



## Elva R. Cavazos

March 17, 1940 - September 11, 2024

Elva R. Cavazos went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, at the age of 84. She was born on March 17, 1940, in San Antonio, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her husband Danny F. Cavazos; parents Olivia V. Rodriguez and Jose E. Rodriguez; father-in-law Atanacio (Friday) Cavazos, and mother-in-law Gertrude (Vita) Cavazos, stepson Danny F. Cavazos Jr.; brothers J. Rodolfo (Rudy-Buffalo) V. Rodriguez and Albert V. Rodriguez; sister-in-law Dora Elia Rodriguez and nieces Elizabeth Rodriguez and Tina Cavazos Schul (Randy).

She is survived by her daughter Linda Cavazos Pursel and her son-in-law Anthony M. Pursel and stepdaughter Ella Gatchell; brother Ernest V. Rodriguez; grandson Steven Jon Gatchell; great-grandsons Micah Gatchell and James Gatchell; sisters-in-law Irene Rodriguez and Susan Cavazos; brother-in-law Edward (Boogie) Cavazos; nieces Ruth Ann Rodriguez and Gina Rodriguez (Tim); nephews Rojelio (Roger) Rodriguez, Ernest (Ernie) Rodriguez Jr. (Lisa), James Cavazos (Misty), Johnny Cavazos (Shawna), and Randy Schul (Tina); great-nieces Jessica Rodriguez (Victor), Lisa R. Fabela (Andy), Valerie Cisneros (Anthony), Victoria Lynn Lopez-Hollis (Sean), Kayla Comeaux (Marcus), Alyssa Cavazos, Carley Cavazos, Lindsey Cavazos, Madison Cavazos, Mackenna Cavazos and Kennidy Cavazos; great-nephews

Tristan Cavazos and Connor Cavazos along with numerous great-great-nephews and nieces, cousins, relatives, and friends.

Elva will be deeply missed and never forgotten.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 19, 2024, beginning with a Family Viewing at 4:00 p.m. and General Viewing starting at 5:00 p.m. There will be a Memorial Tribute beginning at 6:00 p.m., featuring Pianist Edward Travi' and a video presentation, Eulogy and shared memories or stories are welcomed, followed by a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. On Friday, September 20, 2024, Family and Friends are welcome to meet at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South at 8:30 a.m. for a final viewing and proceed to St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church for Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at Mission Burial Park South.

Following the interment there will be a catered Fellowship Meal for Family and Friends at Harmony Baptist Church Fellowship Hall (12088 Old Corpus Christi Hwy, San Antonio, TX 78223).

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
<http://www.missionparks.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
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## Memorial Tribute

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## Rosary

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## Funeral Mass

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SEP **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church  
1314 Fair Ave  
San Antonio, TX 78223

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Elva R. Cavazos*



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - September 20, 2024 at 11:57 AM

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**Linda Cavazos** - September 22, 2024 at 09:32 PM

PB

“ *Our prayers and condolences are with the family.*

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**Paul and Theresa Barrera** - September 20, 2024 at 11:05 AM

GA

“ *Condolence to you and your family Linda from Gilbert, Hilda, Edna & Mikayla. Love you.*



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**Gilbert Gilly Adame** - September 19, 2024 at 10:56 AM

DD

“ *I'll always have a fond memory of my first time meeting Elva many years ago and how welcomed I felt in her home and visiting the farm for the first time. Dawn Dilger*

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**Dawn Dilger** - September 17, 2024 at 09:22 PM

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“ *Dawn Dilger purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Elva R. Cavazos.*



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**Dawn Dilger** - September 17, 2024 at 09:05 PM

EZ

“ *Ella Gatchell and Mark Zeiher purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elva R. Cavazos.*



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**Ella Gatchell and Mark Zeiher** - September 17, 2024 at 08:48 PM

JM

“ *James and Misty purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Elva R. Cavazos.*



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**James and Misty** - September 16, 2024 at 10:37 PM

KB

“ *Kirsten Batchelder purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Elva R. Cavazos.*



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**Kirsten Batchelder** - September 16, 2024 at 10:25 PM

DF

“ *Donny & Jennifer Schumann & Ibrom Family purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Elva R. Cavazos.*



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**Donny & Jennifer Schumann & Ibrom Family** - September 16, 2024 at 08:01 PM

EL

“ Edwin & Melissa Lewalski purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elva R. Cavazos.



Edwin & Melissa Lewalski - September 16, 2024 at 07:43 PM

LG

“ Love Billie Griesenbeck purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Elva R. Cavazos.



Love Billie Griesenbeck - September 16, 2024 at 03:40 PM

JG

“ My deepest condolences to all Cavazos family members. Elva was such a wonderful person! A joy to be around and a ray of sunshine. May he perpetual light shine upon her. Love and hugs. 🙏🙏🙏🙏🙏



Jeanette Geyer - September 16, 2024 at 03:22 PM



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September 16, 2024 at 03:07 PM

IR

“ *My dearest Elva may you rest in peace. You will always be missed by all who knew you. Love you*

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**Irma Rodriguez** - September 16, 2024 at 01:26 AM