



Maria Elena Rivera

February 24, 1945 - August 25, 2021

It is with great sadness and a heavy heart that our beloved mother, grandmother and friend, Maria Elena Rivera entered eternal rest on August 25, 2021 at the age of 76. Maria was born on February 24, 1945 in San Luis Potosi, Mexico to Porfirio and Maria Villagran. Maria is preceded in death by her beloved husband Daniel Rivera, Jr.; her parents; brothers, Julio Villagran, Porfirio Villagran, Jr., sisters, Gonzala Villagra De Martinez, Maria De Los Angeles Villagran and brother-in-law Robert Rivera.

She is survived by his loving son, David Rivera (Yvette Rogers); daughter, Stephanie Rivera Allen (David); brothers, Enrique Villagran, Jose Luis Villagra; sister, Herminia Villagran De Alvarez; grandchildren, Maudie Allen, Cassiana Allen, Luzelena Allen, Chloe Rivera, Joshua Rivera and numerous extended family and friends.

Maria Elena Villagran was a devoted mother and treasured friend to all she encountered. She was an extremely hard worker, who still worked and operated her own hair salon (Family Hair Salon). During her off time she enjoyed spending time with family, reading, visiting casinos and trying her luck with the Texas Lottery. She had an amazing spirit and always wanted to help others. Maria Elena will be extremely missed by family and friends.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, September 14, 2021 from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

with a Celebration of Life to begin at 6:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South.

Graveside service with Military Honors will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at 10:45 a.m. at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. (Shelter 5)

In accordance with CDC safety precautions, everyone is encouraged to wear a mask and practice social distancing in the chapel. There will be a 100 person maximum allowed in the chapel. We kindly thank you in advance.

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 14. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

Celebration of Life

SEP 14. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

SEP **15**. 10:45 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ I just found out today that this wonderful woman passed away. I met her in 2008 when I walked in to get a hair cut. I always admired how she did this with ease taking pride in her work. I'm so very sorry for our loss. I will always remember her as a kind and giving woman who did a fantastic job of my hair. She will be missed very much.

Jeremiah Gonzales - April 15, 2022 at 03:56 PM



“ My deepest condolences to Sra Maria Elena. She would cut my 6 yr old son hair. An he loved her how she would. An was sadden by the news of her passing. We would talk about plants while she would cut his hair. She was a beautiful, sweet lady. An will be greatly missed 😭

MoniRey Sanchez - September 20, 2021 at 08:25 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Maria Elena Rivera.



September 14, 2021 at 02:09 PM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Maria Elena Rivera.



September 14, 2021 at 01:37 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maria Elena Rivera.*



September 13, 2021 at 05:23 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Maria Elena Rivera.*



September 12, 2021 at 09:29 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Maria Elena Rivera.*



September 08, 2021 at 05:25 PM



“ *Nuestras más sentidas condolencias para la familia Rivera, con gran cariño seguiremos recordando a la Tía Mary con las historias y anécdotas que nos contaba mi Mamá Gonzala; un gran abrazo a la distancia.*

Claudia Mtz. Villagrán

Claudia Matz Villgn - September 03, 2021 at 01:57 PM

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“ Words can't express how much she will be missed just as the icon of her salon.
I met Maria Elena at the salon 15 years ago.
I never saw her sad or even mad. She was always smiling with this amazing glow that followed her everywhere she stood. I can tell you she was very giving, always ready to listen to you. I loved her work ethic and spirit. She will be greatly missed in my heart, when I enter her salon. It definitely won't be the same.
Condolences to all her family and her friends.
God sure did pick a saint. May he hold her in his Glory.
“RIP”
Rebecca Helms

Rebecca Helms - September 02, 2021 at 05:32 PM

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“ A la familia Rivera, les enviamos nuestro afecto solidario en estos momentos dolorosos, de parte de su familia en San Luis Potosí, México.
María Elena es una tía muy querida y será por siempre recordada con Amor.

Yoli Villagrán - September 01, 2021 at 04:23 PM