



## Dora R. Vasquez

October 23, 1924 - August 24, 2020

Dora R. Vasquez, age 95, passed away into the welcoming arms of the Lord early Monday morning August 24th with her loving children at her side.

She was born and raised in Laredo, Texas. It was there where she met and married Rogelio E. Vasquez. They later moved to San Antonio where they raised their children, Ramiro (Rami), Richard, Virginia, and Roger.

Her interests included baking, sewing, ceramics and in her younger days dancing with Rogelio.

Dora was a loving & devoted mother; and she treasured her grandchildren. She was strong, kind, and lived a frugal lifestyle. She knew how to bring a smile to your face and was very capable of humorous surprises. She was known for being sharp and having a great memory to the very end. Dora will be dearly missed.

She was preceded in death by Rogelio her husband of 67 years, parents Esther & Reynaldo Rodriguez, and brothers Juan, Ramiro, and Homar.

Dora is survived by her children, Rami Vasquez and wife Sylvia, Richard Vasquez and wife Rosalie, Virginia Rodriguez and husband Eddie, and youngest son Roger Vasquez. Grandchildren: Annette Vasquez-Kopeck and

husband Greg, Evelyn Olivarez and husband Luis, Nicholas Vasquez, Chris Charles and wife Larissa, Josh Charles and wife Rebecca. Great Grandchildren: Codey, Seth, Aleayah, Madison, Damien, Desirey, DeAndru, Skye, Ashton, and Tullis and a Great Great Grandchild: TJ.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, on Monday, August 31, 2020 at Brookehill Funeral Home. A Rosary will be recited at 6:00 PM. The procession will depart at 9:30 AM for a 10:00 AM Mass, on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church. Private interment will follow at San Fernando Cemetery II.

The family acknowledges Covid-19 concerns. We understand the importance of keeping safe and healthy. We welcome all who choose to come and celebrate Mom's life and her journey into heaven, but we respectfully understand anyone who would rather not risk their own or anyone else's health. The guestbook signing and messages will be available online at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 31. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brookehill Funeral Home  
711 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 923-7523  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary

AUG 31. 6:00 PM (CT)

Brookehill Funeral Home  
711 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 923-7523  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Procession

SEP 1. 9:30 AM (CT)

Brookehill Funeral Home  
711 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 923-7523  
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## Mass

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SEP 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church  
907 W. Theo Ave  
San Antonio, TX 78225

## PRIVATE BURIAL

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SEP 1 (CT)

San Fernando Cemetery #2  
746 Castroville Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78237

# Tribute Wall

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“ Some of us have the great good fortune to grow up in an extended family, with aunts and uncles who provide an extra cushion of parental care, especially in our early years.

*My brother, sisters and I were blessed with having many of my mother's and father's relatives around in childhood. But among those many caring individuals our Tia Dora and Tio Rogelio belonged in a separate and special category.*

*My Tia Dora is a big part of my memories growing up in San Antonio. She lived only two miles from our house so her home was very familiar, indelibly imprinted on my mind. Of course it was more than the physical aspects of her home that made an impression on all those visits. The Vasquez family was the big deal -- cousins who matched us in age brackets. And there was my aunt. She was the linchpin of that connection.*

*I have quite a few wonderful stories that I could tell but running through them all was the person that my aunt was. One of her special gifts was her ability to listen. If we ever had something to say she was always fully present to hear it. Without interruption, without criticism, never just pretending to listen. This is a rare thing - - to have an adult really there for you. I can clearly see her face when she gave me her full attention. Whatever I had to say she was quick to show appreciation with a ready smile, or a knowing look that was genuine.*

*As the years passed my aunt acquired a larger family, with grandchildren, etc. I am sure that she was there for each of them as she was for me and my siblings. With her passing I am again reminded that the world is changing. That is just a fact of life. But because of people like my Tia Dora and the example that she set I do not lose hope that the world can still become a better place. I thank God for that.*

*Roland Rodriguez*

**Roland Rodriguez** - September 04, 2020 at 02:35 PM

RR

“ *There is a big void in my life with my aunt's passing. I shall always remember visiting her at her home and her being the ultimate hostess wanting to feed us. We always had very interesting conversations, particularly about her experiences and the Rodriguez family in Laredo. She had a good sense of humor and a great memory. Many times we stayed much longer than we planned just because of our discussions. She continued to call my husband "Freddy" even when everyone called him Fred. However I know she is with my parents in heaven and in particular with the love of her life, my uncle Rogelio. May she rest in peace and know that she was loved by many. I thank God for letting her stay with us for many years.*

*Rosaura Rodriguez Ramirez*

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**Rosaura R Ramirez** - September 02, 2020 at 09:52 PM

