



## Carmen "Bonnie" Mares

October 5, 1948 - December 18, 2019

Carmen "Bonnie" Mares, 71, of San Antonio, TX, passed away on the 18th of December 2019 after battling cancer for 4 years.

Bonnie is preceded in death by her mother, Carmen R. Maldonado and father Desiderio Maldonado Sr. and two brothers Xavier Maldonado and Benny Maldonado. She is survived by her Siblings Desiderio Maldonado Jr., Alex Maldonado and Ernest Maldonado; children Guadalupe Villarreal, Carmen M. Mares, Magdaleno Mares Jr. and Omar Mares; 12 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and numerous family members and friends.

Visitation will be held on Monday, December 30th from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. with a Celebration of Life to begin at 7:00 P.M. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Graveside Service will be held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, December 31st at Mission Burial Park South. Interment at Mission Burial Park South.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
<http://www.missionparks.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 30. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Celebration of Life

DEC 30. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
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## Graveside Service

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DEC 31. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

SA

“ I retired April 2002. For 5 or so years prior to my retirement I worked with Bonnie. She was easy to become fast friend with, as so many have stated in their messages below. I will never forget the day I received a call from my daughter that she had just been hit by a car that ran a red light forcing my daughter to hit a brick building head-on. She was on her way home from attending classes at St. Philip's College. Her call was so panicked I had to force her to concentrate and tell me where she was. When she gave me the location, I was so shaken, I knew I would never make it to the accident site. As I explained to Bonnie what my situation was, she got her purse and car keys and drove me across town to get to my daughter. That's the kind of person she always was, always ready to help. Thank you, Bonnie, for being the special woman/sister/friend/co-worker, lover of the Lord. I was so saddened to have missed your Celebration of Life due to falling into the grips of a fierce virus on Christmas Day from which I am barely feeling human again on this New Year's Eve. I hope to see again some day, my dear, dear Bonnie. Enjoy the mansion that the Lord had reserved for you all along.

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**Sylvia Alvarado** - December 31, 2019 at 03:12 PM

DB

“ I've worked with Bonnie for most of my 19 years at the Institute. She has been a shining light of God's love and perseverance through trials. No matter what was going on, she always had a bright "Buenos dias" each morning. We enjoyed each other's laughter at every opportunity. But her strength and faith lived out in her daily life through many trials is what I will most remember her for. Prayers for her family and congratulations to Bonnie, who is now in the presence of our Lord!

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**David Branyon** - December 31, 2019 at 02:31 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Carmen "Bonnie" Mares.



December 30, 2019 at 05:13 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Paula Martinez - December 30, 2019 at 03:58 PM



“ Reign in Heaven Bonnie with our Lord and Father God 🙏❤️✝️ ~Paula Diaz Martinez



Paula Martinez - December 30, 2019 at 03:48 PM



“ I had the pleasure of being Bonnie's colleague for many years. She was such a vibrant and beautiful person. My deepest condolences to all her loved ones. Rest In Peace sweet Bonnie, you will be missed.

Mirabel Bryant - December 30, 2019 at 02:30 PM

EG

“ *My Condolences for your Mom Lupe May she Rest In Peace with  
The Angels 🙏*

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**Eddie Gonzales** - December 30, 2019 at 12:06 PM

“ This is what David Slimpin saw in Bonnie (Carmen) Mare:

- her contagious joy in Jesus. It was written all over her face. She radiated her joyful anticipation of seeing her Savior. She had health limitations, but she applied Romans 8:28-29 to it.

*And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren.”*

*She truly believed that God was molding her heart, sometimes using unpleasant circumstances, so she would be more like Jesus in her heart.*

- her faithfulness in Bible study. She had a zeal, curiosity, diligence in pouring over scripture, and an eagerness to learn all she could. Her voracious appetite was wonderful.

- She shared her research with others. She sent us her Excel spreadsheet of the Kings of Israel and Judah (SO MANY similar names in both kingdoms). After getting permission from her, I passed it along to my pastor, who was quite impressed with her research and accuracy.

- her humility and teachability. When God showed her some new insight into what He wanted to change in her she did not fight it. She was comfortable being shepherded and submitting to HIS work. We used to read a chapter and discuss it. She would say things like, “I used to have an attitude about that person but God showed me that wasn’t right. He changed my heart about that”. God really was her shepherd. Ps 23

*The LORD is my shepherd;*

*I shall not want.*

*He makes me lie down in green pastures;*

*He leads me beside quiet waters.*

*He restores my soul;*

*He guides me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of His name.  
Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil,  
for You are with me;  
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.*

*She is a shining example of a God-glorifying metamorphosis (a complete transformation from knowing ABOUT Jesus to knowing Him at a deep personal level (saving faith)).*

*This is what Bonnie heard as she met her Savior.*

*Matthew 25:21*

*'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'*

*Like the Apostle Paul, she had her "road to Damascus" experience she called her "zapping". After that she was never the same and she wanted that for everyone she interacted with. The one thing you could carve on her gravestone is "Here lies one who loved Jesus with her whole heart".*

*This is a sad time for us who are left behind. But it is a joyous celebration of her home going. She is happier now that she has EVER been. She is where we all want to be. And she wouldn't come back for ANYTHING.*

*- Her hunger for scripture was outstanding! And it is now fully satisfied.*

*Rev 21:4*

*"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed*

away."

