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Bernice D. Castillo went peacefully to be with the Lord on January 18, 2017 at the age of 85. She was born on March 27, 1931 in San Antonio, Texas to Ahren Welman Duke and Francisca Pacheco. She is preceded in death by her husband, Gilbert T. Castillo and her parents and her brother, Ahren Welman Duke II. Bernice is survived by her daughters, Bernice M. Schaub (Gary) and Mary E. Luna; sons, Albert D. Martinez, Robert D. Martinez and Adam J. Castillo; grandchildren, Eric, Travis, Viola, Veronica (Kory), Damien (Ann) and Stephanie; great-grandchildren, Eli and Evelynn; Neal and Blake; Maliya, Ethan and Kendall; Destinee, Serenitee, Chasadee, Chloee, Lexee, Jacob and Joseph; nieces, Mary Dolores Freitag (Gunther), Sophia Duke Gonzales, Sarah Duke, Frances Ramirez (Albert); nephew, Ahren Welman Duke III.

Our Mother loved God and her family immensely; she always worried about us. She loved all animals. She loved her pets, cats and dogs. But her sweet, lovable and loyal calico cat, Patches, we must admit was her true companion for many years. So much so, that Patches passed away one day after her death. Now they are together which gives us such peace. She cooked and baked with love. That was her favorite thing to do. She never followed a recipe choosing to experiment and create the most amazing dishes. Also, her

second enjoyment was gardening, her flowers. People driving by would slow down to just stare at her amazing array of flowers, in all different colors. Roses were her favorite. She was a go-getter. In fact, she referred to herself, and others who knew her well, as the Energizer Bunny. She loved to laugh. Once she got started, she could not stop. Played loving pranks. She was feisty. She loved music and dancing. As a young girl and into her later years she loved to kick up the dust with her extreme knowledge of the jitterbug, swing, cumbias, polkas and many more. She loved to shop for clothes and jewelry and when she could not shop at the malls, she loved shopping on QVC and HSN, so much so when the UPS driver delivered her packages, he would refer to her as "Mama." She was a real trooper all the many years while suffering with her osteoporosis. Pain and all, she never let it get her down, never a quitter. She left this world with so much grace. We thank God for the honor and the privilege of having had her as our Mother and Grandmother. We will love her "always and forever" as she used to say.

Our deep gratitude goes to Dr. Heberto Garza, Jr. and his right arm, Nurse Bobbie, for the care and attention they gave our Mother all through the many years. Especially what Dr. Garza did towards the end of her life. And thank you to Vitas Healthcare Staff, special thanks to Ana and Chaplain Virginia. And to the Northeast Baptist Oncology second floor Nurses, special thanks to Vanessa and Josie and Chaplain Lauren and special thanks to Chaplain Kim. She stayed with us to the very end and lifted us up when we thought we could no longer stand. My family will never forget.

And our deep appreciation to Mission Park North Funeral Home for their very caring staff. Special thanks to Rick Edwards and Barrett Simmons.

"Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

“And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?”

“She saith unto Him, Yea, Lord: I believe that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, which should come into the world”. [John 11: 25-27]

Psalm 121

“I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

“My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.

“He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he that keepeth thee will not slumber.

“Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep.

“The Lord is thy keeper. The Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.

“The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night.

“The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul.

“The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore”.

The Open Gate by Thomas Kinkade

Thoughts surround your mind today

That cause your heart to grieve
The moment is approaching
When you will turn to leave

Envision with me if you will
A place beyond death's gate
Life goes on forever there
And beauty never fades

Sickness can't gain entrance
And death has lost its hold
Tears are wiped by God's own hand
And no one can grow old

The moment that I left you here
I stepped into that place
Prepared for me and ready
When I stepped through the gate

SERVICES:

Visitation will be held at Mission Park North on Monday, January 30, 2017 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 9:30 AM on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church. Interment to follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 30. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

JAN 30. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

JAN 31. 9:30 AM (CT)

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church
600 Oblate
San Antonio, TX 78216

Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Feliz compleanos!*

Robert D Martinez - March 27, 2024 at 06:10 AM

RM

“ *Frohlichen Saint Patrick's Day hefita.*

Robert D Martinez - March 17, 2023 at 04:29 AM

RM

“ *HOLA HEFITA. Thinking of you during these holidays. Feliz Navidad y Feliz ano nuevo! I Love soooooo much xxxxxxxooooo*

R. D. Martinez - December 29, 2018 at 07:49 AM

RO

“ *You're in my thoughts ALWAYS. I love you Ms Pepe Le pew.*

Robert - July 26, 2018 at 05:10 PM

CO

“ *Happy Mother's day mom. I miss you beyond words. I love you sooooooo much. Muchos besitos y abrazos.*



Comino - May 14, 2017 at 01:14 AM

PP

“ Happy birthday to you mom. I miss you so very much.



Pepe Le Pew - March 27, 2017 at 03:01 AM

CO

Happy Thanksgiving hefita. Love you and miss you.

Comino - November 22, 2018 at 01:24 PM

PP

“ Thinking of you on this St. Patrick's day. Then again, you're in my thoughts daily. I love you and miss you soooooo much.

Pepe Le Pew - March 17, 2017 at 10:19 AM

JR

“ Ms. Castillo was a wonderful women who made me laugh. She was beautiful at heart and full of life. She will be greatly missed. Thank you for sharing her with me. Julie Ann Ramirez

Julie Ramirez - February 21, 2017 at 03:19 PM

AS

“ I met Bernice while in high school in 1971 who was the mother of my friend Albert. They invited me into their home during our senior year of high school. Bernice and the whole Castillo family treated me as a member of their family. During that year of high school I know that Albert and I kept Bernice very busy. Over the years I have always been told that I "was a nice guy", which I truly believe that this was a result of Bernice and her family. There has always been a very special place in my heart for Bernice as well as the entire Castillo family. From Michelle and I, Our thoughts and blessing are with her and the family.

