023 at 03:34 PM

CY

*"One Hundred Years from now it will not matter what kind of car I drove, what kind of house i lived in, how much money was in my bank account nor what my clothes looked like. But the world may be a better place because i was important in the life of a child."
Ms. Valdez Herrera, thank you for being important in the life of my son Joseph while you taught at CASA. Our lives have been enriched because of you love for the Lord, teaching and the servants heart you were blessed with. Our heartfelt prayers to your family.*

Cindy Ybarra - March 23, 2023 at 03:55 PM

DM

“ Mrs. Herrera was my daughter Juliana’s home room teacher at CASA. Immediately upon meeting her we could tell of her love for her students. When my daughter had a stay at a local hospital she made an effort to bring a giant get well card signed by all her students, flowers and balloons. All after a long day at school. But it was important to her. This is just an example on how her students were like family to her. She made the school a better place. She will be missed deeply. Rest in paradise Andrea. Your job is now complete here on earth and onto your saviors arms you will rest.

Diana Martinez - March 23, 2023 at 02:23 PM

BP

Thank you for your sweet words. Our family misses her so much and yet we rejoice that she is with her Savior!

bev pfluke - March 23, 2023 at 07:26 PM

NS

Andrea Herrera was one of the most authentic individuals I was blessed to know. She had an amazing heart for people and children. We loved her so much and our lives are much more blessed because of her. Rest in peace sweet Addie.

Nancy Strandlie - March 26, 2023 at 03:49 PM