



Martha B. Garcia

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Martha Garcia went dancing with our Lord on July 2, 2020, at the age of 87. Martha was born on July 29, 1932. She was the eldest of 8 children. She is preceded in death by her, heart and soul Grandmother Simona Montoya, and her guardian angels parent Juan and Adela Cobarrubias. Survivors include her loving husband of 67 years, James Garcia, Jr. Martha met her husband James in 1947, in the seventh grade. He left to serve our country in the Korean war. He asked her to wait for him, and she said yes! They married four years later after the war in 1952. Together, James and Martha were the model of a loving marriage and raised 12 children in their Catholic faith.

Children, James Garcia III, Wanda Cordaway, Roel Garcia, Hector Garcia, Ruben Garcia, Belinda Garcia-Crain, Efrain Garcia, Gabriel Garcia,
Marietta Garcia-Ottaway, Elisa Garcia-Viduarri, Rachel Garcia-Babcock, Conrad Garcia.

Grandchildren, Rebecca Garcia-Limami, Victoria Simona Garcia, Richard Cordaway, Jason Cordaway, Joseph Cordaway, Daniel Cortez, Jared Levi Crain, Kristina Marie Garcia-Scott, Amanda Moore, Andres Garcia, Antonio

Garcia, Mathew Garcia, Olivia Garcia, Blake Ottaway, Mason Ottaway, Marco Viduarri Jr, Adrian Viduarri, Avrey Viduarri, Jacob Suchart Babcock, and Christopher Thomas Garcia.

Great Grand Children, Gennelle Cordaway, Jena Cordaway, Nicholas Cordaway, Mason Cordaway, Caiden Thomas Crain, Warren Abrahm Crain, Faye Harper Crain, Sawyer Belle Crain, Maddox Moore, and future Isla Rae Garcia. Martha leaves an enduring legacy.

Martha was a spiritual and faithful member of the St Joseph's Catholic Church since 1953. Martha played a significant role in the La Guadalupana Society, the church festivals, RCIA, and especially St Joseph's school. In 1962 Martha was one of the members who took part in the Cursillo movement De Colores. She gave her time and talents to the community of St Joseph while raising her 12 children. Martha was indeed an extraordinary woman, exceedingly kind and sweet, a loving daughter, sister, wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother and a best friend to all. Our hearts are torn; mamma will be genuinely missed.

Note: Please no black attire

Visitation will begin on Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 4:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's South San Catholic Church with a rosary to begin at 5:00 p.m. Funeral mass will be celebrated on Thursday, July 9, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in her honor to St. Joseph's South San Guadalupana Society. 535 New Laredo Hwy. San Antonio, TX 78211

In accordance with CDC safety precautions, we ask to wear a mask and practice social distancing. There will be limited seating for all services. For

everyone's safety, please honor the family from a distance. We kindly thank you in advance.

For personal acknowledgment, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the obituary section.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 8. 4:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph (So. San) Catholic Church
535 New Laredo Hwy
San Antonio, TX 78211

Rosary

JUL 8. 5:00 PM (CT)

St. Joseph South San Catholic Church
535 Laredo
San Antonio , TX 78211

Celebration of Her Life

JUL 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph South San Catholic Church
535 New Laredo Hwy
San Antonio , TX

Interment

JUL 9 (CT)

Mission Burial Park South
1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Tribute Wall

MO

“ Mommy you were the first Angel I met when I was born. You were the kindest, sweetest loving mother. I will miss our 2 hour phone conversations your funny stories, your open mindedness, your calmness and wisdom when I had a terrible day in life. Your honesty and truthfulness when life was extremely rough for me you were always there to listen and give me the best life lesson that I will always be grateful for.
My best friend, My Beautiful Mom. I will miss you with all my heart!! I had the honor of being your daughter.
I am the luckiest daughter and will miss your Sassiness that I love about you the most .
Love always and forever. Until we meet again in the presence of the Lord, Marietta.



Marietta Ottaway - July 25, 2020 at 08:03 PM

JC

“ Lots of love for Tia Martha and family, as it is said in John 13:34, love one another, thank you Tia for Gods word lived in you, God bless you and your family, in Jesus Christ mighty name, Amen.

<https://youtu.be/Zp6aygmVzM4>

Juan Cobarruvias - July 16, 2020 at 05:34 PM

TL

“ To Tio James and the rest of my cousins I am very sorry for your loss. Tia was very wonderful and kind And always brought out the best in everyone. She will be missed dearly. Love you all and miss you. Tony De leon from Laredo.

Tony De leon - July 08, 2020 at 07:53 PM

MC

“ Mario and Violeta Cobarruvias purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Martha B. Garcia.



Mario and Violeta Cobarruvias - July 07, 2020 at 04:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha B. Garcia.



July 07, 2020 at 03:42 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Martha B. Garcia.



July 07, 2020 at 10:17 AM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Martha B. Garcia.*



July 07, 2020 at 09:05 AM



“ *Efrain Garcia purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Martha B. Garcia.*



Efrain Garcia - July 06, 2020 at 03:59 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Dean - July 06, 2020 at 03:54 PM



Thank you mom for open your heart and accepting me into your family along my faults. Its been a honor and privilege having you and dad stayed at your house. I loved take care of you when you were down. Go with god and be pain free and see your parents in haven. I well see you again. Love you mom.

