



## Elida V. Peña

April 7, 1941 - November 14, 2024

Elida Vargas Peña was born in Odem, Texas on April 7, 1941, and went to be with the Lord on November 14, 2024, at the age of 83. Elida loved her family so much, she was a devoted member of the St. Leonard's Catholic Church where she was an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Guadalupana, administered communion to home bound and was a prayer warrior to many. One of her accomplishments that will live on forever is bringing the Devine Chaplet Mercy in 2001 to her beloved parish after graduating from The Oblate of Theology School. In 2010 she had to turn it over to Mr. and Mrs. George Orta so she could care for her ailing husband. She left behind a beautiful legacy. She loved taking care of children so after her husband retired in the early 1990's from civil service she went to work for several day care centers, and she finally retired from St. Lawrence Day Care Center. In her past time, she enjoyed church trips to San Juan Shrine and Progreso. She was very charismatic and loved praying for people. She visited many prayer groups throughout the surrounding San Antonio area. She loved music, bingo, going to casinos and arts & crafts. She was a fan of the San Antonio Spurs and Dallas Cowboys. She will be dearly missed by those who knew and loved her. She touched so many people's hearts. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband Lawrence G. Peña, Jr., parents Dario Vargas and Simona Barrera, sister Maria Gloria Arias, twin baby boy grandsons and son-in-law Bill Sims, Jr. Survivors include her loving children: Lawrence Adam Peña, Yvonne Marie Salinas (Claudio), JoAnn Sims, Maureen Mona Molina (Daniel), and

Kennith Peña, 13 grandchildren, 24 great grandchildren and other loving family members and friends.

Visitation will begin on Sunday, November 24, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a rosary to begin at 6:30 p.m. at Brookehill Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated on Monday, November 25, 2024, at 12:00 p.m. at St. Leonard's Catholic Church with a procession from the funeral home at 11:30 a.m. Interment will follow at San Jose Burial Park.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the obituary section.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **24.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Holy Rosary

NOV **24.** 6:30 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

NOV **25.** 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Leonard Catholic Church  
8510 S Zarzamora St  
San Antonio, TX 78224

## Interment

NOV **25** (CT)

San Jose Burial Park  
8235 Mission Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 923-0272

# Tribute Wall



“ Gina purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Elida V. Peña.



Gina - November 23, 2024 at 08:57 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elida V. Peña.



November 22, 2024 at 10:34 PM



“ With love, Your EBCG family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Elida V. Peña.

With love, Your EBCG family - November 22, 2024 at 07:19 PM



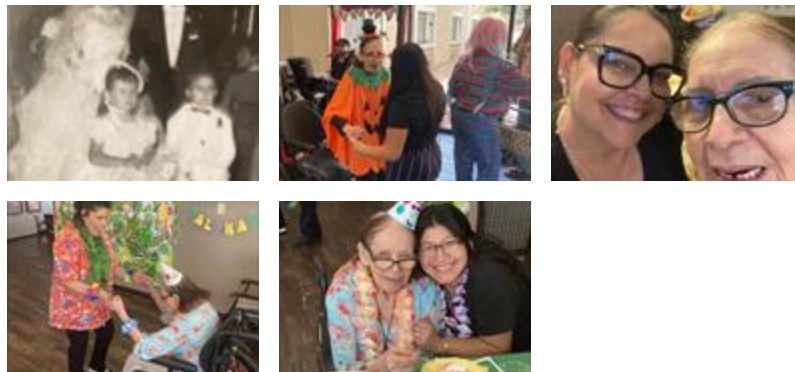
“ With love, Your EBCG family purchased the *Pink Tribute Spray* for the family of Elida V. Peña.



With love, Your EBCG family - November 22, 2024 at 07:19 PM

MM

“ 11 files added to the album Photo's



Maureen Molina - November 21, 2024 at 06:12 PM

RG

*Aww Mrs. Pena what a memorable soul. Was a pleasure working with her she made my day and always made me laugh. She will forever be remembered and greatly missed. My prayers are extended for her family. What a beautiful angel.*

Rosemary Goetz - November 21, 2024 at 11:04 PM

MC

“ Magdalena and Carlos purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Elida V. Peña.



Magdalena and Carlos - November 20, 2024 at 01:21 PM

JL

“ Thank you Elida for all the prayers, for everything you did for me, for you amazing Love, for the time you shared with me, for the laughs, for your contagious spirit. THANK YOU!!! Jose.

