



## Gail Barbara Brown Cantu

October 8, 1933 - February 12, 2020

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Gail Barbara Brown Cantu, born October 8, 1933 in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, finished her time on earth and went to join her family on February 12, 2020. Upon graduation from Beaver Dam High School, she moved to Camp Wabeek, an Easter Seal Camp in Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin to spend the summer as counselor for handicapped children and adults. After camp, she moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin working as an office clerk and mechanical drafter until she received a full scholarship to the Mt. Sinai Hospital School of Nursing. In her senior year she met and married her future husband, a medical intern from Mexico. Following baptism into the Catholic faith, they married and moved to Monterrey, Mexico where their first 2 children were born. In 1962, they moved to San Antonio and were blessed with 2 more children. She was preceded in death by her father Master Sgt. Lester Brown (killed in New Guinea on December 7, 1942 while serving in the Army), mother Eleanor Podoll Brown Booth, brothers Scott Brown and Jay Brown (Vietnam Vet) and her husband Luis Guadalupe Cantu, M.D., infant daughter Catarina Barbara, great-granddaughter Kiary Yanay Ortiz, nephews Jeffrey Brown and Jon Brown.

She is survived by her children Maria Cristina Ortiz, Luis Lester Cantu (Dawn

Adams Cantu), Teresa Lynn Cantu and Rebecca Luisa Wahl (Joey Wahl), 2 grandchildren Joseph Ortiz and Jake Wahl, 3 great-grandchildren Joseph Anjel Ortiz, Devine Joilene Ortiz, Azhiel Luis Ortiz, nieces and nephews Patrick Brown, Matthew Brown, Ramon Gonzalez Cantu, Isabel Gonzalez Cantu, Rodrigo Gonzalez Cantu, Alejandro Gonzalez Cantu, Anna Gonzalez Cantu, Suzanna Gonzalez Cantu, Ernesto Gonzalez Cantu, Stephanie Brown Michaud, Chris Brown and Greg Brown.

Gail was employed for 15 years by Dr. V. Srinivasan, a cardiothoracic surgeon and continued on when his practice merged with another group of surgeons. Upon retirement, being an avid bowler, she engaged in serving the bowling community, local, state and national, holding offices in the San Antonio Women's Bowling Association, Texas Women Bowling Writers and state and local 600 Bowling Clubs. Being an avid artist and writer, she received many awards for her writing and services in these organizations. She was also inducted into the San Antonio Bowling Hall of Fame.

Gail loved to travel and her attendance at many bowling tournaments allowed her to visit many U.S. cities, making friends near and far. Her love of travel had taken her to the Orient and Europe, her favorite place being in the Alps in the winter. She was a nurse, die-hard American, a friend to all animals, loved the Blessed Mother Mary and was a Christian. Her love for friends and family was ever lasting.

No flowers please! If you wish to donate, please give your loving contribution to any animal shelter or animal care facility.

# Cemetery Details

## Mission Burial Park North

20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Service

FEB 22. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel  
20900 IH 10 West  
San Antonio, TX 78257

# Tribute Wall

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“ We remember Gail fondly. She was a close friend of my parents since the early 1960's, and Godmother to my brother, David. My mother, Barbara, remembers a lot of fun get togethers when they all first moved here to San Antonio. She was kind and friendly to everyone. Our loving prayers are with her beautiful family.



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**The Fernandez & Zapata Families** - February 17, 2020 at 05:23 PM

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**Barbara & Family** - February 17, 2020 at 05:26 PM

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*Gail was one of my first friends when we moved to San Antonio. She got me started bowling and we bowled together for a number of years. Even though I had not seen her lately, I will miss her. Condolences to her family.*  
*Suzanne Rodriguez*

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**Suzanne Rodriguez** - February 20, 2020 at 01:23 PM