



Margarita Valenzuela Cortez

September 10, 1950 - July 13, 2025

Margarita Valenzuela Cortez was born on September 10th, 1950 to parents Ernesto Vargas Cortez and Juanita Valenzuela Valdez in Van Horn, Texas. In life, Margarita dedicated herself to the children of her family and community by working as a teacher's aid. She is remembered for being a mother figure to her nieces and nephew and her devotion to her faith. Margarita had the ability to light up the darkest room, a contagious laugh, and the ability to see life with a child's heart.

Margarita Cortez is preceded in death by her parents; her grandmother, Sista Valenzuela; and her brothers, Bobby Valdez and Eddie Valdez.

She is survived by her sisters, Juanita (Natividad) Mendiola and Brenda (Steve) Zackmeyer; her brother, David (Joyce) Valdez; her nieces, Celia (Douglas Rippey) Mendiola, Catherine (Johnny) Greenwood, Cristella (Victor Cardenas) Mendiola; and her nephew, Natividad (Jessica) Mendiola Jr.; many beloved great nieces and nephews, and great great nephews.

A visitation will be held on Monday, July 21st, 2025 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with a rosary to take place at 6:30 PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South.

A morning visitation will be held the following day, Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025 beginning at 9:00 AM followed by a funeral service at 10:00 AM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. The burial will immediately follow at San Jose Burial Park.

Cemetery Details

San Jose Burial Park

8235 Mission RD
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 923-0272
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

JUL 21. 6:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
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Funeral Liturgy

JUL **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Morning visitation will begin at 9:00 am.

Burial

JUL **22** (CT)

San Jose Burial Park
8235 Mission Rd
San Antonio, TX 78214
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Burial will immediately follow the funeral service.

Tribute Wall

JG

“ Joe, Leticia, Erica and Irma Garza purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Margarita Valenzuela Cortez.



Joe, Leticia, Erica and Irma Garza - July 20, 2025 at 02:55 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Margarita Valenzuela Cortez.



July 18, 2025 at 10:32 PM

DS

“ Doug and Sally purchased the *Pink Tribute Spray* for the family of Margarita Valenzuela Cortez.



Doug and Sally - July 18, 2025 at 11:18 AM

YT

“ Your Gallagher Team purchased the *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* for the family of Margarita Valenzuela Cortez.



Your Gallagher Team - July 16, 2025 at 03:50 PM

JT

“ *Juliet, Martin, and Team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Margarita Valenzuela Cortez.*



Juliet, Martin, and Team - July 16, 2025 at 11:16 AM