



Guadalupe "Bertha" R. Flores

March 16, 1921 - December 2, 2020

Guadalupe "Bertha" Rodriguez Flores died December 2, 2020 in her home surrounded by love, prayers, and family. She was born on March 16, 1921 in San Antonio, Texas and was 99 years old at the time of her death.

Bertha attended Lanier High School and graduated in 1940 where she was a talented tennis player who won many games including tournaments without even owning her own racket. A year after high school, Bertha joined the United States Navy and was one of the first Latina women to serve in the Naval Women's Reserve known as the WAVES (Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service). Bertha was recognized throughout her life for this achievement in helping to pave the way for women and recently had a flag flown in her honor over the Alamo.

Bertha was a life-time parishioner of St. Ann's Catholic Church and active in the community and will be remembered for volunteering and always wanting to help others. Bertha was a den mother for the Cub Scouts, Assistant Troop Leader with the girl scouts, honorary "room mother" and official "sports team mom" for her children and grandchildren at St. Ann's School. At St. Ann's, Bertha served as President of the Bereavement group for many years, a member of the Guadalupanas, ACTS, CCD Assistant, Secretary for the St. Ann's Athletic Association, participated in the festival committee where she proudly ran the Country Booth, played softball and volleyball with the church group, and even took karate lessons in her eighties. Bertha served as President of the Woodman of the World chapter in San Antonio, mentor at

Fenwick Elementary in SAISD, and was a San Antonio Senior Olympic medalist for volleyball and softball. She was recognized as the successful Avon lady who delivered with a smile, visited nursing homes to play bingo with the residents, fed the homeless, took part in social justice change specifically with Esperanza Peace and Justice Center and delivered meals to people who lived alone.

A true Mujerista, Bertha was known for her strong faith, courage which allowed her to break barriers, devotion to Mother Mary, prayers, healing hands, writing poems, songs, loyalty to the Spurs, planting, gardening, pink roses, ducks, birds, and marbles. She was also a breast cancer survivor. She was compassionate to strangers, carried a caring spirit for those who knew her, provided eternal love and commitment to her family, gave her all in wisdom, life lessons and unconditional love and was an overall fighter for the greater good and truly a faithful servant of God.

Bertha was the last of the Rodriguez children to claim her reward. Her parents and her siblings lit the way for her as did her late husband, Filbert and son-in-law, Robert Maldonado. Bertha is survived by daughter Helen (Joe) and son Gilbert (Linda). Grandma "Bitsy" to grandchildren Alyssa (Trisha), Leti, Kathy (Stephen), Gina (Geoffrey), Robert (Michael) and Kristina (Todd). Admired by great-grandchildren, Aidan, Reagan Carys, Dylan, Raegan, Vivienne, Adriana, Burlin, and Charli Grace. Words cannot describe how much she is missed and loved but the memories will forever be etched upon our hearts as we try to freeze the laughter, gentle touch, tight hug, and whisper of her saying "just pray and remember, I love you bigger than the sky." Although it pains us that she is gone, it brings us comfort knowing that she is finally home with God watching over us.

Due to the constraints of Covid-19 and for the safety of everyone, the visitation will be a walk-through viewing only on Tuesday, December 15th between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm at Alamo Funeral Chapels located at 624 N. Alamo St., San Antonio, Texas 78215.

Mass will be held on Wednesday, December 16th at 12:00 pm with limited

attendance at St. Ann's Church located at 210 St. Ann St., San Antonio, Texas 78201.

Private burial with Full Military Honors will held at Ft. Sam Houston following the Mass.

Masks will be required for all services where we will be social distancing and complying with the Covid- 19 contact guidelines, although air hugs and hearts will be accepted.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Bertha's honor may be sent to: St. Ann's Church, 210 St. Ann St., San Antonio, Texas 78201.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **15**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Alamo Funeral Chapels
624 N Alamo St
San Antonio, TX 78215
(210) 554-5000
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC **16**. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

St. Ann's Catholic Church
210 Saint Ann Street
San Antonio, TX 78201

Committal Service

DEC **16**. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891

Tribute Wall



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Guadalupe "Bertha" R. Flores.*



December 15, 2020 at 03:10 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Guadalupe "Bertha" R. Flores.*



December 15, 2020 at 02:59 PM



“ *Our condolences to you and your family. A special heart and what wonderful memories you will always have.*

Ambrose and Pennye Fernandez - December 13, 2020 at 07:05 PM

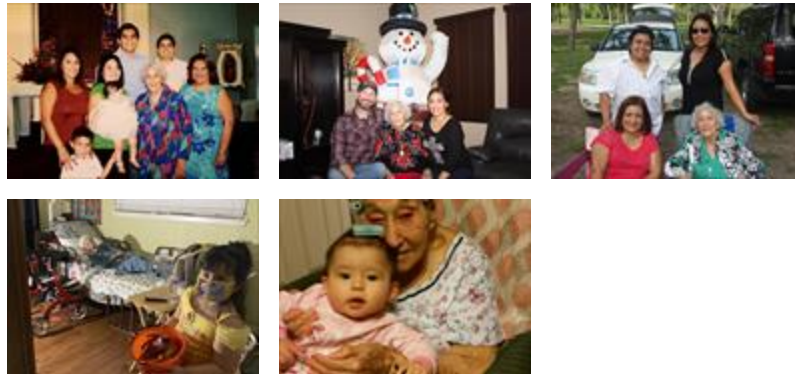


“ *From Jesse & Lucy Saldana purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Guadalupe "Bertha" R. Flores.*