Jose Larraga - November 20, 2024 at 01:14 PM

MC

*Thank you Elida for your lively spirit & positive attitude you exhibited to us while on our ACTS retreat!. I loved & admired your energy!*

**Mary Contreras** - November 22, 2024 at 08:36 AM

DM

*“ To my Suegra I will miss the "Gritos" and alarming everyone in the nursing home who didn't know that a "Grito" is a joyful expression. You brought joy to everyone our family. You were the original spiritual leader of the entire family. You taught us to have faith in God and never forget to thank him for our blessings. I'm forever grateful for the time we spent together especially when we picked you up after church and we watched Dallas or the Spurs games. I know you are rejoicing with your husband in heaven. We will miss you very much! " No day shall erase you from the memory of time" Love your Son in law Daniel Molina*

**Daniel Molina** - November 20, 2024 at 01:14 PM

AF

*“ Angela Ford purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Elida V. Peña.*



**Angela Ford** - November 20, 2024 at 12:35 PM

MO

“ *In loving memory of my dearest mother, Elida V. Pena, whose warmth and kindness touched the lives of everyone she met. She was not only my guiding light but also my best friend, a source of unconditional love and support throughout my life. Her laughter filled our home with joy, and her unwavering strength inspired me to face life’s challenges with courage. Though my heart aches with her departure, I find solace in the countless beautiful memories we shared—the gentle lessons, the shared dreams, and the boundless love she always gave so freely. Mom, your spirit will forever live on in my heart, and I promise to honor your legacy by carrying your love and compassion into every day of my life. I know you’re not suffering anymore. Rest peacefully with Dad and your love ones that have gone before you. You are deeply loved and profoundly missed.*

*Love you A/F BFF, Mona* ❤️🥹

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**Mona** - November 20, 2024 at 07:49 AM

SG

*To Mrs. Pena's family, we send our heartfelt condolences to each and every one of you. Mrs. Pena was a prayer warrior and ambassador for our Lord. She was a wonderful friend to our mother, Josie. We was always kind to all of us, Josie's daughters. We enjoyed her visits. We've missed very much since she left the neighborhood. We always think of her. May she rest in peace* ❤️🙏🌸

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**SYLVIA BUITRON GARCIA** - November 24, 2024 at 07:42 PM

SG

*\*She was always kind*

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**SYLVIA BUITRON GARCIA** - November 24, 2024 at 07:44 PM

RA

“ Our deepest Condolences to our family. We are praying for strength, peace and comfort. Aunt is now having a beautiful time with Jesus and her sister Maria Gloria. Aunt was a beautiful soul and was loved by many. God bless our cousins during this very difficult time 🙏❤️



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**Robert and Anna Arias** - November 20, 2024 at 06:25 AM

SP

“ My condolences to Mona and the entire family. Ms. Peña was a joy and full of life at The Enclave. She will be missed dearly. Sylvia P.

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**Sylvia P** - November 19, 2024 at 11:25 PM

DN

“ Mrs Pena was a lot of fun and mostly enjoyed herself while in the nursing home. It was a great joy spending time with her and her family there.

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**D Namdar** - November 19, 2024 at 09:14 PM

TP

“ Mrs. Pena, God rest her soul, whom I have known for approximately 5 years, was a jewel. Her spirit was unmatched. She loved to sing, she loved to dance, she loved to dress, she loved to tell stories, she loved to pray. She loved life, she loved people, she loved her family, and more than anything else, she loved God. She brought such joy to my life and to the life of many others. She was a strong woman, a caring woman, a loving woman, a mischievous woman who loved to tell funny stories. I loved Mrs. Pena, and will keep her in my spirit and in my heart always. I will channel her energy, whenever I am down, because she knew how to encourage others. She will absolutely be missed. Yes, she was a Jewel of a person, and I know she is smiling with the Lord right now. May her Family carry on as she would want them to, and live their lives with her energy and spirit guiding them. I am sad that she is no longer with us, but I am extremely grateful to God, that I got to Know her. Thank you God, and thank you to her entire family, for sharing this Amazing woman, with the rest of us. May she, forever, rest in power.

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**Toni Pillot** - November 19, 2024 at 05:56 PM

LL

“ Love Chris and Ann Locha purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elida V. Peña.



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**Love Chris and Ann Locha** - November 19, 2024 at 04:44 PM