Dean - July 06, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Martha B. Garcia.* ”



July 06, 2020 at 03:42 PM



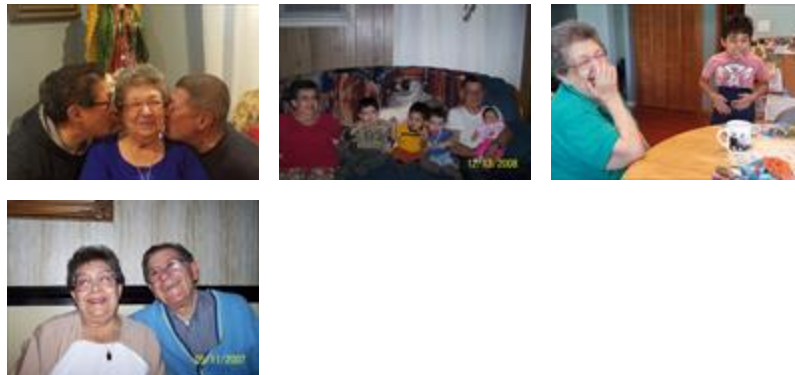
“ *Mom we love you and we are going to miss you very much. Efrain, Mary Ann, Andres & Antonio Garcia* ”



Efrain Garcia - July 06, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ *4 files added to the tribute wall* ”



Rachel - July 06, 2020 at 03:05 PM

KC

“ Grandma with the Crain’s □



Kristina Crain - July 06, 2020 at 11:25 AM

RG

I love these pictures! 😍 miss you guys so much.

Rebecca Garcia - July 06, 2020 at 11:31 AM

JG

Lovely. Thank you for sharing. ❤️

James and Susan Garcia - July 07, 2020 at 11:31 AM

RG

“ Sharing my birthday with Grandma is truly a special bond we had. I looked forward every birthday to call her up and say "Happy Birthday!" And she would say it right back! It won't be the same anymore. Grandma was truly the most beautiful, gentle, softest, kindest, and sharpest woman to me. I will cherish the wonderful memories I have of her; snuggling up to her side on the sofa and napping when I was little, teaching me how to cook rice and make tortillas, and staying up late talking about my life and her sharing memories of her childhood. I feel incredibly lucky to be her granddaughter and she will be missed tremendously. I love you Grandma 💕



Rebecca Garcia - July 06, 2020 at 10:57 AM

JA

“ James purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Martha B. Garcia.



James - July 06, 2020 at 10:06 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Martha B. Garcia.



July 06, 2020 at 05:32 AM

JA

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



James - July 05, 2020 at 07:48 PM

“ My Random Thoughts...

There are so many cherished, precious memories of Mom that my mind literally jumps from one to the next. My next thought is Dad and I love him dearly, too. I know personally, the loss of a spouse. Daddy and Mom have known each other since middle school. They left the small town of Laredo to start a new life in a big city together. What a lifetime they have shared!

I have memories of when I was a little boy in the living room and playing with a toy, of Mom standing at the ironing board ironing my school uniform, dinner on the stove and we are waiting for Daddy to return from work. Mom's cooking... making flour tortillas on the "comal" (a cast iron griddle) and waiting for her to slice one open and putting butter in the center and then eating that hot tortilla with melted butter; of the pot of "frijoles" always simmering on the stove during the day and of her making "fideo".

There are so many good memories and they are very endearing. Mom was encouraging and allowed me the freedom to do quite a few things on my own. I now attribute this to her being busy with the other children and left me to my own means to stay busy and take care of myself. This helped me to be very independent at a young age, be vigilant, and to be without fear in new situations and environments.

I remember visiting Laredo and being able to stay with Papa Juan, Mama Lita, and Mama Mona. Wanda and I would spend the summer with them, and this experience provided many an adventure and strong memories of this part of Mom's family and life. I remember Mom one time arranging for a "carro" (these were independent drivers/cars that would ferry passengers directly between residences in San Antonio and Laredo) to take us to see my grandma and grandpa. Mom also used this service to bring Mama Mona and Tia Elva back and forth to their house and ours. She was always resourceful.

The work that Mom did for the parish. She was a life member of the “Guadalupanas”, the Altar Society, and the “Cursillistas”. She served on the parish council as both treasurer and president. She oversaw the parish festivals for almost 20 years. Her and Margie (aka M&M). Mom was an honorary member of the Knights of Columbus. She participated in numerous Archdiocese projects and was well known in San Antonio. I think that one of her proudest moments (certainly of Dad’s) was when our family was selected “Catholic Family of the Year” by the Archbishop. She was extremely active in the community and never said no when she saw that she could contribute, large or small.

I remember the first time that I came home from the seminary during a break. Mom and Dad picked me up at the train station and I commented that I was taller than Dad now and Mom smiled. I then remember that Mom and I talked late into the night and she wanted me to tell her about the train, the seminary, my classmates, my first experience with snow, my studies, etc. I remember we talked late into the night with her wanting to know all about my experiences. This was the first time we had ever talked like this. This was the first of many conversations that we would have, talking into the night and sharing.

In my final moments with Mom, I told her that “we love you; we will continue to pray. Mom, save me a seat on the bench next to you when you get to heaven, so we can then tell a few stories, tell a few jokes, and maybe even sing.”

I remember at Papa Juan’s funeral, being at the burial site, and at the conclusion of the service, Mom turned to me, embraced me hard and cried, saying “that’s my Daddy... I love him so much.” Now, I am saying, “Mom, I love you so much” with tear-filled eyes.

Jaime

The First of Twelve



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - July 05, 2020 at 02:22 PM