From Jesse & Lucy Saldana - December 13, 2020 at 04:09 PM

Geoff
N Gina
Letcher



Geoff N Gina Letcher - December 13, 2020 at 02:13 PM

GG

“ Gilbert an Helen,

I was so sad to hear of your Mom's passing. I remember her well when I'd see her around school an I'd spot her in the crown while serving Mass. She was tall elegant an always had a smile that just wasn't a smile it was sincerity truly meant "How are you" So many things have changed but people gathering in front of the church saying hi to one an other are memories I'll never forget. I promise you tears turn to smiles. memories never die. Praying for you both an asking The Good Lord to console you. Robin an I send our deepest condolences. God Bless.



Gregg Guajardo

Gregg Guajardo - December 13, 2020 at 09:28 AM

GR

Berta was very dear to the staff and buena gente of the Esperanza Peace & Justice Center. She was a key figure in recording stories of growing up in San Antonio's Westside and being a proud graduate of Lanier High. She was ahead of her time and left her mark in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to meet her. Que en paz descansas mujer linda y querida. Gloria Ramirez

Gloria A. Ramirez - December 15, 2020 at 04:50 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Guadalupe "Bertha" R. Flores.*



December 13, 2020 at 01:41 AM

AM

“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



Alyssa Maldonado - December 12, 2020 at 10:49 PM

LF

“ *Laura Freed lit a candle in memory of Guadalupe "Bertha" R. Flores*



Laura Freed - December 12, 2020 at 10:40 PM

LF

“ *I will always remember Aunt Bitsy for her beautiful, welcoming smile. Truly an honor to have known such a wonderful person. Rest In Peace. Love Always, Laura Freed*

Laura Freed - December 12, 2020 at 10:39 PM

CV

“ *I remember meeting your mom at the Esperanza's center when she told her Westside story...what a beautiful event...she was a trailblazer and a Patriot. God bless your family. may your mom rest in heavenly peace. 🙏❤️🥹*

Cindy Villarreal - December 12, 2020 at 08:42 PM



“ So heart breaking to hear of the passing of Mrs. Guadalupe Bertha Flores. I was so honored to present her in front of her daughter with a flag and certificate from our office. I greatly appreciated her service to our Country, sacrifices to her family and dedication to the community. Our deepest condolences and prayers to the family from myself, the Bexar County Clerk Lucy Adame-Clark, County Clerks staff and my family.



Lucy Adame-Clark - December 12, 2020 at 01:18 PM



“ I love you Grandma & miss you so much. I will never forget those last words I LOVE YOU that you said to me or that last kiss on the cheek ❤️ You're a BEAUTIFUL and AMAZING woman that we had the honor to call GRANDMA. No matter where you're we know that you're still guiding us and showering us with love.

" I LOVE YOU BIGGER THAN THE SKY"

*Love your 3rd oldest Dumb Bunny,
Gina*



Geoff N Gina Letcher - December 12, 2020 at 12:53 PM

DG

“ *What a beautiful tribute and insight into grandma’s wonderful and full life .. although I knew her a short time, her light and love was felt every time we met.. her presence at our SEA 23 faith sharing gatherings was always welcomed and enjoyed ..she reminded us she was our grandma too 😊 Rest in eternal peace grandma and May the perpetual light shine upon you 🙏 My deepest condolences to the entire family, Love Diana Garcia*

Diana Garcia - December 12, 2020 at 12:30 PM

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“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Alyssa Maldonado - December 12, 2020 at 11:52 AM

DG

What a beautiful picture ❤️

Diana Garcia - December 12, 2020 at 12:32 PM

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“ Grandma,

I have so many words that simply will not fit into this text box. I mean what can you capture in so many characters when describing your first love?

If not for you, I would not know how to write, read, drive, find my way back when lost, re-frame the narrative, see through other people's eyes, not be afraid of compassion, empathy and showing my tears every once in awhile. You taught me how to continue reaching with grace even if no amount of strength or courage was left in the tank. Most of all, you provided unconditional love and introduced me to faith and the importance of prayers even through the hurt.

Well this is my biggest hurt and I'm going to miss you. I'm holding onto my Grandma toolkit and confident I will feel your presence always. You are seriously the gift that keeps on giving.

I love you and it truly was an honor.

*Your oldest "dumb bunny",
Alyssa*

Alyssa Maldonado - December 12, 2020 at 11:45 AM