



Mary Lou Garza

November 28, 1936 - March 21, 2025

Mary Lou Garza, 88, passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Friday, March 21, 2025, in San Antonio, TX.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, April 17, 2025, beginning with a visitation at 8:30 AM at St. Benedicts Catholic Church, 4535 Lord Road, San Antonio, TX. A rosary will begin at 9:15 AM followed by a Funeral Mass at 9:45 AM. Interment will be at 11:15 AM at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, TX.

Mary Lou was born on November 28, 1936, to the late Vito Castiglione and Josephine Granato Castiglione in San Antonio, TX. She married the love of her life, Oscar Garza, on November 20, 1955 and were blessed with 40 years of marriage until Oscar passed away on October 16, 1995. Mary Lou was affectionately referred to as “Nanny” and will be dearly missed by her family and friends. Mary Lou enjoyed cooking and was in her “Happy Place” making her family’s authentic Italian dishes and felt just as much joy sharing these dishes with family and friends. She unselfishly dedicated much of her life caring for family members, both young and elderly. Most importantly, Mary Lou lived her life guided by her religious faith as a devout Catholic and a longtime member of St. Benedicts Catholic Church.

Mary Lou is survived by her son, Larry Garza (Linda); grandchildren, Brittany Ervin (Justin) and Bradley Garza (Ashley); great grandchildren, Breckyn and Adelyn; older brother, Joseph Castiglione (Irma); and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

Mary Lou was also preceded in death by her son, Gary Garza; sister, Theresa Castiglione; brother, Frank Castiglione (Spur); and stepfather, Samuel Orlando.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 17. 8:30 AM - 9:15 AM (CT)

St. Benedicts Catholic Church
4534 Lord San Antonio
San Antonio, TX

Rosary

APR 17. 9:15 AM - 9:45 AM (CT)

St. Benedicts Catholic Church
4534 Lord San Antonio
San Antonio, TX

Funeral Mass

APR 17. 9:45 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

St. Benedicts Catholic Church
4534 Lord San Antonio
San Antonio, TX

Interment

APR 17. 11:15 AM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 820-3891

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Garza.* ”



April 16, 2025 at 12:55 PM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall* ”



Rossana M. Granato- first cousin - April 16, 2025 at 11:00 AM

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“ My dear cousin Mary Lou, I'll never forget that day I picked you up and we went to Joe and Irma's house... You said you had something to give me, so you handed me this little box and you told me to read the little note first, so when I opened that little box and read the little note in my father's hand writing--it said-give this ring to Rossana, it was daddy's wedding ring!!!!....that was a miracle!! , because when we were young, daddy had lost that ring, and all these years I had been wondering about his ring, it kept popping in my head...and then you gave it to me!!! Oh my God!!! So I am wearing my father's wedding band and will never take it off!!! It's like I have my father with me every minute of the day!! You told me you saw me just staring at it.....I will miss our talks, our laughs....and everything! Now you are with Jesus and Mary and all the angels and saints and the family. I will miss you dearly! RIP my dear cousin Mary Lou Garza! I love you!



Rossana M. Granato- first cousin - April 16, 2025 at 10:56 AM

DA

“ Dave purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Lou Garza.



Dave - April 15, 2025 at 05:49 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Garza.*



April 15, 2025 at 12:51 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Garza.*



April 05, 2025 at 08:19 AM