



Carmen G. Barbosa

September 17, 1920 - April 4, 2018

On April 4th, Carmen G. Barbosa was called to be with our Lord when she passed away peacefully in her sleep at the age of 97. She was born in Seguin on September 17, 1920, and would be the oldest of eight siblings. Carmen quit school and went to work at a young age to help her family. What she lacked in formal education, Carmen would more than make up for in boundless determination. “If I can do it, I know you can”, became one of her favorite expressions of encouragement.

Carmen married Johnny Barbosa and together they had four children: Mary Helen, Richard, Virginia, and Armando. When Virginia was just a baby, Carmen opened her own produce stand on Fredericksburg and Quentin. It was so successful that she would eventually turn down multiple offers from Howard E. Butt himself. A few years later, Carmen and Johnny opened their own grocery store, Johnnies Grocery, on Culebra Rd. Tenacious and self-taught, Carmen took on the roles of butcher, cashier, cook, accountant, and everything in between.

Carmen loved the color pink. She loved her roses. She loved to fish. She loved coffee. She loved to cook for her family. She loved her spurs (often wondering why the coach yells at the players. Can't he see they are trying their best?). As a young woman, she loved bowling... until she lost her ball when it rolled out of her car and down a busy street. Carmen loved games of chance like cards games at the kitchen table, betting nickels on boxing matches, and her lucky “Flaming 7s” slot machine in Las Vegas. Carmen

loved the thrill of winning, and luck always seemed to be on her side. Most of all, Carmen loved us, her family and friends. We are all the lucky ones for having Carmen in our lives. She will be missed dearly.

Carmen was preceded in death by her husband, Johnny Barbosa, her daughter, Mary Helen Napoles, and her grandson, John Gutierrez. She is survived by her brothers Rudy Garcia (Dolores) and Porfirio Garcia, her daughter Virginia Gutierrez, and her sons Richard Barbosa (Sylvia) and Armando Barbosa (Sandy); as well as 12 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and 15 great-great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North on Tues. 4/10/18 from 6-9 pm, with rosary at 7pm. Mass at 10 am on Wed. 4/11/18 at St Matthew Church on Wurzbach, followed by interment at San Fernando Cemetery II.

Cemetery Details

San Fernando Cemetery #2

746 Castroville Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78237

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 10. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

APR 10. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

APR **11**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
10703 Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78230

Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Carmen G. Barbosa.* ”



April 10, 2018 at 09:19 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Carmen G. Barbosa.* ”



April 09, 2018 at 07:17 PM



“ *Your Gallagher Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carmen G. Barbosa.* ”



Your Gallagher Family - April 09, 2018 at 05:00 PM



“ *From your ISS P&C family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Carmen G. Barbosa.* ”



From your ISS P&C family - April 09, 2018 at 03:51 PM

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“ We were like family. We were definitely business associates with Mrs. B. Business was her passion and she was good at it! I did not work with her when she was still getting on ladders, painted and making roof repairs. She had an extraordinary work ethic and it was my honor to have shared time with her and assisting her where I could with her accounting records. Mrs. B will be missed. Peace to her family. - Mary Garcoa



Mary Garcia - April 07, 2018 at 03:25 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Carmen G. Barbosa.



April 07, 2018 at 02:09 PM