



## Lillian M. (Lelia) Davis

October 14, 1926 - April 5, 2017

Lelia was the oldest of five children born to Harry Daniel Davis and Mary Elizabeth Mivelaz Davis. Her siblings were Theresa Jean, Mary Harriette, Harry Daniel Jr. and Raymond Edward. She is preceded in death by her parents, sisters Theresa and Harriette, brother Ray, niece Karen Livesay. She is survived by brother Harry, sister-in-law Pat, 16 nieces and nephews, 33 great-nieces and nephews and 14 great-great nieces and nephews. She was loved by all!

Lelia attended St. Cecelia's elementary school, St. Mary's (downtown) high school and graduated from Harlandale High School in 1942 at the age of 16. She began her career at Kelly Field during WWII and retired from Kelly AFB in 1981 with 29 years of continuous service. Lelia earned her degree in education from St. Mary's University, having attended evening classes at San Antonio College and St. Mary's University. After her retirement from Kelly AFB, she began her second career working as a substitute teacher at St. Gregory the Great Elementary School and served as Director at the After School Program at St. Gregory's school for several years.

While only 5 feet tall and only 105 pounds dripping wet, her years of training as defender of the Davis family siblings served her well as disciplinarian in her teaching career when the need arose. Lelia was fun loving and loyal to family and friends – she generously gave all her love, her time, and her resources

throughout her entire life. Her sense of humor and zest for life endeared her to everyone who knew her. Lelia was devout in her faith, was a member of Catholic Daughters for many years, and served as Regent of Court Bishop Odin #1758.

Lelia was a lifetime resident of San Antonio, with the exception of a few years she lived in Kingsland, Texas, returning to San Antonio in 2012 where she has resided at Arden Court Memory Care, enlivening the place with her wit, her friendliness and her love of music. Her dance moves are legendary! Our sincere appreciation to the staff of Arden Court for their loving care and friendship,, and to Gentiva Hospice staff for the care and support during her final days.

Visitation will begin Sunday, April 9, 2017 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North at 6 pm. A Vigil Service will begin at 7 pm. Mass will be celebrated Monday, April 10, 2017 at 10 am at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church followed by interment in San Fernando Cemetery #2.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Presentation Sisters or a Hospice group of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## San Fernando II

746 Castroville Rd  
San Antonio, TX, TX 78237

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 9. 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/>

## Vigil Service

APR 9. 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Mass

APR **10**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church  
4201 De Zavala Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78249

# Tribute Wall



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Lillian M. (Lelia) Davis.*



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April 07, 2017 at 11:50 AM



“ *We would like to offer our condolences to the Davis Family. Lelia was such a bright light to so many people she will be dearly missed. Sincere prayers to you all.*

*Mary Napier and Daniel & Grace Jendrzey.*

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**Mary Napier** - April 06, 2017 at 06:50 PM