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Mary Esther Delgado Garza, 96, passed away peacefully in her sleep at home on Friday, January 12, 2024. Mary Esther was born October 30, 1927, in San Antonio to Genevieve Delgado and raised by the man she considered her dad, Frank Delgado from Mathis Texas. She was a graduate of Brackenridge High School in 1946. On April 12, 1950, she married her partner for life, Ruben Laborde Garza. Mary Esther and Ruben were married for 65 years. Mary Esther was a great cook and used her talents to feed students for 25 years, first at St. Patrick Catholic Elementary and then at St. Gerard High School. Kids loved her enchiladas and her morning biscuits. She was a magician with government cheese. When she wasn't feeding kids, she would work summers and feed Archbishop Flores and Father David.

She was a firm believer in being involved in her church and her community. She was an active member of St. Patrick Church for over 70 years where she was always volunteering to be Festival Chair or PTA President. In her later years she and Ruben joined Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in downtown San Antonio and went on her first ACTS retreat in 2011 at Our Lady of Grace. In addition to being a great cook, she sewed many blankets for her grandchildren. She also assisted her husband in keeping the accounting books for R. Garza & Sons Trucking and would hide the checkbook from her

husband so he wouldn't write too many checks. She made sure her 6 sons all received a Catholic school education at St. Patrick, Holy Cross and St. Gerard. She was the disciplinarian in the family. Her sons know that the local baseball team was named after her, the "flying chanclas." While she was strict, she was also very loving and caring and a woman ahead of her time. When she retired from work, she was always taking care and babysitting her grandchildren. She picked them up from school, made sure they had a snack and did their homework. Mom was proud of every single one of her children, grandchildren and their partners and loved each one unconditionally.

Mary Esther is survived by her six sons, Ruben Garza Jr and his wife Rose Marie, Alejandro and his wife Elma, David and his wife Kathleen, Jaime and his wife Jackie, Francisco and his wife Alma Lee and George. Mary Esther was the matriarch of 16 grandchildren, Ruben III, Jose Javier, Monica, Priscilla, Arthur Ray Sepulveda, Cassandra, David II, Christie Maldonado, Antoinette Martinez, Frankie, Elissa, Nicholas, Eddie Prieto, Bennie Prieto, Genevieve and Georgie and 17 great grandchildren and her loving Goddaughter Guadalupe Morales Rojas. She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Genevieve Delgado, husband Ruben L. Garza, sister Aurora Peace, brother Rudy Delgado and her Grandson Ruben Garza III. So much gratitude to her caregivers who took care of her at home. Maria Sarmiento, Kristina RN and Josie CNA from Holy Savior Hospice, and her caring daughter in law Alma.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Ruben Garza III Scholarship at Holy Cross High School, <https://holycross-sa.socs.net/vnews/display.v/ART/608861a806779> or Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, <https://www.ihmsatx.org/giving-to-ihm--dar-a-ihm.html> Family will receive friends on Sunday January 21, 2024 from 5 PM to 8 PM with a Rosary at 6 PM at Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church at 223 E. Summit Ave. Funeral Service will be on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church at 617 South Santa Rosa Ave. Interment immediately to follow at Mission Burial Park North.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park North

20900 I.H. 10
West San Antonio, TX 78230

Previous Events

Visitation and Rosary

JAN **21**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church
223 E. Summit
San Antonio, TX 78212

Funeral Mass

JAN **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church
617 S Santa Rosa Ave.
San Antonio, TX 78204

Tribute Wall



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Esther Delgado Garza.*



January 20, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ *Rosa Lopez and Ruben Campos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Esther Delgado Garza.*

Rosa Lopez and Ruben Campos - January 20, 2024 at 11:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Esther Delgado Garza.*



January 19, 2024 at 08:34 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about your mom. We pray that the memories of her life will help guide you and your family through this difficult times.*
Irasema & Gilbert Perales

Gilbert Perales - January 19, 2024 at 04:50 PM

RG

“ Our deepest condolences. We will surely miss our Tia Esther. Our thoughts and prayers. Primo Rene Y Claudia

Rene T Garza - January 19, 2024 at 01:53 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Esther Delgado Garza.



January 18, 2024 at 09:56 PM

EA

“ My sincere condolences to you and your family, Frank.

Elizabeth Ackley - January 18, 2024 at 04:28 PM

RG

“ She was a wonderful woman who treated friends of her children as if they were her own. You were greeted with a smile and you never left her home hungry. She will be greatly missed!

Ronnie Glazener - January 18, 2024 at 02:28 PM

PG

“ She was quite a wonderful woman. I will always have great memories of her. May she Rest in Peace.

Pat Glazener - January 18, 2024 at 02:24 PM

AG

“ I’ll remember you always as the woman who loved without conditions. She prayed every morning, always had a birthday card for everyone, especially the grandkids, great cook and a kind mother in law. Oh I can’t forget Bunco Queen!!



Alma Lee Garza - January 18, 2024 at 10:49 AM