



MARY (NENA) CAVAZOS

January 17, 1938 - January 16, 2022

Mary (Nena) Cavazos

On January 16, 2022, an Angel came and took the hand of Mary Cavazos, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and sister. Our mom was born on January 17, 1938, and left this Earth on January 16, 2022, at the age of 83. She passed peacefully, at her home, surrounded by family.

Our mom was preceded in death by her parents, Alfredo and Evangelina Botello, and her three sisters – Gloria Mann, Irma Arvizu, and Viola Barrios. She is survived by her husband, USAF SMSgt Raul Cavazos (retired); her four daughters – Molly, Anita (and Husband Abe Parazo), Melissa, and Cindy; her seven grandchildren – Ean, Nicole, Matthew, Erica, Andrea, Alana, and Sage; her six great-grandchildren – Elina, Evelyn, Avery, Nason, Aviendha, and Aria; and her sister, Connie Villalon.

Professionally, our mom was a brilliant businesswoman. Her love was real estate. In particular, she enjoyed sharing her “secrets to success,” and in doing so, fostered many life-long friendships.

But our mom’s ultimate purpose in life was her family, and she leaves with us a legacy filled with love, kindness, respect, strength, forgiveness, and understanding. Our mom also loved preparing amazing meals for family,

friends, and even close business acquaintances. Treasured memories of these meals will be forever cherished, and her recipes, some of which she passed on, will be endlessly enjoyed.

Our mom suffered from dementia, and in dealing with her dementia, she remained strong and never waived from her commitment to us. She also never displayed anger towards her illness, but instead, showed complete trust and a relentless will to “stay with us.” Although painful to watch her decline (most especially for our dad), our mom’s beautiful spirit and strength persevered, and today, that spirit and strength keeps us “going forward” without looking back. Also, during this difficult time, our mom allowed us to learn of her more vulnerable side. Our mom’s most profound gift to each of us was a “love letter,” written years ago, but found on Christmas Day 2021.

Our family is eternally grateful for our mom’s tireless caregivers, Olga and Mary, and for the staff at TRANSCEND HOSPICE, most especially Thelma, Janet, Marco, and Valeria, as well as Chaplains Victor and John.

Our family will receive family and friends on Thursday, February 10, 2022, from 4:00pm to 8:00pm, at Mission Park (Medical Center) Funeral Home, 8332 Fredericksburg Road, San Antonio, Texas, with a rosary starting at 6:30pm. At noon on Friday, February 11, 2022, there will be a short service at the funeral home, followed by interment at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, at 1:30pm.

Cemetery Details

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park-Medical Center
8332 Fredericksburg Rd
San Antonio, TX 78229
(210) 616-0510
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

FEB 10. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park-Medical Center
8332 Fredericksburg Rd
San Antonio, TX 78229
(210) 616-0510
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Funeral Service

FEB 11. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park-Medical Center
8332 Fredericksburg Rd
San Antonio, TX 78229
(210) 616-0510
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Tribute Wall

RC

“ Mrs. Cavazos, I know you are still among us. Please forgive my delay in expressing my respect. I did not get to meet you in person but Molly told me all about you. I worked with her at the federal courthouse in Houston. I admired you for your business savy and entrepreneurship. You were a trailblazer before we used the term "glass ceiling." You were a role model for perseverance and kindness. I thought about you through the years and will continue to do so. Thank you for touching my life. Roxella Cavazos

Roxella Cavazos - May 07, 2022 at 07:28 PM

GE

“ Mrs. Cavazos influenced me in many ways - she was strong, smart, beautiful, sweet, loving, FUN and welcoming. I have so many beautiful memories of being at the house... I sure wish we could go back and just have one great long hug. I am so sorry for your loss - love to you Cavazos family - Cindy's Gena

Gena - February 10, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of MARY (NENA) CAVAZOS.



February 09, 2022 at 11:52 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - February 09, 2022 at 10:29 AM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - February 08, 2022 at 08:59 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - February 08, 2022 at 05:00 PM

DS

“ I'd like to extend condolences to everyone in the passing of Mrs. Cavazos.

I've known Cindy and Allison for many years and though I was born and raised near L.A. in Southern California, I have visited San Antonio with Marlene and the Herrera's many times.

I extend sympathy as my own dear mom, Dolores, when I was in college, passed away after a long battle with cancer. My brothers and sisters lived through my mom's suffering so I understand the grief and pain this causes and please accept my heartfelt sympathy in this regard as well.

With pride, Cindy shared many loving experiences she enjoyed with her mom. I remember Mrs. Cavazos and her generous spirit. I have seen this generosity in Cindy and because of this, I know Mrs. Cavazos' love and enthusiasm for life lives on.

