



Mary L. Alaniz

December 16, 1927 - May 29, 2020

Mary Lopez Alaniz went to be with our Lord on May 29, 2020. She was born on December 16, 1927 to Guadalupe and Antonio Lopez in San Antonio, Texas. Mary was the first Born of twelve children. She helped her parents by caring for her siblings and taking on the role of little "Mama." She took her responsibilities seriously. The role helped her craft her amazing cooking, baking and sewing skills which she later shared with family and friends.

In 1945, by a chance encounter Mary met the love of her life Rafael Alaniz while he was stationed at Fort Sam Houston as a Military police officer. It took him all of nine months to convince her he was the one. They exchanged vows in front of God and family in March 1946. They started their family that same year when they welcomed Rafael Jr in December. Two years later Annie joined followed by Janie in 1951. In 1952, Mary packed up her family and moved to Colton, California. She then decided it was time to be closer to family once again they packed up and moved to Robstown, Texas in 1956. While in Robstown, the family grew once more welcoming Margaret. Then in 1958 she decided to pack up her family for their final move to San Antonio when Rafael accepted a job at Kelly Air Force Base. During this time Mary and Rafael completed their family with Gerard, Timothy and Bernadette. Mary was a founding and active member at St Lawrence Catholic Church since 1960. She was part of the founding members of Cuisillos, Altar Society, Legion of Mary, Schstock Rosary Group , Homebound

minster, Eucharist minister and a cook for the Priest. She did all of this until she was physically unable to but she continued her daily devotions and rosaries.

In addition to all of her roles as mother, wife and volunteer. Mary helped babysit, pick up, sew costumes and dresses, bake cupcakes and cakes for all her grandchildren. Mary was able to be present for many baptisms, communions, confirmations, weddings and births during her time with us. She will be remembered for her love of family, her food made with love, dancing in the living room and driving down the roller coaster road.

Visitation will be held on Sunday, June 7, 2020 from 5:00-9:00 p.m. with rosary to begin at 6:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral Mass on Monday, June 8, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church. Interment to follow at Mission Burial Park South.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 7. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

JUN 7. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JUN 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

MM

“ I had the opportunity when I was young to eat the good food Mrs. Alaniz prepared and pastries that she baked when I would hang out with Margie and her younger siblings. Mrs. Alaniz was always very giving to many. She would greet you with a smile and a hug. One day she asked me if I prayed the rosary and my response was yes. She wanted to hear me pray it and was very proud of me when I finished it. I cherish those religious moments with her. May she rest in peace.



Melida Vera Munoz - June 11, 2020 at 02:53 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary L. Alaniz .



June 06, 2020 at 11:38 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary L. Alaniz .



June 05, 2020 at 04:44 PM

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“ *Mr. & Mrs. Tony C Lopez & Family purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Mary L. Alaniz .*



Mr. & Mrs. Tony C Lopez & Family - June 05, 2020 at 12:40 PM

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“ *Love, Blas and Ellen Lopez purchased the Fairer t of All for the family of Mary L. Alaniz .*



Love, Blas and Ellen Lopez - June 05, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mary L. Alaniz .*



June 04, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary L. Alaniz .*

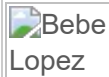


June 04, 2020 at 11:54 AM

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“ I will always remember Mary Alaniz as one of the sweetest and most loving ladies whom I have ever met and have had the pleasure of knowing. My favorite memory of Mary is from back in December of 1967 when I was visiting my future in-laws on my very first trip to San Antonio. Since my husband-to-be (Otis Santivanez, also from San Antonio) and Raphael, Jr. were close Air Force buddies, I had the pleasure of meeting Mary and the Alaniiz Family. At the end of my visit, Otis had to leave from there for a one-year tour in Vietnam. Mary cordially invited me to spend the night at their home and hang out with the girls. That evening, while cooking dinner Mary taught me how to make her delicious refried beans — yummmm. The next morning Mary kindly drove me to the airport (my first ride in a VW Bug). I'll always treasure these fond memories. May the Lord bless you in his care.
Love to all the Family, Louise Santivanez.

Louise Santivanez - June 04, 2020 at 01:19 AM

 Bebe Lopez

As I share her name, I will always remember her visits in welcoming me to the family. She has a beautiful heart & soul. May she rest in peace. Love & hugs to all family members she loves.
Mary Bebe & Tony Lopez IV

Bebe Lopez - June 07, 2020 at 09:17 PM