



## Marie Gomez Sedillo

May 8, 1939 - September 27, 2017

Our beloved mother entered perpetual rest on the evening of September 27th, 2017 at the age of 78 with her family present (both electronically and physically). She was the wife of James G. Sedillo, a U.S. Army soldier, and they were married for nearly 50 years. Marie, or “Mama,” or just “The Ma” devoted her entire life to the care and nurturing of her eight children, and then later to her many grandchildren. She lived with the ravages of rheumatoid arthritis for over 50 years which ultimately lead to her death. Her angels of mercy and her children all cared for her at home, through her final nine months.

She is survived by her brother Johnnie Gomez, her sister-in-law Rita Gomez, and her children Dr. Daniel Joseph Sedillo (Cynthia), Richard Edward Sedillo (Gabriela), James Gavino Sedillo, Jr., Michael David Sedillo, Marie Sedillo Garcia (Carlos), Samuel Steven Sedillo, and Joseph Delfino Sedillo. She is also survived by her 14 grandchildren including Justin, Alyssa, Daniel (Irene), Isabella, Brandon, Heather, Michael David, Edward, Gabriel, Genesis, Victoria, Sara, Stephanie, and Jasmine, as well as her great-grand daughter Ivy Rae. Marie is also survived by many nephews and nieces, including Christopher Sedillo who would either write, call, or visit her on a regular basis despite living in New Mexico.

She is preceded in death by her son Adrian Anthony Sedillo, her husband

James Gavino Sedillo, Sr., her granddaughter Jacquelin Adrian Sedillo, her brothers Dennis Gomez and Pete Gomez, her sisters Lydia Garcia and Victoria Garcia, and her parents Dionicio and Guadalupe Gomez

She was born on May 8th, 1939 in Sealy, Texas and baptized into Christ on November 18th, 1939. She graduated from Sealy High School in 1959. She then entered the U.S. Army in June of 1959 where she served her country until October of 1960. She was very proud of her military service.

She met her future husband while each was stationed at Ft. Hood: each of them were the shortest of their respective squad and thus were at the back of their marching formations, when they met. They were married on September 17th, 1960 at the Post Chapel in Ft. Hood, Texas.

Her primary vocation was caring for and raising her children, and later, many of her grandchildren. Her other "side gigs" as I called them included being a soldier in the U.S. Army, a cashier at the Ft. Sam Houston Commissary, and a medical records technician at Wilford Hall Medical Center and at St. Benedict's Nursing Home. She earned an Associate in Applied Science Degree from St. Phillips College in 1985. Essentially by herself, she cared for our father for the past year of his life until his death on June 21st, 2010.

She had many difficulties in her life, growing up during the latter part of the Great Depression and into World War II. Her father worked for the railroad company, and her family lived in a renovated boxcar. Being the wife of a military man is much more difficult than people realize, notwithstanding doing that, while raising eight children. She was a very strong woman and had a very stubborn streak underneath her gentle nature. The stubborn streak would come out especially when her children or grandchildren were even slightly "threatened." She did this despite silently suffering from rheumatoid arthritis. She had numerous operations, and many experimental and established

therapies over the years to control this disease and her pain. She did this for the most part with minimal complaint. She lived with our sister Marie and her family for many years, both in San Antonio and in Rockwall. She later lived with our brother Joseph and then later with our brother Sam. As she lost her abilities to perform daily activities, or to drive, or to walk, she became increasingly frustrated, since she was fiercely independent and wanted to be the servant rather than to be served.

Her angels of mercy, or rather, OUR angels of mercy, for the past few months included Lupe Janie, Ann, and Marcella. We could not have cared for her with the degree of dignity and respect at home as we did, without their devotion and support.

We wish to acknowledge the support of the CHRISTUS Hospice program and of the Avionn Home Healthcare over the past year. We also wish to thank her physicians who cared for her, over the past few years. They treated her with tender care and respect, and always kept her as their central focus. They include Dr. Rodolfo Molina, Dr. Juan Carlos Garza, and Dr. Anna Sanchez. These physicians epitomize the finest level of caring, expertise, and faith that anyone could ask for.

Thank you everyone for your support and prayers; they really mean a great deal to all of us. And remember, this is a celebration of life of a woman who was, and continues to remain a friend, a sister, an aunt, a grandmother, and most importantly, our mom!

Memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation who is dedicated to the prevention, control, and cure of arthritis.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 2. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

OCT 2. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Holy Mass

OCT 3. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church  
8500 Cross Mountain Trail  
San Antonio, TX 78255

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marie Gomez Sedillo.*



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October 02, 2017 at 05:11 PM



“ *Much can be said about a person you may have only met a few times when you know their children. No doubt Mrs. Sedillo was able to endow her smile and sense of humor, intelligence, good will, strong work ethics, faith, loyalty and commitment to family. These are but a few traits I see in all her extraordinary children. I offer my sincere condolences to Mrs. Sedillo's family; especially to my friend Marie Garcia. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Carmen Ingle*

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**Carmen Ingle** - October 02, 2017 at 02:15 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Marie Gomez Sedillo.*



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October 02, 2017 at 09:57 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Marie Gomez Sedillo.*



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October 02, 2017 at 08:36 AM



“ *I had the privilege to meet, laugh, watch tv, laugh, giggle, make soup with and care for Marie. You were a joy and I will miss you bunches. Say hi to the 🙏 angels. Marcella aka Marcie 😊*

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**Marcella A Trevino** - October 01, 2017 at 09:20 PM



“ *Chris Sedillo, Michael Rice and Richard Sedillo purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Marie Gomez Sedillo.*



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**Chris Sedillo, Michael Rice and Richard Sedillo** - September 30, 2017 at 07:26 PM



“ *Physicians & nurses of the CHofSA sedation team purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Marie Gomez Sedillo.*



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**Physicians & nurses of the CHofSA sedation team** - September 30, 2017 at 06:56 PM