



Margaret Mary Cantu

May 19, 1938 - December 12, 2023

May 19, 1938, a beautiful baby girl was born to Dolores Sanchez Cantu and Pete Cantu. The name of this beautiful infant was named Irma. She received the Sacrament of Baptism at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Later on the Cantu Family moved to Los Angeles, California. Irma went to Holy Rosary Catholic School, where she received the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion. Afterwards the family moved back to San Antonio, where she attended Ursuline Academy, then transferred to Sacred Heart Catholic School. There she received the Sacrament of Confirmation at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. After finishing her education at Sacred Heart Catholic School, she then entered the Convent of St. Benedict to study to become a Benedictine Nun. After her high school years, she then studied at Our Lady of the Lake University, where she received her Undergraduate Degree in Education. She then received her first Master's Degree at Incarnate University in Education. She then received her second Master's Degree from Trinity University in School Administration followed by Doctorates Degree from The University of Texas at Austin in Education.

While in the Convent, once she became a Benedictine Nun, she was then given the name of Sister Margaret Mary, OSB. In the Convent she became the Principle of St. Benedictine Elementary School and after became Principle of St. Albert's Hall in Boerne. She gave music lessons on piano. She also played the organ. Margaret sang Soprano so beautifully. She also taught at UTSA,

St. Phillips College, Providence High School, Edison High School and Librarian at Poe Middle School. After her Doctorate Degree, she became a Professor and Department Chair of the Library Science Department. She retired from Our Lady of the Lake University. Margaret taught teacher's on how to teach. Her love was being an educator.

Margaret's love was reading. She belonged to five book clubs. Was an excellent swimmer. Enjoyed playing bridge, hiking, yoga, Tishi, Monangi(?), Dianomes. Margaret passed away on December 12, 2023. December 12 was the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. What a beautiful day for my sister-in-law. She was very religious.

Margaret Mary is preceded in death by her father, Pete Cantu, mother, Dolores Sanchez Cantu, Infant Sister, Ann Marie Cantu and young brother, Robert (aka Bobby) Cantu.

Survived by her brother, Jesse M. Cantu (Beatrice Reyna). Nieces, Denise Cantu and Leslie Alison Cantu. Nephews, Mark A. Cantu, Sr. and Gary Wayne Cantu (Stacey). Grandnieces, Lauren Mary Cantu and Alekzeta Cantu. Grandnephews, Mark Anthony Cantu, Jr. and Griffin Wayne Cantu. Aunt Graciela Sanchez Garza. Many, many cousins and friends.

Thanks go to Chapter's Living Memory Care, administrators, nurses and caregivers for the wonderful care they gave to our beloved Margaret. A special thanks to our Cousins Rose Mary Trevino Lopez, (Music Director), Victor Trevino (Choir and Musician) and Roman Sanchez (Family Press Secretary) for their most welcomed help with Margaret's Services.

Cemetery Details

San Fernando Cemetery #2

746 Castroville Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78237

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 28. 8:30 AM (CT)

St. Luke Catholic Church
4603 Manitou Drive
San Antonio, TX 78228

Rosary

DEC 28. 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Luke Catholic Church
4603 Manitou Drive
San Antonio, TX 78228

Funeral Mass

DEC 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

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4603 Manitou Drive
San Antonio, TX 78228

Tribute Wall

RS

“ Roman S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Mary Cantu.

Roman S. - December 31, 2023 at 01:51 PM

CF

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Cantu Family - December 27, 2023 at 09:45 PM

MA

I remember Mary Margaret as a young beautiful inside and out with her gorgeous flaming red hair and great personality. Condolences to her family and may she rest in peace.
Margaret Trevino Ayala-Meggett

Margaret Trevino Ayala-Meggett - January 03, 2024 at 07:21 PM

CF

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Cantu Family - December 27, 2023 at 09:40 PM

DC

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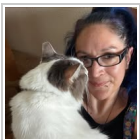


Denise and Aleczeta Cantu - December 27, 2023 at 09:38 PM

DO

“ When we would visit San Antonio from Minnesota, Margaret always came to visit us at my Grandparents house. We would always look forward to her visits! She always knew what to talk to us about as kids due to her being a school librarian at the time and she always had good books for us! I remember being very excited when she became Dr. Margaret Cantu and we were very proud of her. As we grew up and became teachers, she was excited to hear about our college courses and our early years in the classroom. She always treated us like nieces and even came to MN when I got married. We will always remember you Margaret!

