



## Mary Esther Hernandez

March 25, 1924 - September 21, 2023

Mary Esther Hernandez was born on March 25, 1924, in San Antonio, Texas. Esther went to be with our Lord on September 21, 2023, after living a full life at ninety-nine years old. Her ancestors are decedents of the Canary Islands. Esther was proficient in math. She withdrew from school early to help support her family, which was always her priority. During her teenage years, she enjoyed attending events at Brackenridge Park. It was there that she met Gilbert while playing a carnival game when he asked her, "Having any luck?". She would later marry Gilbert Hernandez in the Catholic Church wearing the dress that she had envisioned. In fact, she had a seamstress make the dress from a magazine photo. Her wedding picture is proudly displayed in her home that they both shared for over 60 years. She was employed at Kelly AFB where she stenciled logos on wooden crates until the war was over. Music from the 40s would bring back memories of her dancing the jitterbug. She helped establish a family-owned Molino located on Cupples Road. Esther volunteered with the St. James Alter Society alongside Father Joe Novak and Father John Yanta for many years. Her commitment to the Catholic Church was nothing short of selflessness. She contributed to many charities including the Monks of St. Benedict, Meals on Wheels, and St. Jude's Foundation. Her faith would also embody the Catholic education which was perceived by her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Her love for life included gardening, cooking, enjoying the beach, watching the Dallas Cowboys, San Antonio Spurs, and being a caregiver to many children in the family. The

lesson she leaves us is: Don't waste money on possessions. You can't take them with you when you are gone. Bring flowers and visit family when they are still alive. Let this twilight be an inspiration for all of us as we have another day to draw breath. Esther will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her loving husband, Gilbert Hernandez, parents, Manuel and Juanita Arispe, brothers, Manual Jr. Arispe, Adolf Arispe, and Rudy Arispe, and sister Trini Hitzfeldt. Esther is survived by her loving children, Anthony Hernandez and his wife, Linda, and Agnes Hernandez Clutter and her husband, Rick, her grandchildren, Kimberly and Derek, and her great-grandchildren, Gianna and Elianna, as well as her sisters, Lillie Torres, her brother, John Arispe, and her nieces and nephews.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **9**. 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

OCT **9**. 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

OCT **10**. 9:00 AM (CT)

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church  
907 W. Theo Ave.  
San Antonio, TX

## Interment

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OCT **10**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ A beautiful woman!! She was a true prayer Warrior for everyone! Her gentle heart ❤️ was always open to family, friends and even strangers. Her amazing daughter Agnes is my true Sister in Christ. We met in Church and will forever be joined.. Ms Esther you will be forever missed. Please watch over our Beautiful Little Angel 🙏👶  
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Mary Ann Gonzales - October 11, 2023 at 01:40 PM

RC

“ Esther was like my second mom after my mom had passed. The love and caring she showed me can never be repayed. Though a son in law she always treated me as a son. I will love a miss here deeply.



Richard D Clutter - October 08, 2023 at 09:19 AM

AC

“ Esther was like my second mom to me after my mom had passed. The love she showed me was as if I were her own. I will deeply miss her



Agnes Clutter - October 08, 2023 at 09:05 AM



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



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October 07, 2023 at 07:19 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Mary Esther Hernandez.

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October 07, 2023 at 07:19 PM



“ *I will always remember Aunt Esther by her hearty laugh. Thinking of it makes me smile, even as I write this note. She and my Daddy, Alfred Arispe, shared the treasure of beautiful green eyes. I know that she's at peace now, with Uncle Gilbert, with my Mom and Daddy, Uncle Adolph and Aunt Jewel, Aunt Trini and Uncle Richard -- and all her family, friends and neighbors who have passed on. May you all rest in peace; you will always have a home in my heart.*  
*Nancy Arispe Shaw*

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**Nancy Arispe Shaw** - October 07, 2023 at 05:09 PM

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“ I love you Mom so much my Heart is Broken..I know you are with Daddy You are at Peace with Our Lord I was very blessed to have You as My Mother and so proud to be your Daughter (Never stop coming in my Dreams ) I am praying for You. Sleep with the Angels until we meet again, I hope you heard when I whisper to you I LOVE YOU AS YOU LEFT THIS WORLD at you bedside.



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**Agnes Clutter** - October 04, 2023 at 09:51 AM

EA

“ Estela and Edward Arispe purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mary Esther Hernandez.



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**Estela and Edward Arispe** - October 03, 2023 at 04:08 PM

EA

“ Estela and Edward Arispe planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Esther Hernandez.

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**Estela and Edward Arispe** - October 03, 2023 at 04:08 PM