



Maria C. Cantu

October 17, 1927 - February 12, 2023

On February 12, 2023, Maria C. Cantu went to be with the Lord. She passed away peacefully at the age of 95. She was born on October 17, 1927, in San Antonio, Texas. She was a proud mother of four children, seven grandchildren and twelve greatgrandchildren. She was known as Mary or Emma to everyone who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her former spouse Martin R. Cantu, Sr., her son Martin Cantu Jr. and her son-in-law Jesse Aguilar, Jr., former son-in-law Epifanio Quintanilla.

She is survived by her daughters Linda Aguilar, Brenda Quintanilla, and Blanche Zaragoza (Gilbert); grandchildren Brian Cantu (Melinda), Lynette Esparza, Adriana Molina (Robert), Jesse Aguilar IV (Maria), Crystal Villarreal (Artie), Kristine Zaragoza, Benjamin Zaragoza, and Brandon Zaragoza (Raynelle); great grandchildren Alex & Christian Cantu, Parker & Madelyn Esparza, Cameron, Dylan, & Ellie Molina, Nathan & Addie Villarreal, Matthew & Aiden Fernandez, and Riley Zaragoza.

Mary's greatest love was her family. All her children were proud to call her mom. In her younger years, she worked as a beautician for many years. She stayed at home to raise and take care of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed babysitting for friends. Her love had no limit when it came to

children. They were all her kids through her eyes. She enjoyed playing bingo, traveling, and doing word search puzzles. Her great-grandchildren loved to color with her. Our fondest memory is watching her make fresh flour tortillas to share with everyone.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday February 22, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. with a chapel service to begin at 12:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Interment to follow at Mission Burial Park South.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 22. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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

Funeral Service

FEB 22. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Interment

FEB **22** (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Maria C. Cantu.*



February 20, 2023 at 04:55 PM



“ *I miss you & that beautiful smile of yours.. You always made me laugh with the stories you shared with me.. I will forever & ever hold u in my heart.. I LOVE YOU MOM ❤️ RIP BEAUTIFUL LADY... 🙏*
DianeG

Diane Garcia - February 16, 2023 at 06:00 PM



“ *Grandma, I really can't believe you're gone. It hurts to lose you, but we will never forget you. You will live on in all of our hearts. It hurts me to see how sad and lost my mom is without you, but don't worry. She has so many people who will get her through this and we will all grieve together. Love you grandma and tell grandpa hi for me. Love always, your Krissy.*

Kristine Zaragoza - February 16, 2023 at 04:56 PM



“ *To my mother whom I love so dearly. I will miss you terribly. You were there for since day one and I will forever be grateful. I know you are in better place where you feel no pain. I will hold all our memories together close to my heart. I love you mom always and forever*

Brenda Quintanilla - February 16, 2023 at 04:55 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Maria C. Cantu.*



February 16, 2023 at 11:54 AM



“ *There's so many memories of my grandmother. She was there whenever you needed her. She lived a long beautiful life. She was very lucky to have so many great grandchildren and especially help raise mine. She will never be forgotten. We love you grandma always and forever. Until we see you again and meet you at the golden gates of heaven* ❤️

Adriana Molina - February 15, 2023 at 08:51 PM



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Kristine Zaragoza - February 16, 2023 at 11:09 AM



THANK YOU MOM FOR EVERYTHING YOU DID FOR ME AND HELPING ME RAISE MY KIDS COULD NOT HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU. I WILL MISS TAKING YOU COFFEE EVERY SUNDAY AND STARRING OUT THE WINDOW WITH YOU. YOU WILL BE IN A BETTER PLACE NOW WITH NO PAIN AND ENJOY SEEING EVERYBODY WE LOST ESPECIALLY JESSE, MARTY JR, DAD, PIFAS. WE WILL MEET ONE DAY AGAIN - I LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU I WILL TAKE CARE OF BRENDA FOR YOU.

LINDA AGUILAR - March 24, 2023 at 03:16 PM