



## Estella Louise Valdez

November 25, 1968 - September 25, 2023

Our beautiful sunflower went to be with the Lord on September 25, 2023, at the age of 54. She passed away at home with her dog, Comanche, by her side.

Estella L. Valdez was born in San Antonio, Texas on November 25, 1968, to Edward and Eloiza Valdez. She grew up in the southside attending Carroll Bell Elementary School, Terrell Wells Middle School and graduated from McCollum High School in 1987. She attended college at Southwest Texas State (SWT) where she graduated in 1992. She was also known as Mrs. Mosqueda to her students and co-workers at Vestal Elementary School where she taught for 29 years until she retired in 2021. Not only was she a teacher in the classroom, but she was a teacher to all about saving Mother Earth. She was a big advocate for always recycling and composting when you can. Also, she worked as a Mary Kay consultant to help empower her fellow sisters about feeling good and beautiful in their own skin. Her love for animals was known by all as she had many pet dogs, a cat, and a rabbit.

Estella will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. She is preceded in death by her grandparents, Fransico P. and Elena G. Martinez of Poteet, Texas, Manuel P. and Sofia Cantu Leal of Pleasanton, Texas, and Refugio Valdez. Survivors include her parents Edward D. and Eloiza M. Valdez, sister Emma Valdez Martinez (Joe) and brother Edward Valdez (Victoria). Although

she never had any children of her own, she is survived by many nieces, nephews and countless others who claimed her as a parent or aunt. Also, she leaves behind extended family in Michigan, Florida, Ecuador, and San Angelo, Texas including her Godparents Richard and Antonia (Toni) Gonzales.

Visitation will begin on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. with a rosary to begin at 6:30 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with a procession from the funeral home. Interment will be held at a later date due to her request for cremation.

A huge thank you to Texas Oncology Group on Research Drive, including her Oncologist Dr. Antonio Santillan-Gomez for all their support and help through her journey. Estella was one of a kind and her legacy was to help aid uterine sarcoma research by getting genetic testing done on this rare cancer. Estella asked that in place of sending flowers please donate to cancer research for Uterine Sarcoma or to the San Antonio Humane Society.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary

OCT 10. 6:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Mass

OCT 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
236 E. Petaluma  
San Antonio, TX 78221

# Tribute Wall

CA

“ My 2nd grade teacher ...I leave my condolences to your family. She was a good teacher and also always gave life lessons . I remember one of the books we read “one grain of rise “. Taught us to wise .

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**Carlos Arias** - March 27, 2025 at 07:17 AM

AG

“ We are so sorry for your loss. When a loved one passes away, it is so very difficult, and even more so when it is unexpected, or when a person is young. Please know you all are in our thoughts and prayers, may your wonderful memories of Estella and the love within the circle of family & friends give you courage & strength to endure. With much love, Carolyn, Angela, Joshua & Norma Gonzales & family.

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**ANGELA GONZALES** - October 10, 2023 at 07:02 PM

FM

“ *My dear cousin you will be missed so much. I took it for granted that we would all grow old together and have plenty of time in our sunset years to get together and reminisce about the past with the many memories that we shared.*

*I know, for a true fact, that you are in a much better place. You no longer hurt and you are fully restored. I know that the dear LORD, JESUS had HIS arms wide opened for you, as you crossed into eternal rest. I also know that Grandpa, Grandma Kanani, and all those family members that preceded you where there to welcome you home.*

*My dear cousin please watch down over us. Please hug everyone for me. You were taken way too soon but GOD has a plan and I know you are happy. Great job faithful servant, enjoy your new wings. Bye for now until we see each other in the GRAND REUNION.*

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**Frank Martinez** - October 08, 2023 at 03:00 PM

JM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**J. Mosqueda** - October 06, 2023 at 08:03 PM

JM

“ 1 file added to the album Bobcat Pride



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**J. Mosqueda** - October 03, 2023 at 10:39 AM

AM

“ *As one of her fellow teachers... I was so saddened to hear of her passing. I know she now reigns with our Lord never to have to experience pain or suffering again. For her, I am happy, but for all of us left behind she will be greatly missed. I worked with Stella for 20+ years until I retired. We worked across the hall from one another for quite a while, and I'll never forget her precious giggles. I could always count on her to laugh at one of my silly jokes or stories. She was so positive even when things weren't going, so great. I couldn't think of a more appropriate word to describe Stella than a sunflower. She was certainly that for me, and I'm sure her students and colleagues at Vestal. God bless you sweet friend. Until we meet up again...*

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**Anita Mathison** - September 30, 2023 at 05:55 AM

JM

“ 1 file added to the album Bobcat Pride



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**J. Mosqueda** - September 29, 2023 at 05:23 PM

JM

“ *Juan Mosqueda lit a candle in memory of Estella Louise Valdez*



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**Juan Mosqueda** - September 29, 2023 at 11:25 AM

JO

“ *Our condolences to her family. It was a pleasure to work with her at Vestal. The smile she always wore will always be remembered.*

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**Jessica Ozuna** - September 28, 2023 at 08:57 PM

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**Jessica Ozuna** - September 28, 2023 at 08:55 PM

JM

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**J.R. Mosqueda** - September 28, 2023 at 06:04 PM

AE

“ I really enjoyed working with Stella at Vestal. She had a beautiful personality. When we saw each other we would always stop and chat. Always remember that she is very happy in heaven with our Lord and all her grandparents. I will keep all of you in my prayers.

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**Alice Espinosa** - September 27, 2023 at 09:03 PM

JL

“ Our thoughts and prayers to the family. John & Tori Leal

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**John Leal** - September 27, 2023 at 07:28 PM

YM

“ YOLANDA MORALES lit a candle in memory of Estella Louise Valdez



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**YOLANDA MORALES** - September 27, 2023 at 12:13 PM