



## Diana L. Montejano

April 28, 1950 - February 6, 2025

Diana Luisa Montejano, poet and English lecturer at Palo Alto Community College for twenty-four years, passed away Thursday. She was 74.

Born in Del Rio, Texas, and raised in San Antonio's west side, Diana was a proud fifth-generation Tejana. She attended Christ the King Elementary School and Little Flower High School, where she graduated in 1968. At Little Flower, Diana was the editor of the school paper. She attended Our Lady of the Lake University for a few years, 1968-1970, when illness delayed her education.

Diana was very active in politics. She was a legislative research aide for State Senator Joe Bernal, and was one of the first volunteers to work with Southwest Voter Registration Education Project under Willie Velasquez. She was a volunteer for the Raza Unida Party, and was a charter member of the Brown Berets. Her commitment to civil rights never wavered.

She worked in the accounting department at the San Antonio Express-News for 13 years, 1980-1993, and through its scholarship program, attended the University of the Incarnate Word part time, graduating in 1992. She left San Antonio to attend the University of Texas at El Paso, where she received a Master's Degree of Fine Arts in Creative Writing in 1997. While in El Paso, she taught at San Elizario High School and El Paso Community College. She

also worked as a legislative aide to State Representative Norma Chavez.

She returned to San Antonio in 1998 and secured a position as a lecturer at Palo Alto Community College until the present. She also taught at St. Gerard's High School for nearly twenty years. Diana was a popular instructor known for her storytelling. Poetry was her passion. She won several awards for her writing. Her poetry has appeared in the Rio Grande Review, Blue Mesa Review, Caracol, and the Chronicles of Higher Education. For entertainment, Diana was an avid sports fan of the Oakland Raiders, the Houston Astros, and of course the Spurs. She loved fishing and the horse races.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Juan and Maria Luisa Montejano, and is survived by her brothers and sisters-in-law David and Veronica, Johnny and Rose Marie, Jerry and Rachel, ten nephews and nieces, and nine grand nephews and grand nieces. Diana was a devout member of St. Mary Magdalen's parish, where she taught eighth grade for several years. She will be buried in the Cordi-Marian Cemetery, close to the nuns that taught her in elementary school.

# Cemetery Details

## Resurrection Cemetery at Cordi - Marian

11624 Culebra Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78253

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 19. 5:00 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

FEB 19. 6:00 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

FEB 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church  
1710 Clower  
San Antonio, TX 78201

## Celebration of Her Life

FEB 20. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church  
1710 Clower  
San Antonio, TX 78201

## Interment

FEB 20 (CT)

Resurrection at Cordi - Marian Cemetery  
11624 Culebra Road  
San Antonio, TX 78253

# Tribute Wall

MP

“ *Our prayers are with David Montejano and family.* ”



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**miryam Bujanda & Jerry Poyo** - February 20, 2025 at 12:50 AM

MF

“ *It breaks my heart to hear about the passing of such an influential educator. She taught me invaluable life lessons and was a key reason I stayed on track with my educational career. I had hoped to invite her to my upcoming PhD graduation, and it's deeply saddening that she won't be there. Her impact will always stay with me.* ”

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**Maria Fernandez** - February 19, 2025 at 06:50 PM

VI

“ *Virginia lit a candle in memory of Diana L. Montejano* ”



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**virginia** - February 19, 2025 at 05:43 PM

VI

“ *My deepest condolences to the family of Diana. I met Diana when we both worked at St Mary Magdalen and St Gerard High School. She was an amazing person and what a remarkable life. She will be missed* ”

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**virginia** - February 19, 2025 at 05:42 PM

MG

“ *Marcella Garcia lit a candle in memory of Diana L. Montejano*



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**Marcella Garcia** - February 19, 2025 at 12:12 AM

VM

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Veronica Montejano** - February 19, 2025 at 12:11 AM

JM

“ *Jaime a M. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Diana L. Montejano.*



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**Jaime a M.** - February 18, 2025 at 07:39 PM

TF

“ *Teresa Gonzales and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Diana L. Montejano.*



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**Teresa Gonzales and family** - February 17, 2025 at 10:07 PM

DM

“ I very much remember Diana when she served her Latino community as a Proud Brown Berets.

*She often flanked by my side as a candidate for La Raza Unida Party. She strongly believed in civil rights and the power of the vote.*

*I was always quietly so proud of her marching as one of the few women Brown Berets.*

*I am sure Diana has earned her reward in heaven.*

*Diana Presente !! Daniel S Meza*

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**Daniel S Meza** - February 17, 2025 at 06:26 PM

EG

“ Ed Garcia lit a candle in memory of Diana L. Montejano



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**Ed Garcia** - February 17, 2025 at 05:59 PM

MD

“ Margarita Arce Decierdo lit a candle in memory of Diana L. Montejano



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**Margarita Arce Decierdo** - February 14, 2025 at 05:53 PM



“ It was an honor to work with Diane at Palo Alto College. She will be greatly missed. Her positive energy, friendly face, and openness to share her knowledge was like a breath of fresh air. Happy heavenly Valentine’s Day Diane. We miss you my friend.

Karen Mendiola - February 14, 2025 at 02:23 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Diana L. Montejano.



February 13, 2025 at 09:56 PM



“ PAC English, World Lang., & INRW Dept. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Diana L. Montejano.



PAC English, World Lang., & INRW Dept. - February 13, 2025 at 07:09 PM



“ I will miss you dearly my friend ❤️ I will miss our academic talks on Mexican American Studies.  
Thank you for being a great mentor these last 9 years at PAC.



Magdalena Yznaga - February 13, 2025 at 06:47 PM

MG

“ *Manuel Diaz Garza lit a candle in memory of Diana L. Montejano*



**Manuel Diaz Garza** - February 13, 2025 at 11:41 AM

CM

“ *Caroline Mains lit a candle in memory of Diana L. Montejano*



**Caroline Mains** - February 13, 2025 at 06:35 AM

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“ *Sister Rita Beltran, MCM (Helen) lit a candle in memory of Diana L. Montejano*



**Sister Rita Beltran, MCM (Helen)** - February 12, 2025 at 10:04 PM

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*On behalf of our Family - Beltran we send our deepest condolences to the family Montejano, her brothers. We went to elementary school together which was Christ the King School. May eternal Rest be upon her and may the Blessed Vision of Our Lord be always on her.*

**Sister Rita Beltran, MCM (Helen)** - February 12, 2025 at 10:06 PM

TG

“ Teresa Gonzales lit a candle in memory of  
Diana L. Montejano



Teresa Gonzales - February 12, 2025 at 09:47 PM

VM

“ Veronica Montejano lit a candle in memory of  
Diana L. Montejano



Veronica Montejano - February 12, 2025 at 07:42 PM

LE

“ L. Espinoza lit a candle in memory of Diana L.  
Montejano



L. Espinoza - February 12, 2025 at 01:26 PM

BA

*Diana was an example to all of us. She will be remembered.*

Barbara Aguirre - February 18, 2025 at 05:19 PM