



Elizabeth Valenzuela Lopez

May 12, 1948 - May 28, 2025

Elizabeth Valenzuela Lopez, of San Antonio, Texas, passed away peacefully on May 28, 2025, at the age of 77, surrounded by her beloved family, after a lengthy battle with chronic kidney disease.

Born on May 12, 1948, in Marfa, Texas, Elizabeth was the cherished daughter of the late Ramon Quiroz Valenzuela and Elizabeth Robinson Valenzuela. She is survived by her sister Yolanda Garza, her late brother Raymond Valenzuela, her devoted husband Lee Ramon Lopez, her daughter Stephanie L. Keller, her son Aaron L. Lopez, her son Paul M. Lopez, her granddaughter Rachel E. Keller, and her grandson Lee R. Keller.

At a young age, Elizabeth's family relocated to San Antonio, where she pursued her education at Storm Elementary, Lowell Middle School, and Luther Burbank High School. She later earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education from Southwest Texas University and Our Lady of the Lake University. During this time, she married the love of her life, Lee R. Lopez on June 11, 1972. Together, they built a beautiful life, raising their children.

Elizabeth dedicated her career to uplifting Hispanic children and mothers in her community, working as an educator in several elementary schools. Her

passion led her to Avance, Inc., an organization devoted to empowering low-income Hispanic families through education and family support. Through her work with the organization and the Avance Ladies Group, she helped countless mothers and children, contributing to Avance's growth across Texas and into California.

She was a devoted member of the St. Gregory The Great Catholic Church, an active participant in her children's school PTAs, the Robert E. Lee High School Band Parent Organization, and a proud member of the Luther Burbank High School Class Reunion Committee for over 55 years. She also found joy traveling alongside her husband, a Navy Hospital Corpsman, visiting military bases across the United States, as well as exploring Canada, Mexico, and England—until health concerns led to her early retirement.

Elizabeth was a radiant light in the lives of her family and community. She loved her family, parents, friends and co-workers in such a way that she will most certainly not be forgotten. Her love, kindness, and unwavering support touched all who knew her. She will be deeply missed.

May Elizabeth rest in peace.

Visitation will begin at 4:00 P.M. followed by the Rosary at 6:00 P.M. on Sunday, June 8, 2025 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. On Monday, June 9, 2025 the Funeral Mass will begin at 10:00 A.M. on at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, 600 Dewhurst. A Reception will follow at the Church. The Graveside Service will follow at 1:45 P.M. at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, Shelter 5, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 8. 4:00 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 8. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
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Funeral Mass

JUN 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church
700 Dewhurst Rd
San Antonio, TX 78213-3416
(210) 342-5271

Tribute Wall

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“ Prayers for the family. Liz was our mom Gloria’s cousin. Liz was the best always stopping to visit my Granny and Papa in Marfa with Lee. Liz, you will be missed however not forgotten. I always appreciated you including our family!



Cynthia M Ray (Velasco Gonzales Cortez) - June 09, 2025 at 11:31 PM

LB

I just learned of Liz’s passing today. What a beautiful soul she possessed! She was so devoted to the Avance program and our sweet moms! I am proud to call her my friend and will cherish her memory. My condolences to Lee and the family.

Linda Branim - June 11, 2025 at 08:41 PM

AP

“ My deepest sympathy to the family. Mrs. Lopez was a very special lady. She had a beautiful heart, always so giving and so kind. She will never be forgotten. May she rest in peace. Sincerely, Alma Pena

Alma Pena - June 08, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Valenzuela Lopez.



June 07, 2025 at 06:16 PM

AA

“ Our Heartfelt Condolences to the Family of our Sweet & Dearest Friend, Liz Lopez. You were a beautiful Light & Sweet soul that only brought Joy whenever you were present. We will always cherish your kindness & thoughtfulness you showed Abel&I, we truly will miss you💔 May her memory be for a blessing. May her departure be in peace; perfect peace & rest and may her soul be in the ascend to the highest places of heaven. May you, the Family, know no more sorrow, no more loss or pain. Be comforted that she no longer suffers & we will all meet her once again...🙏🕯️🌹



Abel & Connie Arellano - June 07, 2025 at 08:50 AM

MM

My deepest condolences to Lee and his family.
May you find peace in Elizabeth's memories!
Smile when you think of her, she will always smiling back at you!
—Mary Esther (Ramos) Muniz

Mary Esther (Ramos) Muniz - June 12, 2025 at 08:12 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - June 06, 2025 at 12:16 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Valenzuela Lopez.



June 06, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ Giuliana and London purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Elizabeth Valenzuela Lopez.



Giuliana and London - June 05, 2025 at 06:24 PM



“ Tony and Valerie Johnson purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Elizabeth Valenzuela Lopez.



Tony and Valerie Johnson - June 05, 2025 at 06:21 PM



“ Lijana Wallenda purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Elizabeth Valenzuela Lopez.



Lijana Wallenda - June 05, 2025 at 03:34 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth Valenzuela Lopez.*



June 05, 2025 at 02:55 PM