



Maria del Carmen Blyth

December 25, 1941 - February 9, 2024

Carmen Blyth of San Antonio, Texas, passed away at home on February 9 surrounded by loved ones.

Maria del Carmen Blyth was born on December 25 1941, to Oscar Blyth and Maria de los

Angeles Sandoval Blyth in San Antonio, Texas. The oldest of three girls, Carmen had to work

hard from a young age to help the family. She learned to sew her own clothes and the family

had a garden where they grew much of the food they ate. Carmen was also extremely bright,

skipping part of 1st grade because she came to school already speaking both English and

Spanish and able to read in English.

Carmen married her Burbank High School sweetheart, Robert "Bobby" Alvarado (d) in 1959.

Carmen and Bobby went on to have five children before divorcing in 1972. In 1974 Carmen

married LTC Roddin "Rodd" Purswell and had her sixth child.

Carmen had a long, faithful, and successful career with the JCPenney Company. She started

as a sales clerk, and showed her commitment and skills to management

throughout the company. Her family still came first, and for eight years she spent every weekend off driving from Round Rock to San Antonio to help take care of her mother. Carmen's hard work paid off in 1993 when she was promoted to assistant store manager and tasked with opening the first international JCPenney store in Monterrey, Mexico. She lived high on Villa Montana San Pedro Garza Garcia overlooking Monterrey. Her success allowed her to retire in 1998 and move back to her hometown of San Antonio in 2002. Carmen Blyth was preceded in death by her husband Rodd Purswell, her daughter, Carmen Hines, her son-in-law, Paul Hines, her daughter-in-law S.T. Shimi, her mother and father, and her sister, Mary Caroline Willborn. She is survived by her sons, Robert Alvarado and wife Mary Rodriguez, Oscar Alvarado, Paul Alvarado, William Alvarado, and Blyth Purswell and wife Brandi Purswell; her sister, Mary Alice Blyth; her seven grandchildren, Rianna Alvarado, Scott Hines, Jeremy "Ricky" Alvarado, Chelsea Hines, Kai Purswell, Connor Alvarado, and Cailey Purswell; her nine great grandchildren, Tukuli Magee, Angelina Hines, Dominic Corona, Amaea Magee, Eselen Magee, Elijah Alvarado, Zealand Palmer, Aleia Alvarado, and Josiah Alvarado; and numerous nieces and nephews. A rosary will be held on Wednesday, February 21 at Mission Park South Funeral Home. Friends and Family time will begin at 5 pm, with the rosary following at 6:30 pm. A

funeral Mass will be
held on Thursday, February 22 at 11 am at St. James The Apostle Catholic
Church, followed by
a procession to San Fernando Archdiocesan Cemetery #2 at 12:30 pm, and a
reception at 302 W.
Silver Sands from 1:30 to 5

Cemetery Details

San Fernando Cemetery II

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 21. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

Holy Rosary

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Funeral Mass

FEB 22. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Interment

FEB **22** (CT)

San Fernando Cemetery #2
746 Castroville Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78237

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maria del Carmen Blyth.



February 20, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ Rick Medrano & Gloria Medrano planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria del Carmen Blyth.

Rick Medrano & Gloria Medrano - February 20, 2024 at 10:01 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maria del Carmen Blyth.



February 19, 2024 at 11:40 PM



“ The Frerkings planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria del Carmen Blyth.

The Frerkings - February 19, 2024 at 11:40 PM

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“ Carol and Tom purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Maria del Carmen Blyth.



Carol and Tom - February 17, 2024 at 05:34 PM

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“ Carol and Tom planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria del Carmen Blyth.

Carol and Tom - February 17, 2024 at 05:34 PM

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“ 😭💔 Carmen has been much more than a long-time friend - she was a beloved member of our family. She was with us through the best and the worst times. Through that treasured friendship, she shared her family with us and new, treasured friendships were formed.
It is with love and sorrow that I say goodbye for now to Carmen, and send love and comfort to her family.

Gayle Stowell Johnson - February 17, 2024 at 02:24 PM

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“ I was lucky enough to have spent 3 plus years with her,lost track of her after joining the military lived in Calif.for over thirty years.Returnig to my home town to stay she found me via face book it was Love all over again.We were together until now.I shall treasure time I spent with her the rest of my life .May you RIP You were loved by many.😭😭😭😭

Leopoldo Alvarafó - February 17, 2024 at 01:24 PM