



Dina Marie Brown

October 27, 1969 - October 13, 2018

On Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018, Dina Marie Brown of San Antonio, TX, loving wife, mother of five and grandmother ended her journey at the age of 48. She wrote "Being a tool in the hands of God is my greatest desire" And she was, touching so many lives with her faith, her love and beauty.

An amazing wife, mother, daughter, sister and friend, Dina was a beautiful light that shined on everyone she knew.

Dina, the third of four sisters, was born on Oct. 27, 1969, in San Antonio, Texas, to Ernesto and Sylvia De Los Santos. From an early age, her spirit, huge smile and magnetism drew people to her and she excelled as a leader in school both academically and socially. While attending John Marshall High School she met the love of her life Paul Edward Brown Jr.

The two of them were wed on February 9, 1991 and were bound together by love and faith. She wrote "Paul was her motivator, her protector and her true love" Together they were tools for God's hands and were blessed with an amazing family of five; Hannah, Hayden, Hilton, Huntington, and Houston. Just 10 months ago she was blessed with her grandson, Guillermo Vazquez son of Hannah and her husband Angel Vazquez who brought her such joy and happiness.

For Dina, motherhood came naturally and everyday she displayed selflessness and love and used her special Momma flair by being there for her children in everything they did, nurturing and encouraging them and sharing her faith with each of them.

As a daughter Dina was there for her mother Sylvia who also battled cancer, going to every appointment with her and being there for her father Ernesto every step of the way. She enjoyed spending time with and was close to her wonderful Mother and Father-in-Law, Hortense Brown and Paul Edward Brown Sr.

Dina understood the true meaning of sisterhood. No one could ask for a better sister. No matter what, she was always there for her three sisters, Lisa Conner, Tina Negri and Gina Murphy, bringing laughter and cheer, dancing and fun. She was an awesome Aunt to her sixteen nieces and nephews, Taylor Holbrook, Payton Pereira, Jack Conner, Dane Negri, Ford Negri and Kenna Murphy, Nick, Joshua and Andrew Garza, Jessica Cash, Hunter, Cassidy, Trevor, Quinton, Justin and Jared Accord. She loved and encouraged them like one of her own children. She was also a great sister-in-law to her brother-in-laws Brian Conner, Steve Negri, Sean Murphy, Herb Garza and Jody Accord and sister-in-laws Brenda Garza and Melinda Accord.

A true friend in every sense of the word, Dina has hundreds of friends and it was easy to understand why. She shared her remarkable attitude and happiness with everyone she met by flashing that beautiful smile, telling funny stories and being there in times of need.

She was an entrepreneur, business owner, and manager running and owning her own businesses Texan Accent and The Mustard Seed and working as a District Manager for the Gap and managing various other retail businesses. An incredibly creative person Dina volunteered countless hours to her church

and school communities, including ACTS where she directed Catholic women's retreats. She even developed a logo for Wilderness Oaks Elementary School where her youngest son Houston attended.

If there is a team mom in heaven, it's Dina. All of her children were very active in sports and Dina made it her mission to support each of their teams with fanatical attendance and planned events that brought the entire team and their families together. Dina's sons Hayden and Hilton both play baseball for the Northwestern State of Louisiana Demons. She was thrilled to know they would be going to college and playing together. Dina, the ultimate team mom attended Houston's Oct. 8th baseball game--- five days before she left this earth, and she still rocked that baseball hat.

Her scores of friends and family loved her for her grace, spirit, encouragement, inspiration, effervescence and crazy sense of humor. She saw the best in everyone. Throughout her illness, she wrote often about her faith and courage, comforting others through their pain in spite of hers. She will be missed but forever loved by all who knew her.

Just a short year ago Dina wrote these beautiful words when she was diagnosed with her illness. "I was praying, where I sit, light a candle and invoke the Holy Spirit, I was told that I was being prepared for a Battle, and that I was going to have to fight, keep my faith and finish". "One thing I do know is that you don't go into a battle alone and that is where you all come in to play. I have been overwhelmed by the incredible texts and messages extending wishes of prayers and help in any way. Thank you all for your love and your kind words that keep us uplifted and encouraged."

Friends and family are invited to a visitation and mass to celebrate Dina's life. Both will be held at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 4201 De Zavala Rd,

San Antonio, Texas.

Visitation is on Thursday Oct. 18th from 6-7pm. Rosary 7pm. Mass will be held on Friday Oct. 19th, at 10am, followed by a procession to Cordi Marian cemetery. 11624 Culebra Rd , San Antonio, Texas.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery at Cordi - Marian

11624 Culebra Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78253

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 18. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
4201 De Zavala Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78249

Rosary

OCT 18. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Resurrection

OCT 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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4201 De Zavala Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78249

Tribute Wall

VH

“ I was saddened to hear of Dina's passing and I send my sincerest condolences to the family.

Vickie Holbrook

Vickie Holbrook - October 22, 2018 at 11:15 AM

MW

“ I am so sad to hear of Dina's passing. I remember Dina from high school and we worked together at Meatballs in the late 80s. She was always so positive and kind and had such a fabulous smile. My deepest sympathies to her family and friends.

Melissa White - October 20, 2018 at 08:53 AM

LV

“ Sisters, and family we are so sorry to have just heard the news of Dina's passing. Tisha, Patty, and I send our deepest condolences to you all. There are many fun memories that flood my mind when I think of our days growing up together and our outings and Christmas together. My heart is heavy but my memories put a smile on my face. “May she Rest In Peace and Perpetual light shine upon her.” Sending our thoughts and prayers from Tisha, Patty, and myself Lisa Salvatierra.



lisa velez - October 19, 2018 at 10:26 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dina Marie Brown.*



October 18, 2018 at 05:58 PM



“ *Precision Appliance Leasing purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Dina Marie Brown.*



Precision Appliance Leasing - October 18, 2018 at 03:12 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dina Marie Brown.*



October 18, 2018 at 02:41 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Dina Marie Brown.*



October 18, 2018 at 02:40 PM

AC

“ Anthony, Cheryl, Matt & Luke Cantu purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Dina Marie Brown.



Anthony, Cheryl, Matt & Luke Cantu - October 18, 2018 at 02:04 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dina Marie Brown.



October 18, 2018 at 01:58 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dina Marie Brown.



October 18, 2018 at 10:04 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dina Marie Brown.



October 18, 2018 at 10:02 AM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Dina Marie Brown.



October 18, 2018 at 08:42 AM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Dina Marie Brown.



October 18, 2018 at 12:07 AM



“ *Fairest of All* was purchased for the family of Dina Marie Brown.



October 17, 2018 at 10:26 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Dina Marie Brown.



October 17, 2018 at 08:23 PM

JF

“ Jonathan Brandon and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dina Marie Brown.



Jonathan Brandon and family - October 16, 2018 at 10:15 PM

KL

“ To the Brown Family...
It was my honour and pleasure to care for your loved one.
May GOD grant you peace and understanding during this trying time.



kathleen lavonne - October 16, 2018 at 02:35 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dina Marie Brown.



October 16, 2018 at 01:18 PM

TF

“ The family of Nathan Jones. (NSU- family) purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Dina Marie Brown.



The family of Nathan Jones. (NSU- family) - October 16, 2018 at 07:19 AM

JG

“ *Dina was such a lovely soul with the most beautiful heart. I truly was so blessed to be part of the family. Joe and I will always remember her beautiful smile and precious love she shared with us. Rest in peace our beautiful angel.* ”

Joe & Orié Gutierrez - October 15, 2018 at 02:24 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dina Marie Brown.* ”



October 14, 2018 at 09:26 PM