I extend compassion and sympathy to everyone. Sincerely, David F. Stucke

Please accept my heartfelt sympathy and compassion in the passing of Mrs. Cavazos. Sincerely, David F. Stucke

David Stucke - February 08, 2022 at 04:00 PM

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Cindy Cavazos - February 07, 2022 at 10:58 PM

LH

“Dear Family and Friends, I’ve lived in California for 30 years now but I always go to San Antonio, where I’m from, to visit my family. I’m Allison’s eldest sister, Marlene, and I’ve known Cindy for about as long as I’ve lived here in L.A. and San Francisco.

One evening at Christmastime, my boyfriend, David, and I went to see Cindy at her parent’s house and to meet Mr. and Mrs. Cavazos. We parallel parked on the street. As we walked up to the house, I saw light spilling out of the front door and Mrs. Cavazos came running outside and hugged me in the middle of the sidewalk. It was wonderful and I remember her eyes bright and smiling and with an excited voice, said: “Come in! Come in! So nice to meet you both! Come in! So nice to see you! You look beautiful! Come in!” I was wearing Christmas gifts from my Mother: A black long taffeta skirt that grazed the ground in a balloon form and I wore a vintage hat of black velvet wire that had an open frame with short black netting, and my own black top that I packed. Mrs. Cavazos was asking if she could serve David and I snacks and she was holding my arm and kept smiling at me and admiring my outfit and she said: “Que moda! You look so nice!” I remember Mrs. Cavazos’ overflowing enthusiasm and her lively voice and energetic spirit! I also remember that in that first meeting, I knew that her dynamic energy and enthusiasm is where Cynthia Marie gets hers. How divine to be blessed with a Mother’s love such as this!

I wish everyone peace and comfort.

My deepest condolences and sympathy I extend to all of you today. And in the days ahead, may the beautiful memories of Mrs. Cavazos’ love and laughter with boundless energy, empower and comfort all of us.

With love in sincerest compassion,

L. Marlene Herrera



L. Marlene Herrera - February 07, 2022 at 08:18 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of MARY (NENA) CAVAZOS.*



February 07, 2022 at 04:16 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of MARY (NENA) CAVAZOS.*



February 07, 2022 at 01:01 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of MARY (NENA) CAVAZOS.*



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Sage Gonzalez - February 07, 2022 at 12:39 AM



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Sage Gonzalez - February 07, 2022 at 12:38 AM



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Cindy Cavazos - February 04, 2022 at 10:56 AM



A Beautiful Lady inside & out. My condolences Molly and family From Marty Musquiz.

Marty Musquiz - February 04, 2022 at 02:27 PM

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“ *Candie Chairez lit a candle in memory of MARY (NENA) CAVAZOS*



Candie Chairez - February 04, 2022 at 06:43 AM

BF

“ *Molly & Cavazos Family,
Jim & I were very sad to hear of your mother's passing. Jim said the conversations he had with your mom were a great source of joy, and inspiration. One of my favorite memories was when my son James came home after meeting your mom at age 12 and said he now knew the secret to making the best mashed potatoes. He said "Mrs Cavazos said it's 'pet milk', shhh mom it's a secret!" I always smile when I think of that story. Your mom was a joy and will be missed.*

Betty and Jim Fuentes - February 03, 2022 at 10:33 PM

LB

“ *Molly and family,
Our deepest condolences on the loss of your beautiful Mother. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. May she Rest In Peace. 🙏💜*



Liza and John Blatter

Liza Blatter - February 03, 2022 at 03:14 PM



“ To the Cavazos Family, my deepest condolences on the loss of your matriarch. Her legacy of strength, savvy, and beauty will continue to shine on through you all. You are such a kind, compassionate and strong family. I am blessed to call multiple members friends. I hope the "love letters" she left behind will continue to offer you comfort and I'm certain she is up above viewing the "love letter" you have crafted in memorial to her with a big beautiful smile. Blessings to you all. -Amber

Amber Lutz - February 03, 2022 at 02:05 PM

EE

“ Molly... my condolences to you and your family .. saw the pictures of your mom what a Beautiful Lady. May she Rest In Peace 🙏

Elva Elizondo - February 02, 2022 at 08:41 PM

RC

“ Dear Molly,

Craig and I extend our deepest condolences to you and your amazing family on the passing of your lovely mom. She was truly a remarkable woman of many accomplishments.

I remember meeting her while we were in high school, and I was not only taken with her warm smile but she was always so welcoming. I will never forget being in y'all's kitchen when y'all lived in Valley-Hi, and watching her make rice pudding with cinnamon sticks. It was the first time I had ever had rice pudding, and it was simply the best I had ever had then and to this day. May she Rest In Peace.

With our sincerest sympathies, please let us know if there is anything we can do. ~Rosa and Craig

Rosa Castano - February 01, 2022 at 10:43 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - February 01, 2022 at 07:39 PM