



Mrs. Elida A. Garcia

January 27, 1943 - August 9, 2020

Our lord called on Elida Arredondo Garcia on August 9, 2020. Elida was a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother and grandmother. Elida was born on January 27, 1943 in Eastland, Texas to Secundino Mata Arredondo and Margarita Hernandez Arredondo. Elida was a loving daughter who worked at a very early age to support her parents and her siblings. Elida met her soulmate, Robert Garcia, at an early age and recently celebrated 58 years of marriage in June 29, 2020. They are very proud of their children Robert, Nancy and Melinda who have established careers in their fields.

She is survived by her loving husband, Robert C. Garcia; son - Robert Garcia, Jr. and friend Fred Losoya., daughters: Nancy (Frank Rybczyk), Melinda (Octavia Harris); one grandson – Ian Escamilla; three sisters: Dolores Galvan, Frances Rodriguez (Raul Rodriguez), and Iris Arredondo; two brothers: Jose R. Arredondo (Lydia Arredondo) and Arturo Arredondo (Rachel Mendez). She is preceded in passing by brother, Julian Arredondo.

Elida attended Our Lady of the Lake University and received her B.S. degree in 1985 while working as a Respiratory Therapist and taking care of her husband and children. She retired as a Second Grade Bilingual Teacher at Hutchins Elementary School for 25 years.

God's gift to Elida was having a huge heart to her furry babies and anyone

who needed help.

She was a woman of faith and a parishioner at St. Leonard's Catholic Church and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

For everyone's safety during the COVID-19 pandemic, in accordance with CDC safety precautions, we ask for minimal attendance to the services. Please feel free to sign the online guest book and leave your condolences at www.missionparks.com. Online Streaming of the services will be available, please contact a family member for more information. Please practice Social Distancing, and please refrain from shaking hands or hugging the family. To extend Condolences, please place your hand over your hearts and give a gentle head nod to acknowledge the family. Thank you for your Understanding.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **15**. 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - August 15, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - August 11, 2020 at 06:26 PM

DP

*We will always remember you aunt Elida always and forever.
Daniel Palacios and family*

daniel palacios - August 15, 2020 at 09:25 AM

DP

We will miss your kind heart .

daniel palacios - August 15, 2020 at 09:26 AM

AM

*Our condolences and prayers of love during this difficult time. 🙏🙏🙏
April and Michael*

April and Michael - August 15, 2020 at 11:49 AM

PW

Rest In Peace Aunt Elida. Love you ❤️ Ken and Peggy White

Peggy White - August 15, 2020 at 07:09 PM

LB

I'm sorry I did not get to see you love you

Lucy and Bea - August 15, 2020 at 07:13 PM

DJ

To the Garcia family, your wife, mother, sister, mother-in-law, grandmother was a remarkable woman. I had the pleasure of meeting her through Octavia Harris. To say the least, Mom and Dad Garcia embraced me and my husband, Nathan with open arms. Mom Garcia had a loving disposition and she had a way of making you feel special. I will truly miss her and the world has lost a gentle soul and heaven has gained an angel. Rest well Mom Garcia.

Dr. Mimi Johnson

Dr. MIMI Johnson - August 15, 2020 at 07:39 PM

NA

“ Mrs. Garcia was a mentor for me. She was in her last year before retirement and they hired me to take her position she was the sweetest gave me so many things to get started and was full of useful tips. She was so helpful to me as a new teacher coming in. Rest In Peace and my condolences to her family.

Natalie - August 19, 2020 at 08:56 PM

TG

“ The beautiful memories of Ellie will remain with us always. We are grateful for the time we all shared together. “ “The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.” ”
(Numbers 6:24-26 NIV)
“we love you all!”
Tony & Molly Garza

Tony & Molly Garza - August 15, 2020 at 08:22 PM

CL

“ Mrs Garcia was such a strong woman. We are very proud and happy to have had the privilege of being welcomed into the family, as if we were one of her own.



chris Lewis - August 15, 2020 at 08:01 PM

CB

“ Ellie taught my daughter and became a friend to me and my children outside of school. She and took me and all my kids fishing. She always had a smile and a kind word. She will be greatly missed.

