



Mary Cantu Cadena

January 16, 1923 - December 31, 2023

Mary Cantu Cadena went to be with our Lord on December 31, 2023, at the age of 100. She was born on January 16, 1923, to Maria Antonia De Los Santos Cantu and Feliciano Cantu in Saspanco, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her beloved husband of 65 years Chris Cadena Jr., who was her childhood sweetheart; son Christopher R. Cadena III; brother Richard Cantu and great-grandson Robert Dixon Jr.

Mrs. Cadena was an active member of Holy Name Catholic Parish for over 50 years.

Mrs. Cadena was a Fox Tech High School graduate in May of 1941.

In 1944, Mrs. Cadena received her degree from Santa Rosa School of Nursing and worked for the San Antonio Metropolitan Health Department as a supervisor of clinics at Villa Tranchese.

In 1953, Mrs. Cadena was hired by the San Antonio Health Department as a Public Health Nurse but continued to pursue a higher education by attending night school at San Antonio College.

In 1961, she received her Bachelor of Science Degree from Incarnate Word

College and in 1962 was promoted to a San Antonio Public Health field supervisor.

For 29 years, she devoted her life to helping her barrio neighbors by administering immunization shots door to door.

In 1985, she retired with 32 years as Field Supervisor from Public Health.

She is survived by her daughters Cynthia A. McKenna (John) of Maryland, Cheryl A. Wright (Max) of San Antonio, TX, Venesa Balmos of Saspamco, TX and son Eric J. Cadena of Maryland; grandchildren Dario A. Cavazos (Betsy), Mary Gilley (Ryan), Jessica C. Rodriguez (Martin), Chelsea Savage (Jason), Ashley Jones, Cadet Kohl Balmos, USAF and step-grandson Dante Wright; great-grandchildren, Rylee, Emma, Jacob, Averie, Raelyn, Beaux, Kingston, Quincy and Silas; numerous friends, nieces, nephews, cousins and sister-in-law Mrs. Consuelo Ruiz of Kingsville, TX.

Our Family would like to thank the team at Embrace Hospice.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. with a Holy Rosary to be recited at 6:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, 1700 SE Military Dr.

Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Holy Name Catholic Church, 3814 Nash Blvd., with a procession to depart the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. Interment will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 5:00 PM - 8:00 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

JAN 16. 6:00 PM (CT)

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1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
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Funeral Mass

JAN 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

Holy Name Catholic Church
3814 Nash Blvd
San Antonio, TX 78223

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Cantu Cadena.*



January 13, 2024 at 09:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Cantu Cadena.*



January 10, 2024 at 02:52 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Mary Cantu Cadena.*



January 10, 2024 at 10:54 AM



“ *The Mendoza family. Juan, Joe, Annabelle purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Cantu Cadena.*



The Mendoza family. Juan, Joe, Annabelle - January 08, 2024 at 05:35 PM

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“ The Mendoza family. Juan, Joe, Annabelle planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Cantu Cadena.

The Mendoza family. Juan, Joe, Annabelle - January 08, 2024 at 05:35 PM

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“ Nancy and Dillon Bomer purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Mary Cantu Cadena.



Nancy and Dillon Bomer - January 07, 2024 at 02:32 PM

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“ My sincere condolences to Cindy , Cheryl , Vanessa & Eric and all the family members. I have great memories of Mrs Cadena, she was a beautiful person inside and out . I will truly miss her , she's with her husband and son now . May she rest in peace 💕💕



Barbara Fabisack Sotomayor - January 06, 2024 at 10:10 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Cantu Cadena.



January 06, 2024 at 06:46 PM