



## Irma C. Leal

July 4, 1928 - September 6, 2023

Irma C. Leal passed away on September 6 at the age of 95. Irma was born July 4, 1928, to Tomás Castillo and Josefina González Castillo in Weslaco, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Ernesto Sr, and sons Ernesto Jr (Linda) and Richard, who died as an infant, and her brother José Ramón Castillo.

Irma is survived by her children: Cynthia (David) Massey; Johnnie (Laura) Leal; Denise (David) Holgado; and Ricky (Diana) Leal; nine grandchildren: Ernesto Leal III, Leah (Jim) Lanman, Michael (Guinevere) Massey, Meghan Massey, Marissa Leal, Zachary (Erica) Leal, Abigail Leal, Samuel and Angel Grace Holgado; and six great-grandchildren: Nick, Ross, Ella, and Emily Lanman, and Declan and Aurora Leal; and sisters Mirtala Villarreal, Agueda Serrano, Josefina "Queenie" Rios, and Mireya Vera.

Irma attended Edcouch-Elsa High School in the Rio Grande Valley and Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio, before her marriage to Ernesto T. Leal of Weslaco, Texas, on April 24, 1949. An Air Force wife, she resided in Yokohama and Yokota, Japan; Topeka and Pratt, Kansas; Burns Flat, Oklahoma; and San Antonio, Texas, where she and her family settled in 1955.

A longtime member of St. Lawrence Catholic Church and a devout Christian, she worked alongside her husband, who became a deacon in 1999. A devoted mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she always put her children before herself and was wholeheartedly supportive, stressing faith in God and the pursuit of a good education.

The family would like to acknowledge with gratitude Irma's many caregivers, especially Mary Ann Serna and Mia Fuentes, along with the many other caregivers from Vitas Hospice and Cornerstone Caregiving—too many to name individually, but to whom we are truly grateful—neighbors, friends, and extended family, especially Irma's sisters Mireya and Queenie, and her neighbor and good friend Mary Lou Villanueva, whom she loved like a daughter.

Visitation will be held at 9:30 am before an 11:00 am Funeral Mass on Wednesday, September 13, at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, 236 E. Petaluma Blvd, San Antonio. Interment to follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 13. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
236 E. Petaluma  
San Antonio, TX 78221

## Funeral Mass

SEP 13. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
236 E. Petaluma  
San Antonio, TX 78221

## Interment

SEP 13 (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Irma was one of the sweetest, most generous people I've ever known. We used to love visiting her and Uncle Ernie and I remember them both encouraging us to study hard and exercise in order to reach a long life. I also remember how loving they were to each other at all times, what an inspirational marriage they shared! Both such wonderful people. May she rest in peace. Love and prayers from Atlanta, GA.  
-Ryan and Christina Rios

Ryan Rios - September 13, 2023 at 12:56 PM

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“ My Aunt Irma was married to Daddy's oldest brother Tio Ernesto Leal. My mother was extremely close to my Aunt Irma they were sister In laws married to brothers and truly were like sisters. My parents were godparents to their oldest son. My aunt Irma and my mom we're actually pregnant with myself and my cousin, Denise, and Denise and I are four days apart practically like twin sisters I have fond memories growing up and visiting my aunt and uncle and in my married life, I continued to visit them every chance we got when we visited San Antonio, I have a lot of great memories staying in their home taking my children when they were little so they knew my aunt Irma and my uncle Ernie. My Aunt Irma will always have a very special place in my heart. ❤️🙏  
May she Rest in eternal peace! Shared are pictures of Mom & Aunt Irma and one of my favorite picture of my beautiful aunt making us feel at home every time we visited ! Visiting San Antonio will never be the same!  
Love you my sweet Aunt Irma ❤️



Nilda Leal Alvarez (niece) - September 12, 2023 at 11:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Irma C. Leal.



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September 11, 2023 at 04:56 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Irma C. Leal.



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September 11, 2023 at 10:20 AM



“ *Divine Light* was purchased for the family of Irma C. Leal.



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September 11, 2023 at 10:14 AM



“ *Serene Retreat* was purchased for the family of Irma C. Leal.



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September 11, 2023 at 09:09 AM

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“ *Mary Ann Serna lit a candle in memory of Irma C. Leal*



Mary Ann serna - September 10, 2023 at 03:08 PM



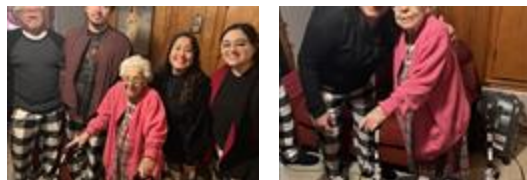
“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of Irma C. Leal.*



September 09, 2023 at 06:25 PM

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“ *From the first day you rang our doorbell to bring our new born baby a gift to your last day you have been the best neighbor & friend. We are going to miss your memories, kindness, compassion and support. we love you Mrs. Leal and hope you're dancing in heaven with your honey! Thank you for sharing your life with us, we will miss you always. Love your neighbors, The Dortman's*



anna dortman - September 08, 2023 at 08:30 PM

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“ Susan Castillo Smith and Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Irma C. Leal.



Susan Castillo Smith and Family - September 08, 2023 at 08:24 PM



“ Jennifer Rodriguez Sanchez lit a candle in memory of Irma C. Leal



Jennifer Rodriguez Sanchez - September 08, 2023 at 07:53 PM



“ Tía Irma we are going to miss you so much. Words cannot describe what you mean to us. We are so happy to have been able to visit you often and stay with you. You are going to bring so much joy in Heaven. Te queremos por siempre en paz descansa tía querida.



Jennifer Rodriguez Sanchez - September 08, 2023 at 07:52 PM