



Ida Grace Tavaréz

September 4, 1937 - June 20, 2017

Ida Grace Tavaréz passed away peacefully on Tuesday, June 20, 2017, at the age of 79. She was born in San Antonio, Texas, on September 4, 1937, to her loving parents Lillian O. Torres and Valente Torres. As a child, she lived on the West side of San Antonio on West Martin Street, where her parents owned a home and a small neighborhood grocery store. Ida and her brother, Richard, enjoyed helping their parents run the family business that catered to a close-knit community. Ida attended Irving Middle School and Brackenridge High School. As a young girl she loved to dance and spend time with her friends.

Ida was a devoted, single mother of three for many years, and her life's focus was to ensure the success and happiness of her children. She sacrificed and worked many different jobs to provide a safe and happy home for herself and her family. Eventually, she discovered her love of fashion and style. She studied to become a beautician, a career she enjoyed for several years. She also worked her way up to store manager in the retail clothing industry. In 1972 she married Joe Tavaréz and she and her children welcomed him into their family.

Above all, Ida loved spending time with her family. Holidays and family gatherings were a time of joy, laughter, and memories. Her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren were the light of her life. Ida had a deep love of the Catholic faith, Jesus Christ, and our Blessed Mary. Though

she will be deeply missed her family takes comfort in knowing that she is resting for eternity with our Lord.

She was preceded in death by her parents Lillian and Valente Torres, her husband Joe Tavaréz, her daughter Debbie Ivey, her son Tony Touart, and her brother Richard O. Torres. She is survived by her daughter Denise Martínez and husband Richard, son in law Shelton Ivey, grandchildren Monique Martínez and husband Adam, Gabriel Martínez, Jacob Martínez, Marisa Martínez, Joseph Ivey, Kevin Ivey, and Steven Touart, great grandchildren Ayden Martínez, Adrick Martínez, Alek Martínez, Lorelei Ivey and Taryn Ivey, and extended family and friends.

Tavaréz enjoyed selling, excelled in retail.

By Mary Mills Heidbrink - Staff writer

Faced with raising her three children alone after she and her husband split up, Ida Grace Tavaréz took on whatever work she could find.

“In the very beginning, she worked as a maid, then went to beauty school so she could make better money,” said her daughter, Denise Martínez.

Working as a beautician for many years, Tavaréz eventually transitioned into retail, first working at a downtown men’s accessory store and then at the now defunct Carl’s, selling furs.

“She could talk anybody into anything,” Martínez said. “She loved people... and people were drawn to her. That’s why she did so well selling.”

Tavaréz, 79, died June 20 after suffering from dementia for several years.

Raised in Prospect Hill, Tavaréz and her brother helped their parents run the family grocery store on the corner of Martin Street and Hamilton Avenue.

“They catered to all the neighborhood people,” Martínez said. “She really enjoyed that.”

Tavarez graduated from Brackenridge High School in 1957, married the following summer and started a family right away.

After losing their first son to a rare heart condition when he was 10 months old, Tavarez and her husband had three more children, but they were never able to overcome their grief, splitting up in 1963.

Moving in with her parents, Tavarez worked as a beautician and later started a sales career at Ties by Mr. B in the Majestic Building downtown.

It was there that she met her second husband.

“He would go in and buy ties and start flirting with her,” Martinez said. “She put him off, but he persisted.”

They married in 1972.

At home, Tavarez kept a close eye on her children.

“We went to St. Paul’s...would go to chapel every Sunday, and she taught us our prayers,” Martinez said. Tavarez also “made sure she was there for us at every event; she was always there for me, always smiling.”

Tavarez also enjoyed the holidays. In addition to selling Christmas-themed items at craft shows downtown, “She would make sure she got presents for everybody and always made a big pot of beans and of rice,” Martinez said.

“She always wore her Christmas outfit... had to have her makeup, her hair combed; she always looked good.”

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 2. 6:00 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/>

Rosary

JUL 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Mass

JUL 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Paul Catholic Church
350 Sutton Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78228

Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Ida Grace Tavarez.*



June 29, 2017 at 10:24 PM



“ *Monica Serrata lit a candle in memory of Ida Grace Tavarez*



Monica Serrata - June 29, 2017 at 01:21 PM



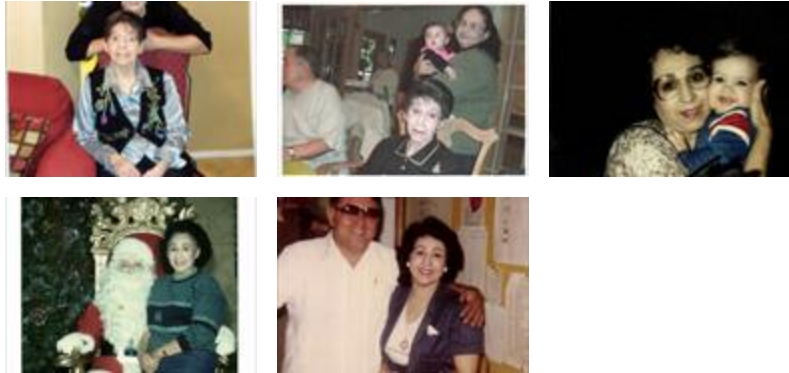
“ *Anita Delgado (Alma's Mom) lit a candle in memory of Ida Grace Tavarez*



Anita Delgado (Alma's mom) - June 29, 2017 at 01:17 PM

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“ 12 files added to the tribute wall



Tavarez Family - June 28, 2017 at 12:26 PM

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“ Alma Serrata lit a candle in memory of Ida Grace Tavarez



Alma Serrata - June 26, 2017 at 12:12 PM

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“ Denise & Family,
Our deepest sympathies to you and the family on Ida's passing. She was a very loving person who always made you feel you were very special. I will miss her smile, her hugs, her loving words and her genuine caring self. I pray she will live in eternal peace and happiness with those loved ones who passed before her. I pray for God's love and strength for you, Rick & the kids so you may get through this very difficult time in your lives. Know I am here for whatever you may need.
With much love,
Alma & Champy

Alma Serrata - June 26, 2017 at 12:11 PM

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“ *Rebecca Martinez, Tom and Rachel DeSot and family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Ida Grace Tavarez.*



Rebecca Martinez, Tom and Rachel DeSot and family - June 25, 2017 at 11:33 AM

AE

“ *Angela Esteban lit a candle in memory of Ida Grace Tavarez*



Angela Esteban - June 21, 2017 at 06:03 PM