Debbie (May) Olson - December 27, 2023 at 08:57 PM



“ You were a very special person in my life and you are missed Aunt Margaret. I always appreciated the letters we exchanged and how loved and accepted you made me feel. I hope you are in a happy place now, that you are with Aunt Lola again and that you know how loved you were.

Patricia Sanchez - December 27, 2023 at 08:09 PM

RJ

“ Dear Cousin Margaret
We are already missing you. The fun lunches we had with Mary Ann, the laughter and memories we shared will be forever in my heart. You were a mentor for me especially in my professional career. I cherish the advice you gave especially when you said, "you are getting paid to listen" , and I did lots of listening. I loved hearing your stories of your precious pets, your art work and the travels you had with family. I remember that you were my Mother's professor at OLL when she was a student there at the age of 52. What a beautiful legacy you leave in all of us.

Rita Jane - December 24, 2023 at 09:50 AM



“ Pink Potpourri Bouquet was purchased for the family of Margaret Mary Cantu.



December 24, 2023 at 12:36 AM

BC

“ Margaret had wonderful care from Enlight Hospice Care. I and Jesse thank them dearly. The nurses were there and took care of our beloved, Margaret Mary Irma Cantu. God Bless goes to all the brave hospice nurses throughout the world.

Beatrice R. Cantu - December 23, 2023 at 01:40 PM

BC

“ I was with Margaret for her last five years of her life. Margaret became ill after having a bypass surgery in 2018. It was so sad to watch Margaret slowly have her brilliant mind to be taken over by Dementia. She had her good days, where she and I would say fun things and have great laughs. I met Margaret in Christmas 1958. Jesse her brother and I became engaged at that time. Visiting her in April 1961 when Jesse and I married. Years passed. In 2013 we moved back to San Antonio. Margaret and I became close friends. We took art class at Doris Griffin. Several of the class members became close friends. Once a week, The Artsy Friends had lunch and wonderful laughs with Margaret. A couple of years passed. Soon after it was not the same. Illness took over. I will miss my sister-in-law Margaret. She will always be in my thoughts and prayers. Love you and miss you. Rest in Peace. I know your spirit and soul are in Heaven with your mother, Ann Marie (infant sister), and brother, Bobby. Always in my thoughts and prayers. Beatrice (Bea-B)

Beatrice R. Cantu - December 23, 2023 at 01:34 PM

RO

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Roman - December 22, 2023 at 06:55 PM

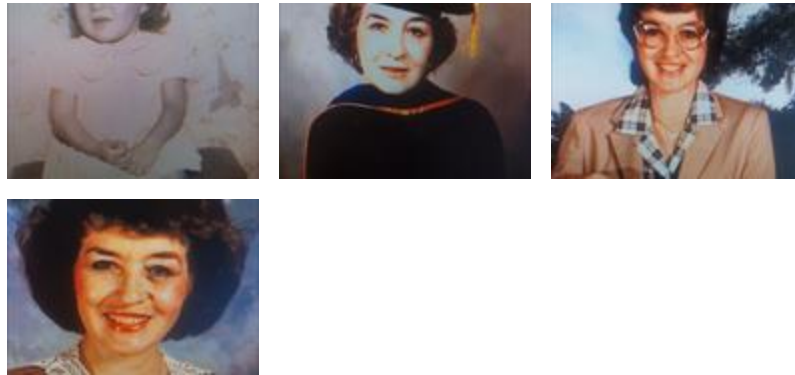
RR

“ *Sr. Margaret Mary taught me English Literature at St. Albert Hall in Boerne where I was a junior and senior in 1970 and 1971. Along with the other sisters, she was instrumental in my second chance at graduating as I had transferred there after having some issues in Boerne ISD. She also accompanied myself and two other students on a European tour as part of our curriculum. I went on to become an Education major with a specialization in English and worked as an educator for almost 50 years. She was quite the mentor on my journey.*

Regina (formerly Sr. Regina) - December 22, 2023 at 04:57 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - December 22, 2023 at 11:46 AM

RO

“ *Roman lit a candle in memory of Margaret Mary Cantu*



Roman - December 19, 2023 at 01:02 PM

RO

“ *Dearest Cousin Margaret ... you will be so despirately missed by every heart you touched with loving kindness and uplifting wisdom! May you find everlasting peace and comfort in Heaven!*
Cousin Roman, Jr.

Roman - December 19, 2023 at 01:00 PM