



Mary A. Ayala

October 20, 1945 - July 28, 2020

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10/20/1945 – 07/28/2020

Mary A. Ayala passed away on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 74. Mary was born on October 20, 1945 to Ruth Shaw and Jose Alejandro Sr.

Mary met the love of her life Manuel Jesus (Jesse) Ayala and dated him before he departed to serve in the US Army in 1966. They married on February 13, 1971. They were married for 49 years and spent their final hours together in the ICU at North Central Baptist and departed within a day apart of each other. Their true love inspired so many.

Mary was member of the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe and descendant of the Shaw family. Mary was the matriarch of the family and a strong woman of deep faith. She radiated with such outer and inner beauty. Her legacy will be remembered as the most loving and giving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, godmother, aunt, sister, aunt, cousin and friend. She made everyone feel special, loved and always willing to help others in need. She enjoyed spending time with her family. Her biggest joy was being a grandma and extremely excited to soon become great-grandma.

Mary was an exceptional cook and was given the nickname, "Cookie" at a young age. She shared many of her recipes with her family including her traditional holiday tamales. This family tradition will carry on for generations in

her honor.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband Jesse, brother Mike Alejandro and son-in-law David Prado. She is survived by her children Jesus Javier Ayala, Efrem Ayala (Angela), and Marie Ayala; grandchildren Heaven, Yternity, Isis, David, Joe Angel and Emily Faith; siblings Jose Alejandro Jr, Christine (Mike) Cortes, Dolores Alejandro, Beatrice (Jose R.) Chavez, Helen Garcia, and Alma Alejandro, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the staff at North Central Baptist all those who cared for Mary and Jesse with such care and compassion in their final hours.

Public Viewing: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at Brookehill Funeral Home, 711 SE Military Dr, San Antonio, TX 78214 at 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM followed by a private Rosary at 7:00 PM. Public viewing will resume at 8:00 PM to 9:00 PM.

Private Mass: St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church at noon on Thursday, August 13, 2020.

Funeral: to follow the Private Mass on Thursday, August 13th at San Jose Burial Park, 8325 Mission Road, San Antonio TX 78214.

Cemetery Details

San Jose Burial Park

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

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 12. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Brookehill Funeral Home
711 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 923-7523
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

AUG 12. 7:00 PM (CT)

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San Antonio, TX 78214
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<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Mass

AUG 13. 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
1314 Fair Ave
San Antonio, TX 78223

Tribute Wall

CM

“ I remember as a little girl my parents and I would visit Mary and Jesse at their house and I always loved her sofas with a little waterfall in the middle, corner. She is a beautiful Angel now. I'll miss her. GOD BLESS TO THE AYALA FAMILY 🙏

Christine Martinez Mata - August 13, 2020 at 12:01 PM

MC

“ I had a passion for sewing and Mary gave me the opportunity to create a gown for her it's was just below the knee and swept down behind her made of luxurious fabric she floats so beautifully down the aisle one of so many memories.
Mary and my cousin Jessie we're such wonderful people they will truly be missed💔 my deepest condolences go out to their children and the entire family 🙏

Mary Trinidad Cassibba - August 12, 2020 at 09:14 PM

MT

“ Mary's late sister-in-law Lupe A. Tijerina and sister of late Manuel Jesse Ayala had some great times together with me (Manuel Tijerina) brother-in-law and Lupe's husband. We will always remember how close we were as a family, there for each other. They sill all be greatly missed but reunited with their parents and other loved ones in heaven!

Manuel Tijerina - August 12, 2020 at 01:05 PM

IM

“ I send prayers and my deepest condolences to the whole family I love u Marie and I'm here for you! She was a beautiful woman who is now resting with out Heavenly Father... may god bless you all and help ease ur pain.... 🌸🌸🌸

isabel mireles - August 12, 2020 at 08:56 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary A. Ayala.



August 11, 2020 at 07:09 PM

AS

“ ❤️ my sweet, Godmother, I love you!!



Adriene Salazar - August 11, 2020 at 06:09 PM

CG

“ Our matriarch, our rock, the glue that kept the family strongly united. I will do best to honor your legacy. I love you so much auntie/godmother. You were like a second mom/grandma to me and my family. You always showed so much love, generosity, and forgiveness to all and made us feel special. You and uncle Jesse will be missed tremendously but I have peace knowing you are both are united with Jesus Christ. I will see you again one day honey.

Love,
Carisa and Family

Carisa Gamez - August 11, 2020 at 04:26 PM

DC

Ms. Mary (Cookie) I had the pleasure of meeting you and your awesome husband, I really enjoyed being around you two during the family gatherings, I am gonna miss our trips together to the Casinos, but most of all your beautiful, loving, caring self, and I'm gonna miss Mr. Jesse and his funny Jokes, and such a funny loving person, I will forever carry you two in my heart, and continue to Pray for your beautiful family, R.I.P. Soulmates!!!

Diane Cervantes - August 11, 2020 at 05:58 PM

AS

A mom to her siblings and grandma to her nieces and nephews, auntie Mary, one of the most beautiful souls. She will be missed dearly...we have many wonderful memories that we will hold in our hearts. Thank you for everything that you have done for everyone. It's not good bye, it's see you when we get there. ❤️ I love you, my sweet Godmother, fly high and dance with the angels of heaven. Give our loved ones a hug for us!

Adriene Salazar - August 11, 2020 at 06:07 PM



“ *Truly Beloved Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Mary A. Ayala.



August 10, 2020 at 01:25 PM