



Maria Dora Bernal

September 12, 1936 - May 14, 2025

Maria Dora Bernal was born in Monterrey, Mexico on September 12, 1936, to Manuel and Juanita Gonzalez, and went to be with the Lord on May 14, 2025, at the age of 88. Maria was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend. She was a devout Catholic who believed in helping everyone around her—there was never a person she couldn't connect with. She spent many years working in SAISD cafeterias serving children, before transitioning to Eckerd Pharmacy, and eventually ending her career of public service at El Jardin de St. James. In her spare time, Dora also loved volunteering at St. James Catholic Church, as well as with the Sisters of Perpetual Adoration. Dora enjoyed cooking for her family, making the best homemade tortillas, chili con carne, and frijoles, as well as many other amazing meals. Dora will be remembered for her kindness, unwavering faith, and love for her family. Her laughter and uplifting spirit were gifts to everyone who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband Henry P. Bernal, parents, and 9 siblings. Survivors include her loving son Luis Aguillon, sisters Amparo Gonzalez Montemayor and Maria Adela Gonzalez Montemayor, 3 grandchildren: Jennifer Garza, Louis Jr. Aguillon, and Daniela Aguillon Montez, 5 great grandchildren: Jeremy Vasquez, Alyssa Garza, Thalia Fagg, Ramsey Aguillon, and Embry Aguillon, and a host of other family members, neighbors and friends.

Visitation will begin on Wednesday, May 28, 2025, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Palm Heights Mortuary with a rosary to begin at 6:30 p.m. Funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, May 29, 2025, at 8:30 a.m. at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church with a procession from the funeral home at 8:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Dora requested that donations be made to either St. James Catholic Church or Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Palm Heights Mortuary
3711 S Zarzamora St
San Antonio, TX 78225
(210) 924-4568
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Holy Rosary

MAY **28**. 6:30 PM (CT)

Palm Heights Mortuary
3711 S Zarzamora St
San Antonio, TX 78225
(210) 924-4568
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Mass

MAY **29**. 8:30 AM (CT)

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church
907 W. Theo Ave.
San Antonio, TX

Interment

MAY **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

RV

“*Mrs. Bernal was my neighbor of over 50 years, my nephew’s great grandma and most honorably my friend. I’m so grateful for her being there for me and family throughout the years. I will always remember her joyful spirit, immense generosity and the way she loved and cared for everyone. Mrs. Bernal thank you for all the delicious food you shared with my family. Most importantly, thank you for all the prayers you prayed for us. You will forever have a place in my heart.*”

Rebecca Marie Vasquez - May 30, 2025 at 08:12 AM

ET

“*Saying farewell to a such a beautiful and caring soul is very difficult. Ms. Maria was more than a neighbor, she was a friend, a prayer warrior and someone who brightened your day with her smile and positive energy. My family loved Ms. Maria; she always had kind words of encouragement and wisdom for my kiddos. She would ask about my adult children and how they were. Talking with her felt like I was talking to my own grandmother. She had this beautiful sense of peace around her. Her home always felt comfy and inviting. And her food was made with love... especially her homemade tortillas. We will miss her greatly! She was an angel on earth and now she will be forever our guardian angel 🙏. Thank you for everything Ms. Mara ☐. Love the Torrento Family*”

Ellie Torrento - May 29, 2025 at 12:16 PM

CA

“ *Chick-fil-A Supply San Antonio purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Maria Dora Bernal.*



Chick-fil-A Supply San Antonio - May 28, 2025 at 02:32 PM

RT

“ *Although I did not know Mrs. Bernal I know her son Luis Aguillon and I know how much he loved his mother. She raised a good, honest and loyal man and that can only come from a woman of great values. From our family in Arizona we, Ron, Cheryl, Skylar and Ashlyn send our deepest sympathy to all. Luis we love ya bro.*

Ron Tidwell - May 16, 2025 at 07:33 PM

NE

“ *Natalia Espinosa lit a candle in memory of Maria Dora Bernal*



Natalia Espinosa - May 16, 2025 at 02:15 PM

EM

“ *Elizabeth Mendiola lit a candle in memory of Maria Dora Bernal*



Elizabeth Mendiola - May 16, 2025 at 10:04 AM