



## Esther C. Hinojosa

February 6, 1933 - October 20, 2021

Esther Cantu Hinojosa, age 88 passed away on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 in San Antonio, Texas after a long illness. Esther was born on February 6, 1933 in Realitos, Texas to Toribio and Isabel Cantu. Esther was an amazing wife, mother, daughter, grandmother, sister and friend who will be remembered as having a heart of gold and being a giver of love and joy. The joy of the Lord was always Esther's strength. She was strong, selfless, positive and her presence could light up any room.

Esther Hinojosa grew up on a dairy and cattle ranch outside the small South Texas town of Realitos. She graduated from Benavides High School. Esther was a beautiful woman with a vibrant personality, a contagious laugh, a lighthearted spirit, and a beautiful smile who loved the Lord with all of her heart. If you were ever lucky enough to spend time with her your life would be changed forever.

Esther married the love of her life Andres Hinojosa Jr. They were married 41 years before his death in 1995. Together they raised their three children Esther Edna, David Andres, and Delina Velda. As a team they owned and operated "Hinojosa Food Store" a convenience store and the first automotive parts retailer in Hebronville, Texas where they enjoyed dealing with the public. In addition to a convenience store and reflective of their entrepreneurial spirit, Esther and Andres opened the original recording studio

in Hebronville, Texas. Tape recordings of both 4-track and 8-track formats were produced for musical groups from both Texas and various parts of Mexico. Also reflective of her hard work ethics and fortitude, Esther actually operated the family business on her own for close to two years while Andres furthered his education out of state. Later, Esther and the family relocated to Crystal City, Texas and eventually settled in San Antonio, Texas. In Crystal City, Esther was employed as a Guidance Counselor. She counseled troubled teens and unwed mothers. Esther was also employed as a special education teacher assistant for the San Antonio Independent School District for over 30 years. Her love, patience and personality allowed her to work with special needs children. In addition, she was an ordained minister. Her past times included visiting with friends and family in person and on the phone, attending church, embroidery, reading, exercising and tending to her beautiful garden.

Esther Hinojosa is loved, cherished and survived by many including her children Esther Edna Gonzalez (Roberto Jr.) of Victoria, TX, David Andres Hinojosa (Jeanette) of Mesa, AZ, Delina Velda Montgomery, of San Antonio, TX, her eight grandchildren and her four great grandchildren. She is also survived by her two sisters Olga Elizondo and Nelda Colmenero, her caregiver, Loly Perez and numerous in-laws, nieces and nephews. Esther is preceded in death by her siblings Dora Garcia, Leonila Rubio, Noe Cantu, Toribio Cantu Jr., Louis Cantu, Humberto Cantu and Homero Rey Cantu and her son-in-law Tom Montgomery.

Esther Hinojosa's family would like to sincerely thank her caregiver, Loly Perez, who provided her with unconditional love and excellent care for over 5 years. A special thank you to Maria Lopez, Karen Robinson and Avelina Estrada Martinez for the excellent care they provided as well. Additionally, the family would like to offer special thanks to Shawn Mollica PA at Dearwood Family Practice. Most importantly, we would like to thank our sister, Delina Montgomery, for the many years of love, caring and support she provided for

our mother.

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the family would like to take safety precautions. We ask that everyone wear a mask and practice social distancing. There will be limited seating and unfortunately no reception following the services. In honor of the family's wishes and for everyone's safety, we ask that you please follow these requests. Thank you in advance.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

NOV 12. 3:00 PM (CT)

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

## Interment

NOV 12 (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *She was very nice and always generous, lost touch with her. my condolences & prayers for her family...* ”

Andrea Mendez - August 11, 2022 at 09:22 PM



“ *Isabella Hinojosa lit a candle in memory of Esther C. Hinojosa* ”



Isabella Hinojosa - November 12, 2021 at 10:47 PM



“ *Christina Durben lit a candle in memory of Esther C. Hinojosa* ”



Christina Durben - November 12, 2021 at 11:07 AM



“ *Durben Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Esther C. Hinojosa.* ”



Durben Family - November 12, 2021 at 10:50 AM

DM

“ 17 files added to the tribute wall

Delina Montgomery - November 12, 2021 at 09:42 AM

IH

“ Love you Gran and I miss you more

Isabella Hinojosa - November 12, 2021 at 01:31 AM

IH

“ Isabella Hinojosa lit a candle in memory of  
Esther C. Hinojosa



Isabella Hinojosa - November 12, 2021 at 01:30 AM

IH

“ I miss you so much Gran, you were the best grandma i could have  
asked for. I will forever cherish the many memories I have with you.  
I love you so much Gran. This isn't goodbye, ill see you later in  
heaven.  
Love,  
Your Precious Baby

Isabella Hinojosa - November 12, 2021 at 01:29 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the  
family of Esther C. Hinojosa.



