



## Delfina Salinas Reyes

September 27, 1921 - December 16, 2017

Delfina Salinas was born September 27, 1921 in Los Minos Leos, a mining area of Dolores, Texas. The oldest child of Enedina and José Salinas, Delfina had an especially close relationship with her father and suffered greatly when he passed away in 1932, when she was 10. Delfina went on to help her mother raise her four siblings and six half-siblings in both Dolores and Laredo, Texas. Delfina also shared a special bond with her grandmother, Ezequia Gonzales, and spent a great deal of time at her home learning to cook and listening to her stories. In the early 1940s she left Texas to Los Angeles, California. Her grandmother joined her, along with her sisters Janie, Severa, and Concepción, who were teenagers at the time. She spent her time in L.A. working and saving. Delfina accumulated enough money to buy her first home in Laredo, Texas outright. As a young girl, Delfina loved to dance and spent time at events put on in her town. It was at one of these dances that she met her husband, Raul Reyes. Delfina and Raul shared a friendship and dated for 12 years, including her time in L.A. and while he was overseas serving in Europe during World War II. Delfina and Raul married on February 20, 1947 in Laredo, Texas. Delfina gave birth to her first child, Raul Javier, in December of 1949. In 1952 the family moved to San Antonio, Texas, where Delfina and Raul had three more children-Richard, Rosario, and José (who she named after her father). In San Antonio, Delfina's tenacious spirit helped her adapt in a majority white neighborhood, where she was faced with prejudice. Because of her faith and character, Delfina became a respected and cherished member

of the community, and helped her neighbors to expand their world-view. Delfina had a special place in her heart for children, and cared for many in her neighborhood and family throughout the years. The door was always open to neighborhood kids, and she was particularly sensitive to children who experienced hardships similar to those of her own childhood. She especially loved Beatrice Cordova-Unger and her siblings, and Joey Martinez. She babysat many of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren daily-Raulito, Leanne, Kristi, Kimy, and Robert. No child left her home with an empty belly or an empty heart. When Delfina had the opportunity to work outside the home, it was not surprising for her to take a job as a cafeteria worker, where she was surrounded by children and able to share her talents as a mother and her delicious food. Throughout her life, Delfina enjoyed many activities, including Chinese checkers, word searches, reading the comics section of the newspaper, caring for her plants, and listening to music. She was an active choir member for most of her life, and was especially involved in the St. Cecilia choir and Guadalupana organization, in which she served as secretary and was a founding member. Delfina served her parish in these and other roles for approximately 50 years. Delfina also had an aptitude for couponing, and was able to take exact change to the store. Some of her favorite things to eat were peanut brittle and ketchup. Delfina went to be with our Lord on December 16, 2017. She was preceded in death by her husband, Raul, her parents, José and Enedina, her brother, Gonzalo, her sister, Janie, her brothers-in-law, Leopoldo and Roberto, and her sisters-in-law, Josefina, Isabel, Maria, and Rose. She is survived by her sisters, Concepción Vasquez (David) and Severa Cervantes, brother-in-law, Rodolfo Reyes, children, Raul Javier (Ernestina), Richard (Beatrice), Rosario, and José (Linda), grandchildren, Leanne (Kristopher), Kristi-Lynn (Frank), Kimy, Priscilla, Fabian, and Raul Jr. (Trisha), beloved great-grandchildren, Robert, Gabriella, Beckett, Robear, Chloe, Madison, and McKenzie, and many nieces and nephews.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 20. 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/>

## Rosary

DEC 20. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Celebration of Her Life

DEC 21. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Cecilia Catholic Church  
125 W. Whittier St.  
San Antonio, TX 78210

# Tribute Wall

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“ *AnaLisa, Lisa Ann, Marty & Omar Anthony purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Delfina Salinas Reyes.*



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**AnaLisa, Lisa Ann, Marty & Omar Anthony** - December 20, 2017 at 10:33 AM

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“ *John and Tosia Preine purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Delfina Salinas Reyes.*



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**John and Tosia Preine** - December 19, 2017 at 09:16 PM