



Beatrice Marie Gamez

February 20, 1925 - February 8, 2021

Beatrice Marie Gamez, age 95, of San Antonio, Texas, joined our gracious God and her heavenly loved ones on Monday, February 8, 2021. Beatrice remained very energetic up until 3 weeks prior to succumbing to 2 heart attacks and coronary heart disease. Her final wish to make it back home from the hospital was accomplished through her own incredible stamina and optimism. We were all blessed to have her back home. She passed just 12 days shy of her 96th birthday.

Beatrice was born in San Antonio, Texas on February 20, 1925 and married her sweetheart, Pedro (Pete) Gamez, on February 12, 1949, in San Antonio. She is preceded in death by her parents Telesforo and Elvira Pena and 5 of her siblings, Michael Pena, Robert Pena, Esther Alicea, Roy Pena, and Louie Pena, as well as by her beloved husband, Pedro P. Gamez, Jr. and son, Albert Gamez, who recently passed. She is survived by her brother, Arthur Pena and his wife Linda of Clawson, Michigan, and her incredible sister-in-law, Lupita Ortiz. She is also survived by her children: Anthony Gamez (Martha), Ronnie Gamez, Henry Gamez (Kathleen), and Cheryl Deleranko (David); grandchildren Dan Garza (Marcela), Ivy Hurley (Evan), Eric Gamez, Melissa Ruiz (Miguel), Eva Tharp, and Lori Deleranko (Bryan Borski); great grandchildren Anndrea and Iann Garza; Justin, Jasmine and Andreanna Tharp; and Benjamin and Laila Bea Ruiz; and many cousins, nieces, nephews and friends who loved her dearly.

Beatrice had a beloved parrot, Taco (age 35), that son, Albert, left to her care

8 years ago. Taco absolutely adored his “Maw” and screeched with joy when she returned from the hospital and then watched over her as she was initially recovering. Taco will be well taken care of by grandchildren, Ivy and Evan. “Bea” brought so much love and joy to all her family and all those she met. Many nieces, nephews and cousins considered their Aunt Bea as a central figure for family gatherings and learning family history, with special stories, accompanied by a good cup of coffee and pan dulce. Family gatherings will never be the same without Grandma Bea and her famous carrot salad. Mrs. Gamez was always involved in school PTA when her kids were young and supported the Jefferson High School ROTC for her sons. She was a longtime active member of the Basilica of the Little Flower Altar Society doing arts and crafts, baking and decorating cakes for their fundraisers (the last one in the Spring of 2020) and serving on the phone committee. Bea also served as an ‘honorary’ member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA) International alongside her daughter, Cheryl, and the “lovely ladies” of Kappa Kappa, whom she cherished. Bea contributed to St. Jude Children’s Hospital through ESA and always had “a few extra dollars” for local charities and fundraisers. The world was a better place for her presence in the way she welcomed new friends and even strangers walking along her sidewalk, speaking with them just as she would welcome family. Bea was a treasured neighbor who kept a close eye on their homes from her corner house. Two neighbors described our Mother as a “Spitfire” and as “Cheerful and Perky”. Even a neighborhood dog, Buddy, would come to visit Bea and wait on her porch to maybe get a piece of a hotdog. Her secret to her longevity was her lively spirit, a diet including many fruits and vegetables, a few daily cups of coffee, and a life surrounded by loving family and an inspirational and incredible God to watch over her. Our Mother always concerned herself about the welfare of others. She was overly generous, gracious, and had a heart of gold. Her recent motto was “Do it Now!” There is no time for procrastination, just get it done right away. The Gamez and Deleranko families would like to express enormous thanks to each of you who were so special to our precious, incredible Mother! She lives

in our hearts forever, and we will be eternally grateful to her for endless gifts of love that she left behind.

Visitation will begin at 5:00 P. M. followed by the Rosary at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 22, 2021 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. The Funeral Mass will begin at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower, 1715 North Zarzamora.

In lieu of flowers, our Mother would have requested you to please consider making a donation in any amount to the Restoration Project for the Basilica of the Little Flower in her name. <https://www.littleflowerbasilica.org/restoration>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 22. 5:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Rosary

FEB 22. 7:00 PM (CT)

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3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
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Funeral Mass

FEB 23. 10:00 AM (CT)

Basilica of the National Shrine of the Little Flower
1715 N. Zarzamora St.
San Antonio, TX 78201

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Beatrice Marie Gamez*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - February 22, 2021 at 07:01 PM



It was an honor and a privilege to have known Ms Bea (my tocaya). I'll never forget the laughter we shared while breaking bread so many times over the years. I will always pray that she b seated beside our Father God overseeing all of us 🙏...will always love❤️ u Ms Bea

Alma Berlanga - February 22, 2021 at 08:11 PM



It was an honor n privilege to have shared laughter with you Ms Bea. Will always miss n love❤️you

Alma Berlanga - February 22, 2021 at 08:14 PM

MM

My deepest condolences to the entire Gamez & Deleranko family ❤️ It was an honor and a privilege to have a beautiful relationship with my adopted "Grandma B" for over 18 years. She was my neighbor and beloved & loyal friend for so many years. We were each others 24/7 security watch and care team.

I loved her dearly and she will truly be missed. I know she will send all my love and hugs to both my beloved parents who most definitely were there with open arms front and center with our Lord and Savior to welcome her home ❤️ Sincerely, Mari & Rene Martinez



Maribel & Rene Martinez - February 22, 2021 at 09:34 PM

HJ

My deepest condolences from her favorite "Denny's crew" I would always tell her how beautiful she was and she would always call me Heidi even though my name is Heather... but I told her she can call me whatever she wanted so Heidi it was ... you will be greatly missed

HEATHER JUAREZ - February 24, 2021 at 05:52 PM

TS

“ *My condolences, thoughts and prayers to the Gamez family. She was an Angel here on earth and is now a heavenly Angel. May she Rest In Peace.*

Teri Sanchez - February 22, 2021 at 08:19 PM

AM

“ *May Momma Bea's light continue to shine in all of us. For we are blessed to have been in her presence and shared joy and laughter with her.*

George & Anna Moore



Anna Moore - February 22, 2021 at 03:50 AM

MF

“ *Aunt Bea, who had 5 kids I'd her own*

Magdaline (Maggie) Farley - February 18, 2021 at 11:56 PM

MF

“ *Magdaline (Maggie) Farley lit a candle in memory of Beatrice Marie Gamez*



Magdaline (Maggie) Farley - February 18, 2021 at 11:55 PM

FR

“ God bless you, I know you had a beautiful life, with a wonderful family. Tony Fragoso.

Fragoso - February 18, 2021 at 10:11 PM

MT

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Beatrice Gamez AKA Bea, who loved life with a passion together with family and friends always in celebration! Bea was always busy as a Bee, involved in charitable work in school and church organizations. She had a connection with God's Creatures: she loved to watch the birds feasting on her lawn feeder, fed the neighborhood dog and spend time with her longtime pet parrot Taco! She had a wonderful personality, positive outlook and a great sense of humor! She will be missed by all who loved her dearly and by those who were blessed to be loved by her. Rest in Peace now with Beloved Departed Family members together in God's Heaven. We love you and will remember the great times we had together, Our Queen Bea!
Marco and Lilly G. Tejadilla.

Marco Tejadilla - February 18, 2021 at 01:29 AM