



Maria Cecilia Martinez

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McAllen, TX-

Maria Cecilia (Gutierrez) Martinez entered eternal rest on Monday, October 28, surrounded by family at Rio Grande Regional Hospital.

She was born in Rio Grande City, TX on March 8, 1945 to her loving parents preceding her in death, Ignacia Guerra Gutierrez and Ignacio Gutierrez.

Cecilia was a graduate of Rio Grande High School (1963) and continued her education to receive a Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy at the University of Texas at Austin in 1968.

As a registered pharmacist she worked at both Bexar County Hospital and Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio, TX. She relocated to Houston, TX where she had a rewarding career at MD Anderson and married her husband of 41 years, Edmundo Manuel Martinez, DDS.

In 1979, after the birth of their first daughter, Cecilia and Edmundo made McAllen, TX their home where she managed the dental practice they

established for decades.

Cecilia passionately supported music and visual arts, playing the piano from a young age and avidly collecting art pieces from artists locally and around the world. She and Edmundo greatly enjoyed international travel and the outdoors, imparting a sense of adventure and independence in their daughters.

She enjoyed active membership in the Pan American Round Table and the Catholic Daughters in the Rio Grande Valley. Close family and friends will always remember her strong sense of justice and generous spirit.

Maria Cecilia Martinez is survived by her husband, Edmundo Manuel Martinez, DDS; and her children Sara Cecilia Martinez, MD, PhD (Tim West) and Lilia Estela Martinez Cyr, DDS (Bryan Cyr). She adored her grandchildren Markus Alexander and Liv Marie West.

She is also survived by her siblings; Maria Celeste (Ramiro) Narro, Jose Ignacio (Esther) Gutierrez, Maria del Rosario (Bill) Pope, Maria Minerva (Ignacio) Guerra, and Maria Iris (Ernesto) Trevino. The family would like to extend a sincere appreciation to dear lifelong friends.

Visitation was held at Kreidler Funeral Home in McAllen, TX from 6-8:00pm with Rosary at 7:00pm on Wednesday, October 30th. Funeral Mass will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church at 10:00am on Thursday, October 31st.

Interment will occur in San Antonio, TX with service at Mission Park Funeral Home- North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive at 12:00pm on Friday, November 1st, followed by procession and burial at Holy Cross Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

17501 Nacogdoches Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78266
(210) 651-6011

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 1. 11:00 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels North Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Drive
San Antonio, TX 78230

Service

NOV 1. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr
San Antonio, TX 78230
(210) 349-1414
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Tribute Wall



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Maria Cecilia Martinez.*



October 31, 2019 at 10:41 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Maria Cecilia Martinez.*



October 31, 2019 at 01:58 PM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Maria Cecilia Martinez.*



October 31, 2019 at 12:56 PM

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“ We would like to extend our sympathies to The Martinez and Gutierrez families. My husband and I have very fond memories of her from pharmacy school at UT Austin. She was also my roommate at Blanton Dormitory.

She was a very special lady, always kind and with a smile on her face. I know that the good Lord has her in a very special place in heaven. She will be missed.

We will pray for the repose of her soul. May she rest in peace.

Dr. & Mrs Rudy & Annie Garza

Rudy and Annie Garza - October 30, 2019 at 07:02 PM

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“ Ana M. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Maria Cecilia Martinez.



Ana M. - October 30, 2019 at 06:43 PM



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