November 11, 2021 at 12:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Esther C. Hinojosa*.



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November 10, 2021 at 08:12 PM



“ *Edna Gonzalez lit a candle in memory of Esther C. Hinojosa*



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**Edna Gonzalez** - November 10, 2021 at 03:07 PM



“ *Pretty Please* was purchased for the family of *Esther C. Hinojosa*.



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November 10, 2021 at 02:17 PM



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



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November 10, 2021 at 12:54 PM

CG

“ Our deepest sympathy to Edna, David, and Delina and your families during this sad time. Your Mother always offered a kind word and had a beautiful smile. She was a lovely lady. She will be missed. All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Cathy & Rick Gonzalez*

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**Cathy Gonzalez** - November 10, 2021 at 10:48 AM

KR

“ *Karen Robinson lit a candle in memory of Esther C. Hinojosa*



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**Karen Robinson** - November 09, 2021 at 08:58 PM

CH

“ *I Love you grandma*



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**christian** - November 09, 2021 at 03:20 PM



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



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November 09, 2021 at 03:11 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Esther C. Hinojosa.*



November 09, 2021 at 12:32 PM



“ *Jack lit a candle in memory of Esther C. Hinojosa*



**jack** - November 09, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Esther C. Hinojosa.*



November 08, 2021 at 11:46 PM



“ *Regina Dorfmeister lit a candle in memory of Esther C. Hinojosa*



**Regina Dorfmeister** - November 08, 2021 at 07:58 AM

RD

“ Oh, thinkin' about all our younger years  
There was only you and me  
We were young and wild and free  
Now nothin' can take you away from me...  
My memories and the place in my heart  
Will stay until we meet again ! My sincere condolences for a loss on  
this earth waiting for  
us for eternity! I love and I will miss your laughter, but your guidance  
and good judgment. But your integrity will always carry me!  
Until then ...

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**Regina Dorfmeister** - November 08, 2021 at 07:54 AM

KR

“ My sincere condolences to Delina and her family. I love Queen  
Esther like as if she was my own mother. I have fond memories of  
singing and dancing with her and lastly reading the Bible to her. She  
was beautiful inside and out. She will be greatly missed. I look  
forward to reuniting with her in Heaven one day. I love you Queenie  
you will always be in my thoughts and prayers. I know you are in  
Heaven singing and dancing with your beautiful smile.  
Karen

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**Karen Robinson** - November 06, 2021 at 06:08 PM

MG

I knew Queen Esther and was a pleasure to know her. Met her at The  
Teacup in Nixon Texas. This was their meeting place to Eat. I enjoyed  
their company. We went to her 85th Birthday Party and had a  
wonderful time. It was such a pleasure to have known her and the  
Family.

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**maria c gonzales** - November 09, 2021 at 11:50 AM

MH

“ *My heartfelt condolences to all the family. May the Lord bless all of you during these times. She was a wonderful person and cousin. We enjoyed a lot of laughs together and some wonderful times. May she rest in peace.*

*Margie Hernandez  
San Antonio, Texas*

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**Margie Hernandez** - October 24, 2021 at 05:36 PM

JS

“ *Delina, Edna, David & family  
My deepest sympathy and heartfelt condolences on the loss of your mother.  
I offer my prayers to the Lord for His blessings of comfort, peace and strength for you during this difficult time. ~ Jack*

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**Jack Saenz** - October 24, 2021 at 03:14 PM

KR

*Delina and family,  
My condolences to your family. Thinking of you all and praying for God to surround you with his perfect peace and love.  
Karen*

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**Karen Robinson** - November 04, 2021 at 10:10 AM

YG

*My deepest sympathy on the loss of your mother. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. Prayers to her and all of you. Yvonne*

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**yvonne gonzalez** - November 09, 2021 at 12:05 AM

DM

“ I miss you Mom . My life will never be the same. I'm missing a big part of me with you gone now. Thank you for being my mommy and the best mom i could ever ask for. I love you forever and ever -Delina 🙏❤️😭💔



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**Delina Montgomery** - October 24, 2021 at 02:30 PM