



Esther C. Garcia

June 1, 1930 - June 25, 2022

Esther was born on June 1, 1930 in Villa Union, Coahualia, Mexico to Andres Contreras Alcala and Santos Garza de Contreras. She was the oldest of 5 children. She grew up in Mexico where she met and married Jose Lara Garcia. They married on April 1, 1948. Their first daughter Gloria soon followed. Esther and Jose migrated with their new “green cards” to Texas in 1949. Their family continued to grow. Three sons and three more daughters were born to Esther and Jose: Guillermo, Leonor; Jose Andres, Maria de la Luz, Ricardo David, and Perla Dora.

Esther was a busy stay at home mom, and she still found time to volunteer at the Bethania Mission in Devine Texas where she served as church treasurer, leader of the women’s group and as a Sunday School teacher. She began a class to teach the children at church how to read Spanish.

Esther and Jose moved to Garden City, Texas in 1966. There she became an active member of the First Baptist Church of Garden City. Esther and Jose were pillars of the community and established a Baptist mission in Garden City for the Spanish speaking population. After Jose and Esther retired, they moved to San Antonio, Texas.

Esther became a proud United States citizen on January 7, 1976.

In her later years, Esther loved to visit with her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed traveling. She traveled to Arizona, Arkansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Utah, Mexico, and Costa Rica. She enjoyed playing games, doing jig saw puzzles and watching her “novelas.” She served as a source of

spiritual strength and guidance for her family.

Esther is survived by her children: Gloria Garcia of Austin, Texas; Guillermo (Willie) and wife Gloria of Devine, Texas; Dr. Leonor (Leo) and husband Silverio (Sil) Ornelas of Floresville, Texas; Jose Andres (Joe) and wife Holly of Annapolis, Maryland; Maria de la Luz Stites of San Antonio, Texas; Ricardo David (Ricky) of Waco, Texas; and Perla Dora and husband Joseph (Joe) Blydenburgh of San Antonio, Texas. Esther is also survived by several grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Visitation will be on Friday, July 1, 2022 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a Prayer Service to begin at 6:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral Service will be on Saturday, July 2, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at Mission Park South. Interment to follow at Mission Burial Park South.

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Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 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/>

Prayer Service

JUL 1. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
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(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

JUL 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GG

“ My mom was a woman of faith, loved her family and friends, enjoyed food, and she was accepting of others.

Gloria Garcia - July 03, 2022 at 07:48 PM

RE

“ Esther was only in my life for a moment but she affected it for a lifetime. She will always be the “mom” I wished could have been mine.

“Our death is not an end if we can live on in our children and the younger generation. For they are us; our bodies are only wilted leaves on the tree of life” Albert Einstein.

Robert Edgmon - July 01, 2022 at 02:44 PM

JO

“ Jay and Quang Ornelas purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Esther C. Garcia.



Jay and Quang Ornelas - June 30, 2022 at 02:15 PM

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“ Jay and Quang Ornelas purchased the Heart's Companion Bouquet for the family of Esther C. Garcia.



Jay and Quang Ornelas - June 30, 2022 at 02:13 PM

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“ I have such fond memories of Mrs. Garcia. Gloria and I were roommates for over six years. She and Mary are like sisters to me. Every summer, Mrs. Garcia would come and spend a week or two with us. She was a sweet and kind woman who had a delightful sense of humor. We would play cards and go swimming. Her beautiful and easy going manner always reminded me of my mom which made her even more endearing to me.

Although she will be missed greatly by her family and friends, knowing she is with our Lord rejoicing is comforting. She has passed on a legacy of love and an unfailing trust and confidence in the Lord to her children, grandchildren and friends.

I am blessed to have known Mrs. Garcia and her loving family and thank God for their friendship and love.

Olivia Bayarena - June 30, 2022 at 01:09 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Esther C. Garcia.



June 30, 2022 at 10:24 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Esther C. Garcia.



June 30, 2022 at 08:15 AM