Cathy Bernstein - August 15, 2020 at 07:53 PM

PW

“ *Peggy White lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia*



Peggy White - August 15, 2020 at 07:40 PM

PW

I am praying for you Uncle Robert, Robert Jr, Nancy and Melinda. My heart goes out to you. Love you all.

Peggy White - August 15, 2020 at 07:42 PM

DA

“ *We will always remember you Aunt Elida.*



Daniel - August 15, 2020 at 05:38 PM

AW

“ *Nancy, I am praying for you and your family in this time.*



Amy Wingrave - August 15, 2020 at 04:42 PM



“ *Maggie Salazar lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia*



Maggie Salazar - August 15, 2020 at 03:28 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to Elida's husband Robert and Elida's family. You have an angel in heaven now, May God bless you during this difficult time with his eternal peace. Mr. & Mrs. Roland Salazar and family.*

Maggie Salazar - August 15, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ *Sending prayers for strength and peace to the Garcia family. My deepest sympathy to you during this difficult time. God bless. Debbie and Roger Silva*



Debbie Silva - August 15, 2020 at 02:19 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.*



August 15, 2020 at 02:17 PM

KC

“ Mrs. Garcia's heart and faith is what I will miss most about her. *EVERYTIME* I saw her she welcomed me in with open arms like she's known me forever. I loved her surprise birthday calls which *ALWAYS* warmed my heart. It was an honor and a blessing to know her. To the Garcia's, I pray that the Father is a comforter to you and that you continue to love on each other with *HER* heart leading you. Love you!

Sincerely,

Kenya Chillous

Kenya Chillous - August 15, 2020 at 01:17 PM

GG

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. We are sending our love and prayers to you all at this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Gilda Garcia & Karmen Alvarado

Gilda Garcia - August 15, 2020 at 12:59 PM

DV

“ Nancy, our hearts and prayers go out to you and your family...sending our deepest condolences for your beautiful mother.

David Valdez - August 15, 2020 at 11:07 AM

NG

“ Praying for the entire family, Nancy. I didn't get the privilege of meeting your mom but felt like I knew her through your stories. May God comfort you all through this trying time.

Nicole Gemblor - August 15, 2020 at 10:42 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.*



August 15, 2020 at 09:24 AM



“ *Our condolences to the family. Our hearts go out to you. We will keep you in our prayers. Love you all.*

Ken & Peggy White

Peggy White - August 15, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ *So beautiful my Great Tia Ellie This last year we had gotten to know one another and u loved my babies so much ur face would light up of joy seeing us .. I'll never forget me telling you I didn't like LENGUA but u made some and let me have a try it was so delicious u made it super picoso ! It was so good. I'll always remember u as loving and kind hearted such a good loving soul , gone but never forgotten 🥹💜*

veronica barcena - August 14, 2020 at 11:19 PM

IA

“ Here are the two beautiful girls sitting together. Elida was always so happy to be with her family. Her family was so important to her! Love you two very much. ❤️🌸🌸



Iris Arredondo - August 14, 2020 at 09:43 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.



August 14, 2020 at 09:16 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.



August 14, 2020 at 07:36 PM

MM

“ Melissa and Carlos Musquiz purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.



Melissa and Carlos Musquiz - August 14, 2020 at 06:22 PM

JJ

“ Sad to hear of your passing. You were a friend at co worker at Ne Baptist hospital . REST MY SISTER Judy Jeffers

Judy Jeffers - August 14, 2020 at 03:54 PM

FR

“ 20 files added to the tribute wall



Frances A Rodriguez - August 14, 2020 at 12:12 PM

FR

“ 13 files added to the tribute wall



Frances A Rodriguez - August 14, 2020 at 12:02 PM

RF

“ I was saddened to hear of the passing of Ellie Garcia. She was a devoted wife, mother and teacher. Wishing the family healing prayers. I know her memory will live on in all of you.

Robert L. Flores - August 14, 2020 at 11:16 AM



“ Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.



August 14, 2020 at 10:54 AM

FR

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Frances A Rodriguez - August 14, 2020 at 10:22 AM

NR

Just beautiful Fran. ❤️

Nancy Rybczyk - August 14, 2020 at 11:49 AM

RR

Beautiful!

