



## Emma E. Vidal

August 8, 1929 - April 1, 2018

Emma Esther Vidal surrounded by her loving husband Henry Vidal and family passed peacefully into the arms of the Lord on April 1, 2018, of natural causes. A visitation and remembrance will be at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North; 3401 Cherry Ridge St, San Antonio, TX on April 6, 2018, at 9:00 am with the interment at San Fernando Cemetery No2 immediately thereafter.

Emma was born an only child in San Antonio on the 8th day of August 1929. She was preceded in death by her parents, Angela Villarreal Flores, and Manuel M. Flores. A lifelong resident of San Antonio, she graduated from Brackenridge High School and San Antonio College. Emma Esther married Richard A. Reyes, Sr. in 1949, and the marriage produced four surviving children; Linda S. Reyes, Richard A. "Rick Reyes, II (Janet), Patricia A. "Pat" Smith (James), and Raymond R. "Ray" Reyes (Trish). Her grandchildren survive Emma; Traci Roberts, Mathew "Matt" Roberts, Richard A. "Tater" Reyes, III (Amanda). Angela "Angie" Reyes preceded her in death. She also leaves behind many great-grandchildren. Widowed at an early age, Emma raised her four children to adults and cared for her mother Angela until her mother's death.

Emma began her professional career with the National Bank of Commerce (NBC), San Antonio and became NBC's very first Hispanic female bank

officer. Acquired by Nations Bank, Emma retired with over 40 years in private banking and securities business finishing her career as a Senior Vice President with the Laredo National Bank, San Antonio now BBVA.

Henry Vidal, Emma's husband of 47 years, was a high school chum of Emma Flores' at Brackenridge High School during the World War II years. Lost to each other for 20 years and with a chance meeting at NBC, Henry rekindled his friendship, with then Emma Reyes. Both Single, a whirlwind courtship and marriage followed in 1970. Henry's children; Henry "Hank" Vidal (Nancy), Paul Vidal (Sharron), and Norma Vidal were joined, as one dear family.

Emma was an avid volunteer and was an active board member of The Texas Business and Professional Women's Club, and The National Association of Bank Women. She contributed to San Antonio and South Texas through her work with the Guadalupe Community Center and the Sarabia Community Family Life Center. She also participated in memberships with The International Good Neighbor's Council and The Starlite Club. An accomplished artist, Emma studied extensively at The McNay Institute. Her oil on canvass creations adorns many a stately home in Mexico. Emma enjoyed life at their vacation home on Lake LBJ while teaching the grandkids to fish while Henry barbequed the best brisket and chicken on the planet. Emma and Henry enjoyed traveling throughout the US, Canada, Mexico, and Europe. If there was an event that included dancing, you were sure to find Henry and Emma there dancing the night away. It was in her last 47 years that Emma discovered her true love and soul mate in San Antonio Fire Captain, Henry Vidal.

Emma was a sustaining contributor to Shriners Hospitals for Children, and instead of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children Transportation Fund: 901 N. Loop 1604 West; San Antonio, Texas 78232 or by calling 210-496-1625 or by going online to <https://www.shrinersho>

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# Cemetery Details

## San Fernando II

746 Castroville Rd  
San Antonio, TX, TX 78237

# Previous Events

## Remembrance

APR 6. 9:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

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