



Elevina Cruz Martinez

December 4, 1928 - January 30, 2024

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Born: December 4, 1928 Died: January 30, 2024

Elevina “Lena” Cruz Martinez of Missouri City, Texas died on January 30, 2024 at the age of 95. She was greatly loved by her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, extended family and friends. Lena was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, Rodolfo, and leaves behind a legacy of love in her daughter, Mary Christine Thorney (Steve); grandson, Anthony Joseph Vandars (Michelle); great grandchildren, Michael, Harrison and Madelyn Vandars; son, Rudy Martinez (Kathy); grandsons, Ryan Oran Martinez (Anna) and Kevin Manuel Martinez (Maggie).

Born in the small community of Von Ormy, Texas south of San Antonio just before the depression, Lena grew up with a strong work ethic and a lifelong love of family and friends. She would share stories of riding to the Mercado in San Antonio with her father to sell their crops. Those early days coupled with the love and nurture of her Roman Catholic upbringing rooted in Lena a lifelong concern for the poor and disadvantaged.

Lena and Rudolph married and settled in San Antonio after World War II in which Rudolph served. Their patriotism continued throughout their lives as Rudolph served in and retired from civil service including deployment to Vietnam. Lena cared for Chris and Rudy through those years as a home and family maker, sometimes working to help meet special needs of the kids as they arose. Her deeply etched values of love, kindness, integrity and hard

work were passed on to them. To Lena, all her family members were “mija” and “mijo” – always said and received with love and affection.

Lena and the family loved to travel, and annual family vacations included destinations such as Mexico City, Saltillo, and Monterrey; stateside in West Texas, New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, Utah and Illinois.

Lena loved Jesus, and her prayer life reflected that love for Him, the Virgin Mary, and St. Jude. That faith was nurtured at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church South San; a faith that sustained her until the day our Lord received her home. She will be greatly missed by all.

Cemetery Details

San Jose Burial Park

8235 Mission RD
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 923-0272
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Brookehill Funeral Home
711 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214

Funeral Mass

FEB 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph (So. San) Catholic Church
535 New Laredo Hwy
San Antonio, TX 78211

Tribute Wall



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