Raul E. Rodriguez - August 14, 2020 at 12:06 PM

IA

“*Elida was my sister, and I have a lifetime of memories to share! After my son left my home, I was basically alone with my dog. Elida knew this and would invite me over for coffee and food. We started watching movies and old tv series together. Sometimes her husband would watch movies with us too. It was a fun thing to do and I enjoyed spending time with them There were many times when we just sat at the kitchen table, and drank coffee as she shared whatever “food goodie” she had received from her daughters. She started telling me what I call “family stories.” She would share her life experiences from an earlier time. I would sit and listen, and I learned a lot about my family’s life before I was born. This was one of my favorite things to do with her! As my family was large (4 girls and 3 boys) my two eldest sisters sacrificed their education and youth, in working odd jobs and taking care of the younger siblings. They learned how to cook and clean at very young ages; making them wonderful cooks! My sister Elida knew that I liked home made tortillas, and she would always have some to share during our “talks” or movie time. I spent so much time with my sister that I had my own favorite chair and blanket, Sometimes we would be extravagant and shopping at the grocery store or dollar store. Practically everyone knew where we were, if not at home. We had made plans to visit the museums and botanical garden, but we never went because of the pandemic.*

It is her loving, caring, and unselfish ways that I loved her so much. I am really going to miss you, Elida. There were so many other stories that were left untold. God bless you and your loving family; may you Rest In Peace and be comforted by God’s love. I am not going to say goodbye, because someday we will meet up again! I love you. ❤️🌸🌺🌻🌼

Iris Arredondo - August 14, 2020 at 05:20 AM

FR

Beautiful memories, thanks for sharing.

Francis A Rodriguez - August 14, 2020 at 10:56 AM

NR

Thank you Edie and very well said. Beautiful. ❤️

Nancy Rybczyk - August 14, 2020 at 11:53 AM

IA

“ *Iris Arredondo lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia*



Iris Arredondo - August 14, 2020 at 04:37 AM



“ *Mel, Tae and family. I am so incredibly saddened by the loss of such a wonderful woman. I'm so lucky I had the opportunity to meet her earlier this year and I'll never forget. She was lovely, engaging, vibrant and loving. I know too well the pain of losing a dear and beloved mother. My heart goes out to all of you and to all the people whose lives she touched. There are no words that can express the pain of your loss, instead it is holding her memory in your heart and mind, prayers and hope for personal peace.*

Love and prayers,

Shannon (Grace, Grant and Gabriel) McLaughlin

Shannon McLaughlin - August 13, 2020 at 10:56 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.*



August 13, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ *No Words.*

With Love My Sisters - Glenn

Glenn Harris - August 13, 2020 at 05:55 PM



“ *With Love, Glenn purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.*



With Love, Glenn - August 13, 2020 at 05:54 PM



“ *Nancy and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Your mom was one of the kindest people I have ever known, and I will miss her dearly. She was always so kind to me and Frank, my kids and my mom. I feel so blessed to have known her. Would a beautiful angel that Heaven has gained.*

Liz Escamilla - August 13, 2020 at 05:18 PM

NR

Thank you Liz for the kind words. ❤️

Nancy Rybczyk - August 14, 2020 at 11:54 AM

WT

“ With Love, Tashi purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.



With Love, Tashi - August 13, 2020 at 03:04 PM



“ Mel, Tae, and Family, we are so sorry for the loss of your Mom. I remember the first time meeting her at your house, she treated me like I was one of her kids. She was an angel on earth and now an angel in heaven. Always remember you have your Navy family for comfort and strength. We love you!
Darel, Linda, and Ace!

Whisper “I LOVE YOU” to a butterfly and it will fly to heaven to deliver your message.

Linda Handley - August 13, 2020 at 02:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.



