



Delia "Dilly" Valdez

January 22, 1938 - March 31, 2018

Delia "Dilly" Valdez, who was born in 1938 in San Antonio, passed away on March 31, 2018. She was preceded in death by her husband, Cipriano, and is survived by her four children: Jerome, Sandra; Audrey, Mike; Mark; Catherine and Michael; 13 grandchildren: Brandi, Jennifer, Chris, Tiffany, Hollis, Eric, Dianne, Misty, James, Christopher, Colleen, Matthew, Brandon, Jordan, Elena, Cipriano, Pason and Elijah; 9 great grandchildren: Corbin, Chase, Haeli, Cody, Jacob, Dylan, Harper, Lily, Jack; and 3 sisters: Rosie, Josie, and Stella.

This Fox Tech graduate pursued a career in Civil Service which began in 1956. Delia once stated that the influential people in her life as she was growing up were her parents, Rumaldo and Mary Catherine Ramirez. She said they instilled a sense of worth and belonging. From her mom she was given unconditional love and from her dad-tough love, discipline, and respect. Delia was a true believer in being a life-long learner. She attended Brisco Elementary, and later attended Harris Junior High where she was captain of the girls Baseball, Basketball, and Volleyball teams and later went on in high school to become a member of the ROTC and attained the rank of Captain. Upon her high school graduation, she attended secretarial courses at Draughon's Business College. While her children were growing up, she wanted to become a role model for them and enrolled in courses at San Antonio College, Southwest Texas State, and UTSA.

She met her husband when she stood in a wedding with his best friend who

introduced them to each other. They married on July 22, 1957.

Delia liked to shop-in her words, "I look for sales!" She enjoyed gardening and became a Master Gardener after completing a rigorous program. She loved to swim, volunteer, travel, play BINGO and BUNCO, attend family get-togethers, but more than anything, she enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Delia retired from Civil Service after 32 years. At her retirement ceremony she said, "My career in Civil Service has been a real privilege because I not only have gained invaluable experience in many different areas, but I have been associated with many fine, professional people. "

Delia was a "people person". She didn't know a stranger; in fact, when she walked into a room filled with people she may not have known, she would say, "You all are friends, I just haven't met you yet." Her love of being with people was evident in the volunteer work she chose. In Panama, where she lived from 1965-1972, she volunteered at the Leprosy Colony where many were shunned due to their ailment. Delia wasn't afraid to be different and help those who were less fortunate than she. She also wanted to make a difference and used her gift of knowing how to make people feel special by working as a volunteer at University Hospital in San Antonio. Her volunteerism stemmed from a love of taking care of others and trying to make the world a better place for everyone.

Delia was loved by so many: her family, friends, and caregivers. She loved to share her days with her family and friends, and caregiver, Ty Beaty, and later with the staff from Brookdale Kingsley where she became a regular in the weekly BINGO games.

She will best be remembered by all who knew her as a wonderful sister, wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, friend, and humanitarian.

Cemetery Details

Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion

20900 IH 10 W
San Antonio, TX 78257
(210) 698-5252
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 4. 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

APR 4. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

APR 5. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
8500 Cross Mountain Trail
San Antonio, TX 78255

Tribute Wall



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