



## Elena Ofelia Vara

April 5, 1936 - June 9, 2023

VARA, Elena Ofelia, 87, of San Antonio, Texas, moved to heaven on Friday, June 9, 2023. She was born in Bigfoot, Texas, on April 5, 1936, to Claro and Eriberta (Riojas) Cortinas. She married Raymond L. Nuñez in 1955. A devoted and loving mother, she was a homemaker who reared seven children. After her children were in school, she became a cook for the San Antonio Independent School District, serving at Kelly and Hillcrest Elementary Schools until her retirement in 1998. She married Moises P. Vara in 1982.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by siblings Dominga Valderama Treviño, Meliton Cortinas, Jacinto Cortinas and Claro Cortinas Jr; son, Raymond C. Nuñez, Jr; and daughter-in-law Exa Loggins Nuñez. Elena will be fondly remembered by her surviving siblings Amalia Cortinas Peralta, Guadalupe Cortinas Ortegon (Julian), Richard Gonzalez (Benita) and Armando Alderete (Alicia), sister-in-law Severa Cortinas, and children Fernando Gonzales (Shirley), Jimmy Nuñez, Roland Nuñez (Sarah), Rosemary Nuñez Arreola (John), Elizabeth Nuñez Quiñones (Benny), and Laura Ann Nuñez Carmona. In addition, by her grandchildren Antoinette Nuñez, Raymond C. Nuñez III, Maricela Gonzales, Jessica Cardenas, Vanessa Garcia, Gabriel Cardenas, Joseph Nuñez (Brianna), Nate Nuñez, Daniel Nuñez, Jesse Nuñez, Paul A. Carmona III, Mathew Nuñez (Lylene), Mark Nuñez, Emmanuel Nuñez, Christian Nuñez, and Isabella Harris as well as sixteen great-grandchildren.

Family visitation begins at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, at Mission Park Funeral Chapel, 3401 Cherry Ridge Dr., with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. The funeral service begins at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 28, with a Mass at 9:45 a.m., at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 10703 Wurzbach Rd., officiated by Father Eric Ritter. The funeral procession will pass by Elena's neighborhood before her burial at her final resting place at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 27. 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

JUN 27. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

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JUN **28**. 9:45 AM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church  
10703 Wurzbach Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78230

# Tribute Wall

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“ Mom, I know you’re with Jesus and I am happy for your graduation to Heaven. I can’t help the sadness of you leaving has wrecked my heart. I am blessed for our coffee talks, movie and novella time. I hold in my heart and memory everything you told me. Especially what you taught me and know I will teach my grandsons (your) Los Carmona’s! I know you’re now also my son’s special guardian angel. Los Carmona’s will remember you forever. You loved them and they were excited to always see you mom. I will continue to write about you and your life so that if and when I get more grandchildren, they would know you as the Legend you were and now are. Till you greet me with Jesus I will wait patiently to see you again. Que Viva Elena and hug daddy and grandma for me.

Laura Carmona - June 28, 2023 at 01:53 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Elena Ofelia Vara.



June 27, 2023 at 01:42 PM



“ Divine Light was purchased for the family of Elena Ofelia Vara.



June 24, 2023 at 10:43 PM

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“ Thank you Mom for helping raise my Bella and making she safe and loved 🧡 I loved they the way your eyes lighted up when she would enter the room 💕 Watch over Your Missy Bella from above in Heaven Mom 🙏 We will love you forever and always in hearts 💕



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**Elizabeth Quiñones** - June 24, 2023 at 10:56 AM

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“ I miss you Mom 💔 My Beautiful memory of you is you always made sure we were fed . With your delicious meals . 💕 You Grandma are the reason I love to Cook. Until we meet again my Beautiful Mother 💕



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**Elizabeth Quiñones** - June 24, 2023 at 10:45 AM