August 13, 2020 at 01:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.*



August 13, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ *Mel, Tae and Family, our hearts are with you during the loss of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia (who I also called Mother). Thank you Mel and Tae for bringing her to Kerrville to celebrate Women Veterans a few years ago. From that moment on, Mother treated me (and Val) like her Family. God has a new and bright angel. We'll miss her but will keep her memory alive. I've heard it said, "Hold tight to memories for comfort, lean on your friends and family for strength, and always remember how much you are loved." We love you! Semper Fidels and Fair Winds and Following Seas! Dr. Betty and Val*



Betty Moseley Brown - August 12, 2020 at 09:53 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences, Gilda and Karmen purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.*



Our deepest condolences, Gilda and Karmen - August 12, 2020 at 09:45 PM



“ *Mel, Tae, and Family: Words can't express how saddened we are to hear of the loss of your beautiful Mother, we wish you peace and strength during this difficult time. "Say not in grief 'she is no more' but in thankfulness that she was." -Hebrew Proverb*

With much love,

Bekki & Mike

Rebecca Meeks - August 12, 2020 at 06:08 PM



“ *Heaven has added an Angel; your Mom was such a beautiful soul. God bless you and your family during this most difficult time.*

Prayers

J. Salas

Nikki Beanz - August 12, 2020 at 03:11 PM

RS

“ *To Robert and your loving family we share our most heartfelt condolences. Even though we haven't seen you in years we have such wonderful memories. Having worked with Ellie as teachers for many years was a great experience. Our prayers are with you all.*
Rosalinda and Rufino Salinas



Rosalinda Salinas - August 12, 2020 at 01:06 PM



“ Our deepest and heartfelt condolences, To Robert and his family. We meet Elida many years back. From the first time we meet her she was a beautiful person and It felt as if we had known each other for the longest time! Elida was welcomeing, encouraging , caring and an all around beautiful person. she loved her pets very much. May you rest in peace with God always. Give our moms and grandma a huge hug for me.

SINCERELY, Richard and Marisela Santos



Marisela Santos - August 12, 2020 at 12:26 PM

FR

“ Ellie was an amazing woman. I truly believe God had placed an angel in our lives. Her selflessness , grace kindness and willingness to forgive were inspirational. My life was forever changed the day I met her. Her example will be the benchmark on how I will aspire to live my life and treat others. I am so grateful and fortunate she was part are my life. I thank our precious lord for every memory and moment I had with her and take great comfort in the knowledge that she enjoys enteral life and has been reunited with family in the kingdom of Heaven.



I will miss you so much Elie. Thank you for everything you gave me I love you ❤️

Francis Rybczyk - August 12, 2020 at 12:18 PM

RR

“ Rogelio and Cynthia Rodriguez purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.



Rogelio and Cynthia Rodriguez - August 12, 2020 at 12:11 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.



August 12, 2020 at 10:54 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.



August 12, 2020 at 09:55 AM



“ Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.



August 12, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.*



August 12, 2020 at 09:23 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.*



August 12, 2020 at 09:06 AM

AO

“Mrs. Garcia, what a precious light of love you held. You were always so kind to me and my family.



You would often call to check on my dog Bear whenever you knew he was sick and offer me encouragement. You would tell me you're praying for him. We'd talk about school and what was going on in education because you knew the strength and courage it took to be a teacher.

I'm so thankful to have known you and your family. When my father passed away in August 2013, you and your family allowed us to stay free of charge at your New Mexico home for Thanksgiving. What a precious gift that was to us. We needed an out of the ordinary Thanksgiving since it was the first one without my dad.

Now, you know in heaven what a beautiful gesture of healing that brought to me and my family. I will NEVER forget your beautiful soul and loving kindness.

Eres un pan del cielo! An angel...my deepest condolences to the family. My mom and I are praying for you.

The matriarch of this beautiful family has made it! She finished the race and is in His beautiful, peaceful, and radiant Glory Light and Love. Amen 🇺🇸🔥❤️🔥❤️👑🍷🍷🍷🌊🌈🌈

Anabelle Ornelas - August 12, 2020 at 12:16 AM

FR

Anabelle

What a beautiful message outlining the her true grace and selflessness. Thank you so much for sharing