Anthony Smith - February 08, 2017 at 02:20 PM

PL

Thanks Tony.

Pepe Le,Pew - February 10, 2017 at 01:05 PM

PL

“ Pepe Le,Pew lit a candle in memory of Bernice D. Castillo



Pepe Le,Pew - February 04, 2017 at 11:33 AM

SG

“ Stephanie Garza lit a candle in memory of Bernice D. Castillo



Stephanie Garza - January 30, 2017 at 05:49 PM

SG

“ You will always be in my heart. Love you and GOD BLESS IN JESUS NAME AMEN!



Stephanie Garza - January 30, 2017 at 05:44 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Bernice D. Castillo



Adam Castillo - January 29, 2017 at 11:10 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bernice D. Castillo.



January 28, 2017 at 07:40 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Bernice D. Castillo.



January 28, 2017 at 12:47 PM

TJ

“ Terri Jackel lit a candle in memory of Bernice D. Castillo



Terri jackel - January 28, 2017 at 10:29 AM

TJ

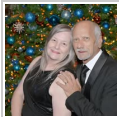
To a beautiful Lady, and Good Friend. That the good Lord has left me with some good memories. Mom im only going to grieve for you , but only for a short while ,which I know this what you would want. Your going to.be missed by many people. I thank god I got the chance to met. Im srnding you a rose cause I remember how you loved your flowers. Close your eyes and rest in peace. Love you. From Terri Jackel

Terri jackel - January 28, 2017 at 10:43 AM



“ Bernice, I feel I know your precious mom thru you today. I am certain God had his arms open for her arrival. Thank you for your encouragement today at Dr. Hull's office. May Hod be with you today and always! Janet Mack

Janet Mack - January 25, 2017 at 03:46 PM



Sorry, I typed God be with you! Janet

Janet Mack - January 25, 2017 at 03:47 PM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Bernice D. Castillo.*



January 24, 2017 at 05:16 PM



“ *We're so saddened to hear of the loss of Grandma. She was always so sweet and loving when we spoke. I only wish I would've stayed in touch with her better. Love you all!*

Veronica - January 24, 2017 at 04:23 PM



“ *Damien M. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Bernice D. Castillo.*



Damien M. - January 24, 2017 at 02:54 PM

SM

“ Hello my friend, Bernice. Oh how I remember the times we spent in your mom's kitchen....laughing and laughing....and enjoying the "pan de dulce" and coffee...and your mom telling me not to drive more than "5 miles"...remember that? I enjoyed being around your mom. Her home was always so welcoming. It was a delight to have met your mom, who I use to call "mom." Now she looks down from heaven and smiles...probably still laughing at us.

May God's grace strengthen you and Adam and Mary and the rest of the family.



Sandra Torres Medina - January 24, 2017 at 02:46 PM

RH

I have been looking each night Mrs Castillo was always so nice to me and always had a smile on her beautiful face! She knew how to enjoy life so I am positive that she is enjoying Eternal life with Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Even though I only knew her for a short time, Mrs Castillo made me feel like I had known her for a long time. I enjoyed her company each and every time that we got together for dinner, she was the life of the party! May God keep her near and bless Bernice and family. They had a wonderful and beautiful mother and they will all see her again one day!

Richard Hernandez - January 24, 2017 at 02:56 PM

VI

“ *Grandma Bernice was one of the most beautiful women I met. She had a knockout sense of style for all of her years. When you were around her, she had the ability to make you feel so special and loved. She had a great sense of humor that she passed onto all of her family. It will be wonderful to see her again.*

Viola - January 24, 2017 at 02:12 PM

DM

“ *My beautiful Grandma Bernice. I'll miss her very much. She believed in God. God says we will be reunited with those we lost. With that, I look forward to seeing my beautiful Grandma Bernice again. I love you Grandma.*

Damien Martinez - January 24, 2017 at 01:50 PM

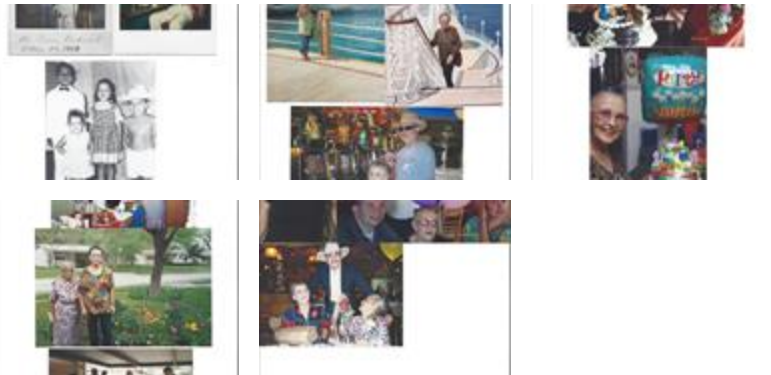
ME

Sweet Bernice will be deeply missed. Her beautiful smile contagious laugh and wonderful sense of humor. Her hilarious come backs that only she could get away with. It was truly an honor to have known such a classy lady. Rest in peace
Mary Enriquez

Mary Enriquez - January 24, 2017 at 08:10 PM



“ 6 files added to the album Bernice D. Castillo



Gary Schaub - January 24, 2017 at 09:25 AM