



Maria Teresa Cortez

October 20, 1933 - December 19, 2024

Maria Teresa Flores Cortez (Terry) went to her eternal rest on December 19, 2024. She was born on October 20, 1933 in San Antonio, Texas to Daniel Flores Jr. and Hortensia Zumelaga Torreno Flores.

She attended St. Agnes grade school, Our Lady of the Lake High School, and earned a B.S. in chemistry from Our Lady of the Lake College in 1955.

Terry married Joe Cortez, the love of her life, at San Fernando Cathedral in 1956. Together they raised four children and built their lives around Joe's teaching and coaching career at Central Catholic High School. She was his number one fan, and was always in attendance at the basketball games to support Joe and the "Buttons." She shared Joe's love and respect for the Marianists, students, and parents at CCHS.

In 1986, Terry decided to pursue a career in education and attended UTSA. She went on to earn a Master's degree in Education from Texas A&M Kingsville.

She taught in the San Antonio Independent School District, and later worked in administration as a Central Office Facilitator for the district. After retiring from SAISD, Terry joined the Education Department faculty at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Terry touched many lives during her years as an educator, but she considered her most important role as that of devoted wife, mother, and grandmother. She was happiest when surrounded by family, and made holidays and birthdays joyous family celebrations.

She was preceded in death by her son, Charles Joseph Cortez, and her beloved cousin, Manolo Torreno.

Terry is survived by her devoted husband Joe, daughter Laura Mendez and son-in-law Joe, sons John Daniel Cortez and Andrew Cortez, eleven grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Services will be held on January 10th at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Visitation will begin at 9:00 am. A rosary will be recited at 9:30 am, followed by Mass at 10:00 am.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

17501 Nacogdoches Rd
San Antonio, TX 78266

Previous Events

Holy Rosary

JAN 10. 9:30 AM (CT)

Holy Spirit Catholic Church
8134 Blanco road
San Antonio , TX 78216

Funeral Mass

JAN 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

DA

“ Our prayers for Mrs. Cortez's eternal rest and glory. Peace and support for Coach and family.

David and Maribel Archer - January 09, 2025 at 09:53 PM

MR

“ We are deeply sadden to hear about the loss of Coach Cortez wife and recent loss to the entire family

*Daniel, we sincerely sorry for such a heartbreaking loss.
Drs. Leonel Reyes, Jr. MD and Mary Ann Reyes, Ph.D.*

Mary Ann Reyes - January 09, 2025 at 04:21 PM

AB

“ While I did not know Mrs. Cortez, I considered Mr. Cortez a friend since the mid 70's. I often visited Central Catholic high school to see a friend and watch the basketball team practice. They were so good back then as was the school I attended, Thomas Jefferson high school. I simply wanted to offer my condolences to the Cortez family and especially Coach Cortez. I have no doubt his wife was an amazing woman, a wonderful mother and a blessing to all her friends. The hearts of my family, Arthur Barboza, are with you all in this difficult time. God bless the Cortez family.

Arthur Barboza - January 09, 2025 at 02:26 PM

DG

“ *Diane Gottsman purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Maria Teresa Cortez.*



Diane Gottsman - January 09, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Teresa Cortez.*



January 08, 2025 at 02:32 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maria Teresa Cortez.*



January 08, 2025 at 10:09 AM

YF

“ *Your Cousin Lucy and Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Maria Teresa Cortez.*



Your Cousin Lucy and Family - January 07, 2025 at 04:30 PM

DF

“ *Dr. A.R. Garza-Vale and Francine purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Maria Teresa Cortez.*



Dr. A.R. Garza-Vale and Francine - January 07, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maria Teresa Cortez.*



January 06, 2025 at 12:44 AM

BF

“ *Buddy and the The Reck Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Maria Teresa Cortez.*



Buddy and the The Reck Family - January 05, 2025 at 08:52 PM