



## Carmen V. Grajeda

July 16, 1926 - June 4, 2021

Carmen V. Grajeda, devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, great-great-grandmother, and aunt was called home by our heavenly Father on June 4, 2021, at the age of 94. She was preceded in death by her parents, Santiago and Florencia Villarreal, her loving husband, Arturo R. Grajeda; her beloved son, Arturo Grajeda Jr., and her beautiful granddaughters Amanda Rose Almendarez and Liza Nicole Vasquez. Her sisters, San Juana Trevino and Manuela V. Tijerina and her brothers Pantaleon, Jose, Santiago, Felipe, Fernando, Rosalio and Alberto Villarreal. Carmen leaves her daughters Rosalinda Grajeda, Mary Weaver (Robert), Yolanda Grajeda, her sons Rene Grajeda (Anna), and Robert Grajeda. She also leaves 14 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Carmen was born on July 16, 1926, in Laredo, TX where she lived until she met and married her husband Arturo. Together they moved to San Antonio, where they built a home and family together.

Carmen was an extraordinary woman. She believed in the strong bond of family and was always ready with advice, direction, or a home-cooked meal. She was steadfast in her beliefs and convictions, but her door was always open, and she hosted everyone with enthusiasm and joy, even if it was a first-time meeting. She lived life with passion and purpose, encouraging her

children and grandchildren to pursue their dreams and seek to build a life for themselves. And she walked what she talked. Always productive, she held various jobs outside of the home and when the time came to retire, her entrepreneurial spirit led her to start a home-based daycare and become the neighborhood Avon beauty consultant. While Carmen was the epitome of hard work, she also knew how to have fun. She loved music, dancing, playing bingo and had a delightful sense of humor. She would light up when sharing stories of younger days, going to dances with her brother Felipe and brag about her jitterbug skills. Music would play in the background while she cooked homemade meals, and she would spend hours listening to her favorite artists and singing along to her favorite songs. Carmen's lively personality meant humor was an integral part of her everyday life. She was quick to play games with her grandchildren, share a joke with friends or just be silly with her husband, who was an eternal prankster. Talking with Carmen, you were guaranteed to smile and laugh. She is and will always be a model of what it means to love and live for family. We were blessed beyond measure to have her as our mom. She will be greatly missed and forever be in our hearts.

A heartfelt Thank You to the Doctors, Nurses and CNA's at Vitas Hospice for the care they provided our mom, which allowed us to keep her at home, surrounded by her family. We remain profoundly grateful to her CNA's Miriam and Alma who always treated mom like the queen she was.

"In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." John 14:2-3

Visitation will begin on Monday, June 28, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. with a rosary service at 6:00 p.m., at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. at Prince of Peace

Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 28. 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/>

## Rosary

JUN 28. 6:00 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

JUN 29. 9:30 AM (CT)

Prince of Peace Catholic Church  
7893 Grissom Rd  
San Antonio, TX

## Interment

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JUN **29**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Tribute Wall

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“ You went from this earth to God's arms.  
purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for  
the family of Carmen V. Grajeda.



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**You went from this earth to God's arms.** - June 26, 2021 at  
11:04 PM

OV

“ Our deepest condolences to the Grajeda  
family on the loss of Tia Guera.  
We remember her as a warm and loving aunt  
that loved her family.  
We know that she will bring a smile and love  
in your heart when you think of her.  
We pray the Lord help you through your grief and bring you peace.



*Rest in peace, Tia Guera, and may the Lord shine his perpetual  
light upon you.*

*Your nieces and nephews from Laredo:  
Oralia Villarreal, Mario Tijerina Jr., Sonia Moreno, Griselda Flores  
and Alberto Villarreal*

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**Oralia Villarreal** - June 26, 2021 at 10:12 PM

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“ *Rosalinda G. Cerda lit a candle in memory of  
Carmen V. Grajeda*



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**Rosalinda G. Cerda** - June 24, 2021 at 02:04 AM

“ My Mother,

*You were truly an extremely strong woman. You were lovingly hard on us with truth and direction to teach us how to make it on our own successfully. You had such a welcoming spirit. You had a smile and hello for everyone you met. Our friends often told us how nice our parents were. We were blessed.*

*You did everything you could for all your children and your grandchildren.*

*Your home was always open to any of us with no questions asked. Age did not matter, you always welcomed all with gladness and your willingness to assist. Your commitment to your family was above all. You and Dad instilled in us that a parent stops being a parent when God calls you home. But wait, this did NOT mean any of us could just get by with your help. We had to work and provide for ourselves and you expected us to learn from our mistakes and not repeat them. Thank you Mom.*

*I remain filled with gratitude for the person you were and taught me to be. Thank you Mother for all your sacrifices that helped us become the sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers that we are today.*

*Rest in heavenly peace with those gone before you. Give Dad and Arthur a huge hug. I miss you but remain thankful to God for the 94 years He blessed you with.*

*I give thanks to God especially for the last seven years we had together to share our thoughts, find forgiveness and share our love until the day you were called home. I will carry you in my heart for the rest of my life.*

*For some time you didn't know we were your daughters but we knew who you were and that's all that mattered. Love you Mom!*

*Your #1 daughter,  
Rosie*

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**Rosalinda G. Cerda** - June 24, 2021 at 02:01 AM

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“ *My dearest Tía Güera, as your nieces and nephews lovingly called you, may you be accompanied by a choir of angels on your way back “home” where the loved ones who have gone before you will greet you with open arms. .Although you are no longer with us, please know that your loving and nurturing memory will forever live in our hearts.*



*May you rest in eternal peace, Tía  
Your niece,  
Sylvia*

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**Sylvia Villarreal** - June 22, 2021 at 06:29 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Carmen V. Grajeda.*



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June 22, 2021 at 05:12 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmen V. Grajeda.*



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June 14, 2021 at 09:54 AM

MV

“ My beautiful aunt, I was so honored to have your name. The only difference is you went by Carmen and I chose to go by Maria. You were so loved by your siblings and your nieces and nephews. My fondest memory of you was your beautiful smile and your warm welcome whenever we went to your home. You were the last surviving sibling on my father's side. The family circle has now been completed in heaven. I love you and I will always hold you dear to my heart. RIP Tia 💔💔

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**Maria Villarreal** - June 09, 2021 at 03:57 PM

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“ She was the BEST grandmother in the entire world! I knew I could go to her with anything at anytime of the day or night. She made me feel loved and special my entire life, and believed in me more than I believed in myself.



*I will carry you in my heart the rest of my life Momo and no one can ever take your place. I can't wait to see you again. Give Popo and Jesus a BIG HUG for me please!*

*Your #1 Granddaughter,  
Anna*

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**Anna M Chavez** - June 09, 2021 at 12:23 PM