



Juana L. Bonilla

February 15, 1925 - November 1, 2025

Juana L. Bonilla, a loving mother and grandmother, passed away peacefully on November 1, 2025 at the age of 100. She was born on February 15, 1925 in Torreón, Mexico, where she grew up and later worked at a high-end fashion boutique. Her work brought her to San Antonio to purchase merchandise from Joske's and Frost Bros — historic luxury department stores in the city — to sell in Mexico. She later settled in San Antonio, where she met her husband and had four children. She was the first in her family to move to the United States.

Juana was committed to serving her community, and for fourteen years taught preschool at Palm Heights Baptist School. She was fashion-forward, an exceptional baker and cook, a cherished, unifying presence for her family, and devout in her faith — a devotion that was honored with a papal blessing from Pope Francis. Her warm, nurturing spirit, contagious laugh, and bendiciones will be dearly missed.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Arturo Bonilla; her daughter, Edna Lourdes Bonilla; her granddaughter, Denise Talamantez; her sisters, Maria Sanchez and Paulina Lopez; her brother, Esteban Lopez; and her parents, Zeferino and Baldomera Lopez.

She is survived by her brother, Antonio Lopez (98 years old); her children,

David Bonilla; Annette Talamantez; Elaine Bonilla Hernandez and her husband, Roland; her grandchildren, Danielle Talamantez and her partner Joseph Cuellar; Roland Hernandez II and his wife, Chutimon Buntang; Kevin Hernandez; Belén Bonilla and her husband Jaime Vázquez; Benjamin Bonilla; her great grandchildren, Melody Bermudez; Jesika Cuellar; Joseph Cuellar; Jozie Cuellar; Joy Cuellar; Jazzmyn Cuellar; Roland Hernandez III; her great great grandson, Jovan Gonzalez; and numerous nephews and nieces.

She was laid to rest at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery alongside her husband of 36 years, Arturo Bonilla.