



Maria de la Rosa

April 18, 1933 - April 26, 2018

Maria de Jesus (Perez) de la Rosa

Born to Guadalupe and Consuelo Perez on April 18, 1933 in Brownsville, TX, Maria was their only child. At the age of 11, while skating in front of her father's restaurant, she pointed out a paperboy she'd never seen before to her aunt and boldly predicted she would marry him one day. On Feb. 9, 1949, she did just that marrying Manuel de la Rosa, Sr.

As a young mother she worked several jobs, including Gift Wrapper and Elevator Operator at JCPenney's. She was also a seamstress and sold Avon products.

In 1960 she, her husband and their three children moved to San Antonio where they opened a small café on Josephine Street serving breakfast and lunch to employees from nearby Pepsi Cola, Co., Slater White Cleaners, and Texas Neon Lighting Company. In 1962, a small taco/enchilada stand on Vance Jackson Road led to the opening of La Rosa Mexican Restaurant. The daily specials and catering business took off encouraging a second La Rosa restaurant on Fredericksburg Road in 1966. They retired in 1981 after 21 years as restaurant owners.

While her husband continued working in the restaurant business including La Mansion, she opened a licensed in-home child care business which inspired her to complete a GED in 1988. Continuing her education, she earned an Associate's Degree in Child Care. She was a second mom "Mimi" to many

children in her care. At one time it was said that she had cared for over 200 babies. She continued her business after her husband died in November 1995 retiring in 2001. Not one to sit at home, she volunteered as a Foster Grandparent at St Paul's Ministry and Catholic Charities Ministry earning many commendations for her dedication and caring work with the children. Always an entrepreneur, she had a side business selling Beeline Clothing, in-home/catalog sales. Maria was known for her ability to spread the Good News, often quoting from the Bible. She was a "walking/talking Bible Thesaurus". Ask her a where to find a certain verse or scripture and she could tell you without batting an eyelash.

She is survived by 5 children, Dolores Patiño (Anthony), Manuel de la Rosa, Jr. (Betty), Mary Roszell (Billy), Esther Sahagun (Tim), and Miguel de la Rosa (Angie). Maria had thirteen grandchildren and twenty-five great grandchildren. She is also survived by several brothers in law, sisters in law, many nieces and nephews, God- sons and daughters.

Unfortunately, Alzheimer's crept in and stole the last years from her and loved ones. She died peacefully on Thursday, April 26, 2018. We will celebrate this occasion as her birthday into heaven and reunion with her husband.

Maria was blessed to lead a very full life. Her life was a blessing to all of us and made possible what we enjoy today. We thank God for her gift of life and the beauty of her creation in her family. We treasure our memories of her and we will miss her. In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to Alzheimer's San Antonio & South Texas Chapter https://act.alz.org/site/Donation2?df_id=32112&mfc_pref=T&32112.donation=form1&.

Cemetery Details

Mission Park Funeral Chapels and Cemetery Dominion

20900 IH 10 W
San Antonio, TX 78257
(210) 698-5252
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

Fred J. Tips Mausoleum Chapel
20900 IH 10 West
San Antonio, TX 78257

Funeral Service

MAY 5. 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ It was a very nice funeral. My sister and I met with the Minister from Concordia Church to give him a background of our mom, he did a great job of incorporating that info into his message. The grandchildren present stood in support of each other while some of them spoke of their memories of their Mimi.. The soloist is a personal friend of the family, Lindsay Selli, she sang an excellent 'Lord's Prayer'.
and the songs were full of Praise and Hope and Joy.
We all know that Mimi rests with Our Lord and we celebrated this as we laid her to rest.
Thanks to everyone who came out to celebrate with us. Thank you also for your prayers for our family.
A special thanks to Pastor Reverend Dr. Robert Nordlie. Lindsay Selli and our pianist Dr. Jae Ha.

Mary Roszell - May 05, 2018 at 06:39 PM

MR

Seems like only yesterday. I still miss her so much.

Mary Roszell - October 18, 2025 at 11:22 PM

HP

“ Hilda de la Rosa Perez purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Maria de la Rosa.



Hilda de la Rosa Perez - May 05, 2018 at 06:32 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Maria de la Rosa.



May 03, 2018 at 05:29 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Maria de la Rosa.



May 03, 2018 at 12:10 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms* was purchased for the family of Maria de la Rosa.



May 02, 2018 at 10:13 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Maria de la Rosa.



May 02, 2018 at 12:44 AM

 Christy Onstott

“ *Mimi is of the most beautiful ladies I have ever met. She has the kindest, most loving soul and knows The Word of God and helped me find my way to accept him. Though she has passed on, her memory will live in my heart forever. You will never be forgotten.*

Christy Onstott - April 30, 2018 at 10:25 PM

 Christy Onstott

“ *Christy Onstott lit a candle in memory of Maria de la Rosa*



Christy Onstott - April 30, 2018 at 10:16 PM

 Jane Sanchez

“ *Sister de la Rosa was such an amazing and loving woman of God. My husband and I attended Bible studies at their home as a young couple. Both Sister de la Rosa and Brother de la Rosa exemplified and taught us as well as many other couples the roles of a Godly husband and wife, father and mother. The lessons we learned were life lessons and we were so blessed to have them as mentors. The memories we shared will forever be in our hearts and they are part of the legacy we will leave to our family.*

We will be praying for the family and rejoicing with you all as well!

*Sincerely,
Paul & Jane Sanchez*

Jane Sanchez - April 30, 2018 at 09:02 PM



“ Was a sweet lady whom I met when I was the Hospice nurse for her husband, Manuel. We discovered that my brother in law and she were cousins since I discribed the home on 14th Street in Brownsville. My Brother in law, David Muñoz also sends his condolences.

Elsa Cantu - April 29, 2018 at 03:57 PM

VI

Sister DeLaRosa such an extraordinary lady, I had the pleasure of getting to know her and spend time learning from her. She was was honest never pretentious and always kind. She made the world around her better. And she will be missed.

Virginia - April 30, 2018 at 09:46 PM

DH

I did not know this beautiful soul, but I would like to say that Her beautiful daughter, Mary, lives on and embodies all of the qualities of her Mother. God Bless her family

Deborah Hess - May 01, 2018 at 11:32 AM

EF

My sweet Mimi was a very special friend and was like a second mother to me. She was a very extraordinary lady. She always encouraged me and she loved Jesus with all of her heart that it glowed through her. She and her husband Manuel influenced my life to be steadfast in my own walk with Jesus. It makes me happy to know she is home with her Savior. I love you Mimi and I look forward in seeing you in heaven.

Esther Fasci

Esther Fasci - May 01, 2018 at 03:00 PM

HG

We are with Mary and her family in thought and prayer. I know Mary was always at her mother's side and no matter how busy Mary was her mother always came first. Prayers for all the family.

Hope Gonzales - May 01, 2018 at 04:51 PM