



## Mrs Evangeline Ruth Gamez

May 24, 1954 - August 20, 2020

It is with both solemn hearts but Joyous Love that we announce the transition to Heaven of one of the most loving souls to have ever walked this earth. After a decade-long, debilitating health condition, on August 20th, 2020 at the age of 66 years, Evangeline Ruth La Tuer Gamez rose up to be with her mother Melba in the presence of all the Angels and Saints and her Lord and Master, Jesus, Whom she loved and trusted most of all.

Vange, as everyone called her, was born on May 24, 1954 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Many times she spoke of the early memories she had of walking through the French Quarters with her mother Melba Oretha La Tuer, her father Joseph Ray La Tuer, and her sister Carol. Vange also described the wonderfully special cuisine she enjoyed there. After stays in the cities of Detroit, Albuquerque, Phoenix and St. Louis, Vange and her family arrived in San Antonio where she remained throughout her early years and eventually for the rest of her life.

Evangeline's early religious and musical experiences were as a Salvationist, a member of the Salvation Army. Their mother encouraged Vange and her younger sister Carol La Tuer Dickson to participate in the many youth groups that the Salvation Army had to offer. Fully immersing themselves into Bible study, character building, band, moral guidance, self advocacy, and community outreach, Vange and Carol came to love their Army activities learning life long skills to meet and victor over life's challenges. Their lives became enriched through music, which was always an important part of

activities and all services held at the Salvation Army campus on Sundays and designated weekdays. Eager to participate in the Salvation Army Band during their middle school years, Evangeline chose to learn to play the trumpet while sister Carol chose the French horn.

Vange began her education at Fleming Elementary in the South San Antonio Independent School District, attended Dwight Junior High School, then enrolled into South San Antonio High School. Playing trumpet quite proficiently, in 1968 at the age of 14, Vange joined the high school band program. There a young 17 year old trombone player, Andrew Gamez, caught Vange's eye. The two began a friendship which eventually led to a longer, more serious mutual promise; to keep their relationship developing as their plans extended to include higher education, and eventually marriage once their individual goals were met.

After graduating from high school in 1972, Evangeline enrolled into San Antonio College and after a course of studies earned her Associate's Degree in Secretarial-Business. There after in 1973 she enrolled into Cosmetology Courses at Audy and Joyce's where she got her beautician's license and moved to Corpus Christ Tx. to begin her practice and build her clients. She moved back to San Antonio in 1975 and after her marriage in 1976 took additional university courses in Computer Concepts and Languages at Our Lady Of The Lake University in 1980. She then applied for an opening offered by the Daily Address Record, a home-run business that offered a unique service: a computer-generated program to print address labels for mailouts to customers. Computers were not commonly used in small businesses back then, so this program was ahead of it's time. Vange took like fish to water learning how to use the program and improving it to be user-friendly and speedy to input information and send it to print. That experience proved to be very valuable in 1981 as she gained a secretarial position with the Education Service Center Region 20, also known as ESC-20. ESC-20 trains all levels of myriad of educational topics such as student learning styles, instructional techniques, subject matter and material, as well as facilitating communication

between school district administrators in the Region 20 area. In her first month of work Vange was able to offer her previous computer experiences to improve the Center's mailout information processing time. Her directors were so impressed with Vange's knowledge and confidence that they admitted they could no longer give her a secretary's wage and title. This resulted in a promotion which involved creating a new job title for Vange and raising her pay to fit her new position. Vange worked at ESC-20 for 27 years, during which time she made many life-long friends before finally retiring from there. Evangeline retired at the age of 56 with desires to spend more time with her grandchildren. Vange spread joy and love to everyone she had contact with. Our dear Evangeline will be greatly missed, but fondly remembered.

