



Maria N. Ruffo

January 14, 1940 - October 3, 2025

Maria Juanita Navaira Ruffo, officially known as mom, momo and grandma went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on October 03, 2025 at the age of 85. She passed peacefully, surrounded by love and has now reunited with cherished loved ones who went before her. She was a devoted wife for 65 years to Cristobal Ruffo and a loving mother to Cristobal Ruffo Jr, daughter in-laws Sylvia Ruffo and Olga Ruffo. She was also the proud grandmother of Salina Ruffo and great grandmother to Messiah Martinez and Mario Moreno III. She loved her parents Adan and Juanita Navaira. Though they preceded her prior to her passing their memories remained close to her heart. Maria was born on January 14, 1940. She lived a life defined by kindness and generosity. Maria is survived by daughters Rose Flores (Alfonso), Janie Miller (Gary), Irene Solis (Jesse), and sons Andrew Ruffo and Ernest Ruffo. Maria had 18 grandchildren, 42 great grandchildren and 24 great great grandchildren. Maria

worked

for many years in San Antonio Independent School district as a lunch lady where she

was adored by students and staff alike. Her beautiful warm smile, gentle spirit and

unwavering care made her a beloved figure in the community. She had a gift for making

people feel seen, heard and loved whether through a kind word or a shared laugh or a

comforting meal. Maria was the kind of person who made you feel at home with just a

smile. Her legacy is one of love, laughter, and quiet strength. She will be deeply missed

and forever remembered.

She lived her last two months at Brookdale Hamilton Wolfe an independent senior living

facility and she loved it. She made many good friends there, too many to name all. The

staff and nurse Jen Nixon loved her dearly. A special thanks to the Methodist Main

Hospital ICU RN's Leti, Bernie, Jessica, Rachel and Maria and Dr Grzankowski. They all

worked tirelessly on mom. Vitas Healthcare Hospice, an incredibly special place, gave

her tender care and comfort. George who gave mom wonderful baths, which she

acknowledged when she told him she loved him. Nurses Anna, Edna, Chastity and Dr.

Sandra Sanchez, all angels in disguise. Maria (mom, momo, grandma) did not suffer, a

promise kept. Prayers and love for all who knew Maria. She will forever be

missed.

Refreshments will be available at Palm Heights Mortuary Cafe on October 13, 2025 the day of the viewing and rosary.

Cemetery Details

San Jose Burial Park

8235 Mission RD
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 923-0272
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation for the public

OCT **13**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Palm Heights Mortuary
3711 S Zarzamora St
San Antonio, TX 78225
(210) 924-4568
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Holy Rosary

OCT **13**. 6:00 PM (CT)

Palm Heights Mortuary
3711 S Zarzamora St
San Antonio, TX 78225
(210) 924-4568
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Mass

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
907 W. Theo Ave
San Antonio, TX 78225

Interment

OCT **14** (CT)

San Jose Burial Park
8235 Mission Rd
San Antonio, TX 78214
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Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Maria N. Ruffo.*



October 13, 2025 at 09:35 AM



“ - *Your TICF Family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Maria N. Ruffo.*



- **Your TICF Family** - October 09, 2025 at 09:21 AM



“ *Peter & Carin Mavrosakis purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Maria N. Ruffo.*



Peter & Carin Mavrosakis - October 08, 2025 at 05:23 PM



“ *Leslie Reese & Mary lou purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Maria N. Ruffo.*



Leslie Reese & Mary lou - October 08, 2025 at 12:53 PM