



## Elba Alicia Rodriguez

August 19, 1948 - June 11, 2019

Elba Rodriguez was called home to be with The Lord and her parents, Tomas and Josie Ramirez on June 12, 2019.

Elba is survived by her husband, Robert Larry Rodriguez, son Robert Thomas Rodriguez (wife Jennifer), daughter Trisha Gutierrez (husband Jesse), granddaughters Adriana Alicia Gutierrez, Jessica Marie Gutierrez, Madeline Rebecca Gutierrez, Victoria Elizabeth Gutierrez, and grandson Alejandro Jesus Gutierrez.

Born on August 19, 1948 in Eagle Pass, Texas. Elba is the oldest of her siblings and has always taken her role with the utmost responsibility and Care. To Elba, family was everything.

She married Robert in September 1969 at Holy Family Catholic Church.

She took that commitment of caring to the classroom. She graduated from St. Mary's University in 1972 and became an English teacher at ET Wrenn Jr High in the Edgewood School District.

In 1992, Elba, still committed to improving others through her role in Education, graduated from Texas A&I to earn her Master's degree.

She then was able to accomplish her next goal of becoming an administrator. Elba continued in the Education field until she retired as an administrator of

the EISD Alternative High School in 2008.

This is when she was truly able to focus on her true loves, gardening, relaxing on the beach, and devoting time to her parents, children, and grandchildren. Although we all had different memories of her, the one constant was that you knew being with you was a choice and you felt loved.

Some of her favorite events were attending karate classes for her son, sporting events for her children and grandchildren, and attending dance recitals and plays. When she could not leave the house due to discomfort, the performances were brought to her. In efforts to lift her spirits, she continued to brave her condition in her final weeks to attend plays and performances because they brought her such joy.

Elba will be missed by all. Her family will have a celebration of her life starting on Friday. The rosary service will be offered at Mission Park North, Cherry Ridge at 7 pm. On Saturday her mass will be at St Dominic's Catholic Church at 8:30 am.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JUN 14. 7:00 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

JUN 15. 8:30 AM (CT)

St. Dominic Catholic Church  
5919 Ingram Road  
San Antonio, TX 78228

# Tribute Wall

TA

“ She was such an amazing woman. My heart goes out to her family. I just found out about this bad news. She was the only person who would guide me since ET Wrenn for 7th and 8th grade. She then went to Memorial HS for my 9th and 10th grade years. She knew my life and my struggles. She was also the only administrator that had my back to the fullest. Some of The teachers there weren't good at all. Not the ones I had. So I spoke with her and I signed a contract because I was somewhat on my own. From yelling at me to not go fight on the dead end streets and to remind me there were no 3 strikes, if I messed up once, then thats it, i would get kicked out of school due to the contract I had signed. She always made sure I ate and had a great morning. She had patience with me and always made me feel noticed. Wish I would have had the chance to tell her how much of a great impact she made in those tougher years of my life. She will greatly be missed.

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**Tanya** - August 04, 2019 at 03:22 PM

JB

“ Elba taught in the classroom on the other side of my classroom. We shared the air conditioning thermostat. While I was in the middle of the lesson I would get a note saying to lower the thermostat . She froze us out.  
Elba was a kind person and a fair administrator. She will be missed!  
RIP!

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**John A Bellone** - June 18, 2019 at 12:45 PM

MR

“ *In late August of 1974, I joined the staff of ETWrenn Middle School as an almost brand new teacher. Starting at a new school is not only hard for students; teachers have a large learning curve as well. Many teachers offered support, including Ann Westmoreland, DD Manitzas and Elva Rodriguez. We became a support system for each other. It helped to discuss the students we had in common & share strategies. Thank you, Elva, for your kind assistance and humor. We needed it on many days. Rest In Peace.*



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**Mercedes Ramos** - June 18, 2019 at 12:10 AM

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“ *I taught in the same school with Elva for 25 years, many of those years in the classroom next to hers. She was a shining example of a teacher who knew how to form students with a combination of love, direction, and humor. I learned a lot from her at the beginning of my teaching career. I also met her husband and children on many occasions and witnessed her love and concern for them in many settings. May her soul rest in peace.*

--Carroll Ray

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**Carroll Ray** - June 15, 2019 at 09:38 AM

AW

“ My heart goes out to the Rodriguez family during this difficult time. Elba was a dear friend over the years and I saw Tricia and Robert Thomas grow up. Condolences to Robert and the extended family. She was an amazing force in this world.

“ You can shed tears that she is gone  
Or you can smile because she has lived”. By David Hawkins

*Ann Westmoreland*

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**ann westmoreland** - June 14, 2019 at 07:12 PM

HG

*My condolences to the Rodroquez family. I worked with Elba at Memorial HS. I gave her a beautiful triangle shawl that she fell in love with when she first saw it. She was a special lady and I enjoyed working with her. Hope Garza*

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**Hope Garza** - June 20, 2019 at 02:37 AM