*- Bonnie now has no limitations nor sorrow. And she wants you there with her !*

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**David Slimpin** - December 29, 2019 at 10:11 PM

DE

“ I've known Bonnie since she started at SwRI and she was my Admin Assistant for the last 12 years. Bonnie excelled at knowing exactly what the policies were, tracking deadlines and keeping us out of trouble. If she didn't know something, she would research tirelessly to figure it out. No matter how she was feeling, she always greeted everyone with a smile and her strength over the last few years was amazing. She will be greatly missed.

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**Doug Eberle** - December 29, 2019 at 06:56 PM

TF

“ The Marc Megel Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Carmen "Bonnie" Mares.



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**The Marc Megel Family** - December 29, 2019 at 05:09 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Carmen "Bonnie" Mares.



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December 28, 2019 at 07:35 PM

BL

“ My condolences to all the family for the lose of a very special lady. Bonnie was one of the first people I met when I started working at Southwest Research Institute over 19 years ago. She was vibrant, funny, and outspoken. We hit it off from the start. We always talked about family and what was going on in our life. I seen her about a month ago and again we talked about family and how things were going and of course she was funny and full of life. I remember giving her a hug that day and we told each other to take care. Such a beautiful giving person even when she was going through hard times. She will be very much missed and I wish nothing but blessings and prayers for all her family especially her children and grandchildren. Brenda Lazarcheck.

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**Brenda Lazarcheck** - December 27, 2019 at 09:27 AM

LV

“ My dear Bonnie, I will truly miss you very much. Although we worked together for a little over a couple of years your presence had a huge impact on me. I will miss our morning chats, summer trips to the fruteria and our lunches at Saltgrass. Thank you for all the wonderful memories and for making it fun to come to work every day. Love ya!

*My condolences to her entire family and friends, especially her grandchildren who will miss her terribly.*

*John 16:22*

*So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.*

*Sincerely,*

*Lisa Vasquez also known to Bonnie as "Aye, Little Girl" 🥹*

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**Lisa Vasquez** - December 27, 2019 at 09:16 AM

TD

“ *The Design and Development Department purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Carmen "Bonnie" Mares.*



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**The Design and Development Department.** - December 26, 2019 at 04:36 PM

BM

“ *Bonnie Mares worked at Southwest Research Institute for over 21 years and she was the "go-to person" when we had a question about her Division. Bonnie was so very helpful to so many at SwRI over the years, and she was very pleasant and nice to work with, from the perspective of all Institute staff. We also work with her daughter-in-law at Southwest Research, and we now have the entire surviving family in our thoughts and prayers. We really will miss Bonnie and her positive, helpful spirit !*



*Those whom worked with Bonnie, we will never forget her abilities and skills, and willingness to help others. Our thoughts are with Carmen "Bonnie" Mares' family, and we will truly miss her in 2020 and beyond.*

*Bruce Mabrito*

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**Bruce Mabrito** - December 26, 2019 at 04:07 PM

MR

“ *Bonnie will be greatly missed by all those who have worked with her and by those who just knew her. She had a forceful personality, you always knew where you stood be it good or in need of a shake up. I could always count on her to be in my corner, I will miss her more than I know. Prayers and condolences for the family.*

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**Mary Ramos** - December 26, 2019 at 11:41 AM

BW

“ *I worked with Bonnie more than 20 years and for the last several she was the first person I saw when I walked through the door each day. She was a great example of strength and support when I went through my own cancer battles. She was endeared to my family as well and they visited with her whenever they stopped by through the years. Bonnie was full of life and humor and radiated her positive attitude at all times. She is already sorely missed, but we are confident she is at rest now with our Heavenly Father. Our prayers are with her family, whom she loved beyond measure, as they deal with this great loss.*

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**Barry Westmoreland** - December 25, 2019 at 03:21 PM

GL

*To Lenny, Omar, Lupe and Carmen our sincere condolences on the loss of your mother We are forever grateful to her for giving us Lenny. May God grant her peace and comfort. Believe in heavenly signs they are a comfort.*

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**Gloria Lopez** - December 25, 2019 at 11:42 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Carmen "Bonnie" Mares.*



December 25, 2019 at 03:09 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmen "Bonnie" Mares.*



December 25, 2019 at 02:20 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmen "Bonnie" Mares.*



December 25, 2019 at 10:28 AM



“ *My sincerest heartfelt condolences to your family.  
I felt like I knew your mom even though we didnt get the chance to meet.  
I look forward to meeting her in our Heavenly home one fine day.  
Much love to you all-*



**Lolo Rocha** - December 25, 2019 at 12:20 AM

PM

*Bonnie, I will definitely miss you and all the conversations we would have; ESPECIALLY, your SPUNK. I will always admire your spunky beautiful personality!! Till we meet again, love always ~Paula*

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**Paula Diaz Martinez** - December 28, 2019 at 07:49 PM