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“ *Condolences,Rami,Richard, Virginia and Roger. Tia was a beautiful person. Prayers and thoughts with all.*

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**Esther T Murillo** - September 01, 2020 at 12:16 AM

 Raquel  
Voytowich

“ One of the best memories I shared with my Tia Dora was one that came from my childhood. She and Tio Rogelio, along with my parents, were members of a social club for married couples. At one of the family events held before Thanksgiving, they would raffle off turkeys. Being one of the younger kids in attendance, I was asked to go up and draw one ticket out of the gigantic cage-drum. As I walked up the steps to the stage, I heard my Tia yell out, "Rachel, make sure to pick my ticket!". Well, the big moment came and I reached into the drum and pulled out one ticket. Guess whose name was on the ticket? Yes, it was her ticket! Over the years, that was always a memory we would reminisce and chuckle about.

*My Tia and Tio were always there for our family... birthday parties, graduations, weddings, and when we lost our mother and father. Tia and Tio were so good to our parents, visiting my mother when she was in the nursing home and then looking in on my father at his house. After my parents were gone, she treated my son like one of her own grandchildren.*

*We will miss her so much. We find comfort knowing that she has been reunited with her one true love, our Tio Rogelio. She is up in Heaven, the big social club in the sky, visiting again with my mother and father, my grandparents, uncles and aunts, and many of her dear friends.*

*We love you, Tia!*

*Raquel "Rachel" Rodriguez Voytowich, Steve Voytowich, and Nicholas Voytowich*

*(her niece and daughter of her brother Juan G Rodriguez and sister-in-law Guadalupe V Rodriguez)*

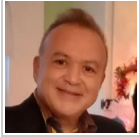
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**Raquel Voytowich** - August 30, 2020 at 10:19 PM

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“First of all, I wish to thank the Vasquez children for sharing their mother with us (the Juan Rodriguez children) all these years. Tia Dora was a blessing not only to us but first a blessing to our mother, Guadalupe Villarreal Rodriguez. I remember my mom sharing that Tia Dora was her good friend even before my mother married my father. Robert’s picture post on his Facebook page shows the two good friends in their teenage years outside enjoying the day in Laredo. Over the years, they continued to share their good and not so good times as women, mothers and wives. I remember going over to Tia’s many times when Tia would host a Tupperware party, a Sara Coventry jewelry party, a Stanley products party, not to mention celebrating birthdays with my cousins. There were also picnics, especially on Easter at San Pedro park where both Tia and Mom brought their best to eat for the two families as well as plenty “cascarones”. On the other occasions that we would stop by to visit, Tia and Mom would share recipes, sewing secrets or problems, crocheting techniques, and other household tips. Both my mother and Tia took their jobs as mothers, homemakers, and wives seriously. Tia, for me, also had a “listening” heart. She was always ready to ask about us and our families and take the time to listen when we came to visit over the years. This continued to be her way of blessing us, even as she got older. I fondly remember the last two times I stopped by (from Plano to San Antonio) to visit this past year. She never lost her sense of humor, her attentiveness nor showed any cognitive decline, although she like my dad and myself, did have some difficulty hearing. Tia was measured when she spoke with you and you knew she had processed all that had been shared with her in conversation. I am saddened by her passing because I cannot go by and visit and have “merienda” and coffee with her. However, I know in my heart that she is enjoying her new home in heaven and has reunited with my parents and the rest of the family and dear friends that were a part of her life. I love you Tia and I thank you for being a part of my life.  
Mrs. Rosario Rodriguez Brusniak (niece)

Rosario R Brusniak - August 29, 2020 at 05:37 PM



“ I will especially miss visiting with my Tia Dora at her kitchen table over food and drink that she would always lovingly offer. She was a strong woman with a gentle spirit. My mom and dad came to San Antonio from Laredo just as my Tia Dora and Tio Rogelio had done, to make a better life for themselves and their budding families. She was the most amazing daughter, sister, mother, and aunt.

She always encouraged me and showed interest in what I was up to throughout my life. Her love was unconditional. She was a member of the Greatest Generation, a good steward grateful for all she had. As my niece Jennifer has said, this is the end of an era.

I will never forget her teaching me how to dance to Mexican music at my sister Rosaura's wedding reception. She, my Tio Rogelio, and my parents loved to dance and were members of a social club in the 1950's and 1960's.

Tia, may you rest in peace. Eternal rest grant unto my Tia Dora, O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her.

- Robert V. Rodriguez  
nephew, son of Juan G. and Guadalupe V. Rodriguez

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Robert V. Rodriguez - August 28, 2020 at 11:12 PM