



## Maria Elena Vega

March 2, 1947 - May 9, 2018

On March 2, 1947 an angel came in the name of Maria Elena. Many knew her as Mary Helen and family knew her as Nena. She became an angel and entered the beautiful Kingdom of God on May 9, 2018.

Nena was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother. Daughter, sister, aunt and friend. For many years she fought her health battles, long and hard defeating all odds but towards the end, her body just couldn't take any more pain and suffering. Her loving family were by her side until the very end. Mary Helen was a hard and dedicated worker. She started her career with Esskay Manufacturing Co. for 14 years and finished her career with SAISD Payroll Dept. She retired in 2012 after 26 years of service with SAISD. As her children were growing up, she was a dedicated mother and very involved with her children. She was Cheer Director for the Southside Little Cowboys and President for Five Diamonds Little League. Mary Helen loved to dance and she loved to go to the casino. She loved hummingbirds, yellow roses and the color peach. She enjoyed watching the Dallas Cowboys and San Antonio Spurs (the old timers). But most of all, she loved sitting by the fireplace watching Lifetime movies. Her final request was to spend her final days in front of the fireplace.

She had so much love to give, for she loved unconditionally. She left a lasting impression on those who crossed her path and their hearts were touched forever. She will truly be missed. Mrs. Vega was preceded in death by her parents, Genovevo "Henry" Rodriguez and Rosalia Aguilar Rodriguez; sister,

Mercedes "Manita" Garcia; brothers, Manuel Rodriguez, Henry "Bae" Rodriguez and Rudy Rodriguez. She is survived by her loving husband of 49 years, Rudy Vega; daughters, Annette Vega, Cheryl Tirado (Louis) and Brenda Vega; sons, Rudy Vega and Henry Vega (Nicole); sisters, Rosie Molina (Rudy), Carolyn Calley (Kevin), Esther Espinoza (Cass); brothers, Mike Rodriguez (Delia), Luis Rodriguez (Eileen), John Rodriguez (Manuela), Joe Rodriguez (Ida) and Roy Rodriguez; grandchildren, Jacob, Kristen (Jeremy), Louis Jr., Nicholas, Devon, Madisyn, Derion, Aaliyah, Rudy Jr., Mariah, Angelina, Aaron,, Henry Jr. and McKenzie; great-grandchildren, Valerie, Jacob Jr., Savanity, Jeremy Jr. and baby to be, Jayden.

#### SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 6:00pm-9:00pm, with a Rosary recited at 7:00pm at Palm Heights Mortuary. A procession will depart the funeral home on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 10:30am, with an 11:00am Funeral Mass at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Services will conclude at the church.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 16. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

MAY 16. 7:00 PM (CT)

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

## Funeral Mass

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Lawrence Catholic Church  
236 E. Petaluma  
San Antonio, TX 78221

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Maria Elena Vega*



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - May 16, 2018 at 01:42 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Maria Elena Vega.*



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May 16, 2018 at 09:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maria Elena Vega.*



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May 15, 2018 at 12:54 PM

AD

“ My sincerest condolences. Your mom looks so beautiful in the photo. That’s the memory I have of her. We would all gather at Jr. And Amelia ‘s house and we would spend hours laughing and talking. Her family was her life. Her life revolved around her children. And their children. We were neighbors for awhile and I witnessed it. Yes. I believe she fought til the end in desperation to be with her family.  
But God had other plans. His angels came to comfort her and take her home. I believe she will be there to meet each of her own. She left a legacy of family and love and I know each of you will continue this legacy and will be there for each other always. Again so sorry for your loss.

alfreda delagarza - May 15, 2018 at 10:33 AM



Cheryl Tirado

Thank you on behalf of the Vega family

Cheryl Tirado - May 15, 2018 at 05:16 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Maria Elena Vega.



May 14, 2018 at 11:18 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Maria Elena Vega.



May 14, 2018 at 11:33 AM

IW

“ To the family of Nena, I'm so sorry for your loss. Nena and I knew each other when we were young girls. I know she will be missed by many. My God give you strength and peace during the days ahead. Isaiah 41:10 & 41:13.

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**Irene Walter** - May 12, 2018 at 01:31 PM

 Cheryl  
Tirado

*On behalf of the Vega family, we thank you for your condolences.*

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**Cheryl Tirado** - May 12, 2018 at 02:52 PM