



## Guillermina "Mina" Longoria Canales

January 10, 1935 - February 22, 2026

Guillermina "Mina" Longoria Canales, age 91, was called home to the Lord on February 22, 2026, in San Antonio, Texas. She was born on January 10, 1935, in Brownsville, Texas, to Pedro Alberto Longoria, Sr. and Guadalupe Correa Longoria.

Mina was preceded in death by her beloved parents; her devoted husband, Gilberto Arnoldo Canales, Sr.; her daughter, Melissa C. Wolf; and her sisters, Graciela J. Longoria, Gloria L. Castro, and Guadalupe L. Quintana.

She is survived by her loving brother, Pete A. Longoria, Jr. (affectionately referred to as "Pirita" by big sister Mina) and sister-in-law, Genevieve Longoria; her daughter, Suzette Aurora Canales; her son, Gilberto Arnoldo Canales, Jr., and daughter-in-law, Donna Provenzano Canales; her granddaughters (who absolutely adore their grandma), Paula Guillermina Canales and Jennifer Marie Canales; her brother-in-law, Adrian Castro; special family member "by choice," Sarah "Sarita" Marie Hines and Sarah's son, Memphis Edward Hines; as well as numerous nieces and nephews who will forever carry her memory in their hearts.

Mina was a graduate of Texas Woman's University and dedicated decades of her life to teaching third-grade math in the San Antonio Independent School District. She was a devoted educator who believed deeply in the power of

learning. At a time when few Hispanic women pursued higher education, Mina led by example, demonstrating through determination and commitment what could be achieved academically. She inspired generations of students not only in mathematics, but in confidence and perseverance.

Above all, Mina loved her family. Her home was a place of warmth, laughter, and delicious aromas from her kitchen. She found joy in cooking, gardening, exercising, playing bunco, and trying her luck on slot machines during fun-filled trips to Las Vegas with family and friends. For decades, she faithfully exercised with her cherished group of lady "Jazz Friends" (also known as "Las Locas Chicas" when being super silly) sharing in Jazzercise and LA Fitness classes, often followed by celebratory breakfast tacos and coffee at Bill Miller BBQ.

The holidays were especially dear to Mina. She would spend weeks baking more than 21 varieties of Christmas cookies for her granddaughters' teachers. And, with help from family and friends, Mina would make dozens of homemade tamales to share with those she loved. Her generosity, energy, and joyful spirit made every celebration brighter.

The family extends heartfelt gratitude to the loving and supportive staff at Arden Courts Memory Care and Concha Hearts Hospice. Their compassionate devotion and exceptional care allowed Mina's family and friends to continue enjoying precious time with her during the last three and a half years of her journey with Alzheimer's disease.

Mina's legacy is one of faith, strength, service, and unconditional love. She will be remembered for her unwavering dedication to her family, her students, and her community.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that you plant a tree in Mina's

memory—a living tribute to a life that nurtured and uplifted so many.

<https://shop.arborday.org/commemorative>

Following Mina's interment, please join her family and friends for a,  
"celebratory breakfast taco and cup of coffee" at

Bill Miller

4502 Rittiman Road

San Antonio, Texas 78218

# Cemetery Details

## Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 22. 4:00 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/>

## Graveside

MAR 23. 9:30 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Tribute Wall

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“ Michele, Mark, Steve, Kevin and Marcia purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Guillermina "Mina" Longoria Canales.



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**Michele, Mark, Steve, Kevin and Marcia** - March 23 at 11:13 AM

CT

“ Mina Cananles was a delightful person who gifted me her great canvas of hair. For well over a decade Mina graced my styling chair weekly for styling, monthly for coloring and shaping. She was always so delightful, airy and frothy and funny. She told me tales of her romance and career and working Mom. Never complaining, (she'd wink). I apologize and deeply regret being unable to attend Mina's services. My own 87 yr old mother is in hospice since her heart attack 2/6/2026 at her assisted community apartment. All my Sundays are devoted to managing her and visiting with her. I know Mina would completely understand. God grant Mina's family and friends strength, peace, comfort and celebratory joy for her life here. The Lord has embraced her with his shining light.  
Cecelia Tapia

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**Cecelia C Tapia** - March 22 at 07:58 PM

MG

“ Hello Gil and Donna and Family, We are very sorry for your loss of your beautiful Mom. You all know this Mom is with you all every day. Your Mom has made a beautiful family and Son. Now it's time to carry on her beautiful traditions and love. We love you all. Carol & Michael Galante ❤️🙏❤️🙏

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**Michael Galante** - March 07 at 07:12 PM