Vange is survived by her husband Andrew J. Gamez, sons Joseph O. Gamez and David A. Gamez, sister Carol La Tuer Dickson, brother Bill Bonds, grand children Rafael Medina, Evan Gamez, Rick Medina, Addison R. Gamez, Joseph Oliver Gamez, and numerous nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 6. 3:00 PM - 6:00 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

SEP 6. 4:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
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San Antonio, TX 78214  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Mrs Evangeline Ruth Gamez*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - August 31, 2020 at 05:10 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Mary La Tuer - September 06, 2020 at 03:57 PM

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“ *I will always remember her beautiful eyes and happy smile. How welcoming she was to everyone. You could see the love and pride she had in her family and friends. She will be missed.*

Sandra Rasmussen - September 06, 2020 at 02:41 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mrs Evangeline Ruth Gamez.*



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September 05, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Vange's Retirement Party - Region 20 Education Service Center*



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**Andrew Gamez** - September 05, 2020 at 02:17 PM



*This is Vange's Retirement Card, signed by her coworker friends there at Region 20 ESC.*

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**Andrew Gamez** - September 05, 2020 at 02:22 PM

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“ Vange was a beautiful soul. I know the lives of her family, friends and coworkers will forever be made brighter because of the time we shared with her. Vange smiled, laughed and loved with all of her being. I will always remember her as an example of cheerful, graceful acceptance. Even during the most stressful moments of those classic family “vacations” ;) I cannot remember her ever saying an unkind word to or about anyone. I was blessed to grow up with such a special aunt.

*As much as she will be missed, I know she and Grandma are enjoying their reunion now and continuing the laughter in the Heavens above.*

*With much love to Andy, Joseph, David and families,  
Erin Dickson*

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**Erin Dickson** - September 04, 2020 at 03:27 PM



“ 7 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Andrew Gamez** - September 04, 2020 at 12:10 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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mary ortiz - September 04, 2020 at 03:50 AM

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“ I remember that on December 4th 1995 we all where at the mall because Davey was playing in a band I believe or it may have been Joey .

*I was 2 weeks late on my due date she was suppose to be born on Thanksgiving Day Not... We where all at the mall Momma was on one side and sis on the other and I think Andy & the boys where walking around until they started the Christmas Music. I never new what contractions was So my sister help me she said hold on to my hand and squeeze it every time you have pain and I will count the time to see how far apart they are.*

*Trust me they where a coming they had to find Andy got me in the car and we had an escort all the way there. Stayed in hard labor 24hrs My sister was there and so was Momma. Sis help deliver my beautiful daughter on December 5th, 1995*

*Diamond Marie she is 25yrs old now & she loved her Aunt Vangie. My sister will be deeply missed by me & so many others.*

*I Love you Sis !! Go fly high with the Angels & tell Momma I Love & miss her to ....*

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mary ortiz - September 04, 2020 at 03:46 AM

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mary ortiz - September 04, 2020 at 03:10 AM



“ 6 files added to the album Vange's Retirement Party - Region 20 Education Service Center



Andrew Gamez - September 03, 2020 at 10:12 PM

WQ

“ I remember how Vange helped me find a way to be at Region 20. I had just arrived from Santa Fe and I needed help in learning how to fit in ! She helped me with procedures and protocols and that help was a genuine gift.  
After I started my own coaching and consulting practice she worked with me to create fabulous designs for proposals, training booklets etc.  
We worked together since 1993 !  
I can say she had the greatest love for her Andy, Joseph, David ,Addison and Carol. She always had a loving story to share about her family .  
I also had the opportunity to know and enjoy her mother. Vange would bring her mom to my office to pick up and deliver projects.  
I could not have experienced success in my business with out her . I do not want her to be gone . I do trust that she is in the heart of divine light . Peace and love be all of us ❤️  
Wajida Quintero

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Wajida Quintero - September 03, 2020 at 11:21 AM



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September 02, 2020 at 03:03 AM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



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**carol Dickson** - September 01, 2020 at 08:16 PM

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“ Carol Dickson sent a virtual gift in memory of  
Mrs Evangeline Ruth Gamez



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**carol Dickson** - September 01, 2020 at 08:14 PM