



## Ernestine "Tina" Rivas

April 19, 1946 - August 7, 2020

On the afternoon of August 7, 2020 our beloved mother Ernestine "Tina" Rivas entered eternal rest after a battle with COVID 19. She was born April 19, 1946 to Maria De Jesus Lopez and Ernestino Hernandez in San Antonio, Texas. Mary's sister Irene and husband raised Tina and made sure that she maintained a relationship with her mother Mary and her siblings that were conceived later in life.

Tina's childhood was full of happiness and filled with great memories of family and friends. While in middle school she met Abel O. Garcia and they dated through high school. Tina would graduate in May of 1965 from Edgewood High School in San Antonio and 2 years later marry Abel in November of 1968. On June 22, 1970 they welcomed their first-born Yvonne Michelle Garcia and on June 21, 1974 they welcomed their 2nd born Sandra Irene Garcia into this world. Tina and Abel would later part ways.

Tina met Martin Rivas and they were married on January 28, 1990. For the past 30 plus years they were each other's "soulmates; the love of each other's life" who always put God first and sought his guidance in all their life decisions. Together they formed a blended family with his 3 daughters Cynthia, Rachel, Denise, and son Marty and her daughters Yvonne and Sandra. The family also consisted over time of a total of 8 furry babies who required all of mama and papa's attention, they included Chuy, Macie, Daisy, Lillie, Max, Jefe, Chiquito, and Chiquita.

Through the years Tina worked as a personal shopper, secretary,

administrative assistant, realtor, entrepreneur and the most important of all, a full-time mom. Her passions were shopping, traveling and collecting everything and anything. She touched many lives with her generosity and spreading the word of Jesus, that is how she started and ended almost every conversation, friend or someone she just met.

She is preceded in death by her mothers' Maria De Jesus Lopez and Irene Montalbo, father Ernestino Hernandez, two brothers, Thomas Ramirez and Joe Lopez, sister, MaryAnn Villela and most recently the love of her life Martin Rivas. She is survived by her daughters Yvonne Garcia (Teresa Heining) and Sandra Alexander (James Alexander). Step- daughters, Cynthia Torres (David Torres), Rachel Spears (Arthur Spears), Denise Martinez (Tony Martinez) and stepson Marty Rivas. 11 grandchildren, Skyler, Javen, David, Kimberly, Destiny, Ceptember, Matthew, Maria, AJ, Brittany, Marisa and 8 great grandchildren. Tina is survived by 4 sisters (Viola (Daryl Allen), Lily (Tootie), Gracie, and Alice (Richard Terrazas) and 2 brothers (Daniel (Sandy Ramirez) and Ruben (Esther Lopez). She also leaves behind tons of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Family and friends are invited to come pay their respect at the visitation on August 24 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Mission Park North located at 3401 Cherry Ridge San Antonio, Texas 78230. Tuesday August 25 at 11:30am visitation and 12:30pm – 1:30pm chapel service. Graveside will be at Fort Sam National Cemetery at 2:30.

“Who do I leave you with? Our response- Jesus, “Amen!!!”

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG **24**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North  
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78230

## Chapel Service

AUG **25**. 12:30 PM (CT)

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

## Graveside Service

AUG **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209



# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Ernestine "Tina" Rivas*



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - August 24, 2020 at 04:54 PM

IH

“ *Irene Lopez Heredia lit a candle in memory of Ernestine "Tina" Rivas*



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**Irene Lopez Heredia** - August 24, 2020 at 08:04 PM

IH

“ *My childhood "Big Sis" my very dear cousin - I'll cherish all the memories we've made throughout our lives .. I'll miss your sweet heart of gold and your beautiful smile and sense of humor .. you had nothing but love in your heart and I will miss you much .. I know I'll see you again so until that day Fly High Sis ❤️*

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**Irene Lopez Heredia** - August 24, 2020 at 08:04 PM

DR

“ Daniel Ramirez lit a candle in memory of Ernestine "Tina" Rivas



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Daniel Ramirez - August 23, 2020 at 07:48 AM

SR

“ Sandy Ramirez lit a candle in memory of Ernestine "Tina" Rivas



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Sandy Ramirez - August 22, 2020 at 11:32 AM

SR

“ Tina , I am so sad to have lost you . You have always given me so much advice and comfort . You have spiritually brought me closer to God. And for that I thank you so much. You always tell me I am your sister even though we were sister in laws. I admire you for the person you were and I am happy for you to see the face of Jesus and have eternal life and peace with God. You will never be forgotten. I know you and Martin are dancing in Heaven with no more pain. xoxoxo

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Sandy Ramirez - August 22, 2020 at 11:27 AM

SA

“ Mother ... I'm trying my best to stay strong and not cry for you but this hurts so much. Losing you has changed my life forever. I know I have to stop being selfish needing you because God needed you more. He took all your pain away and blessed you with eternal life in Heaven . I believe your dancing with Dad again and watching over all of us . I can't wait to see you again ... I'm gonna trust in God to give me strength and continue to make you proud of me... I love you and miss you so much 🥹 mom who do I leave you with? YES JESUS .. Amen 🙏



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sandra alexander - August 21, 2020 at 07:09 PM