Francis Rybczyk - August 12, 2020 at 12:03 PM

IA

Elida, it's Edie, I want to tell you that words can never convey how much I loved you. When I was all alone at my home, you offered me company and movies to sit and talk about life's events. We talked about everything; and you offered me insight as to how you would deal with a problem. I would listen to your talks about the "stories" of the life our family went through in the early days. I learned a lot about our family from those stories. Although I was a little sad that you and our other sister had to give up your school and youth, to help out the family. (That was a different time, and I am glad things have changed) I am really going to miss you! I might be at the store and "accidentally" buy a product or item I think you would want. That's how we always did it; you'd buy something for me, and later I'd get something for you. You were always sharing your food and coffee with me. We had such great times that I am really going to miss. Before I go, I forgot to mention that I painted the little rocking horse, that you bought for the baby, pink; and the baby is finally big enough to enjoy it. She plays with it on the porch all the time. Thanks for everything Elida! I had such a wonderful time with you. Keep all the "additional stories" for me, and we can catch up on them when the Lord says it's time for me. God bless you Elida, and may your family find strength with each other and continue to have peace and tranquillity as they make it through this sad time. I love you and your family always. Until we see other again...❤️🙏🌸🌹🌻🌺🌷

Iris Arredondo - August 13, 2020 at 02:57 AM

NR

Edie this was lovely, thank you.❤️. She loved you so much.

Nancy Rybczyk - August 14, 2020 at 11:58 AM

LS

“ I was Ms. Ellie Garcia's bilingual aide for a couple of years at Hutchins Elementary. I enjoyed working with her in 2nd grade bilingual class. Ellie was a beautiful person with a great sense of humor, very generous, and a remarkable teacher. She always made me laugh, and can't forget her bringing me tacos in the morning either. So many fond memories of her. She will be truly missed by many. My deepest condolences and prayers to the Garcia family. May she RIP.



Lupe Sisco - August 11, 2020 at 10:51 PM

ZG

I worked with Ellie at Hutchins Elementary. The year that I worked with Ellie was my best year at Hutchins. She always made me laugh, there was never a dull moment with Ellie. She was such a beautiful person. May you RIP.

Zenaida Guerra - August 11, 2020 at 11:08 PM

BR

Dear Mrs. García,
I know you are now with our Father! Anytime we had a conversation it was about our Faith. We talked about the power of prayer and being devoted to the Virgen. You were a wonderful person, and you will certainly be missed. Your Prayer Warrior...Blanca Ramírez 🥹🙏 My condolences to Mr. García, Robert, Nancy, and Melinda. May God wrap his arms around all of you.

Blanca Ramirez - August 12, 2020 at 12:33 AM

VM

“ Mrs.gracia is a amazing teacher I had her when I was in 2nd grade she understood every one of her students she also push us to the fullest she also help me when my dad was sick and i was falling behind on my grades also she would visit me sometime when I work at McDonald's and she would tell u can do better and I did i love her advice



vanessa melendrez - August 11, 2020 at 10:38 PM

AL

“ Ann Lawdermilk lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia



Ann Lawdermilk - August 11, 2020 at 09:26 PM

AL

“ There are so many wonderful memories I have of working with Ellie. We shared a love of science and she always let me use her rock collection. She had a wonderful sense of humor and was so very proud of her children and family. A beautiful person inside and out. Sending hugs to all her family. She will be missed by many.

Ann Lawdermilk - August 11, 2020 at 09:25 PM

FS

“ From Bruce and the Am Team @ HD Supply purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.



From Bruce and the Am Team @ HD Supply - August 11, 2020 at 09:20 PM

KA

“ May the constant Love of caring Friends soften your sadness

May Cherished memories bring you moments of Comfort

May lasting Peace surround your grieving heart

Karla - August 11, 2020 at 08:43 PM

KB

“ Karla, Steve, and Drayden Bonet purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.



Karla, Steve, and Drayden Bonet - August 11, 2020 at 08:27 PM

RR

“ I recall the very first time I met Elida Arredondo Garcia. Frances and I arrived at her home & I was overwhelmed with the number of people attending her barbecue. As we approached her, Elida quickly stopped what she was doing, smiled at me, and made me feel like family. Elida demonstrated love of family. She had a great gift of listening to anyone who simply wanted to express an opinion. Elida cared about others.

Raul E. Rodriguez - August 11, 2020 at 08:12 PM

RC

“ Rick and Lydia Cottrell purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.



Rick and Lydia Cottrell - August 11, 2020 at 07:48 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mrs. Elida A. Garcia.



August 11, 2020 at 07:37 PM