



## Mary Castellanos Nerio

May 24, 1936 - May 21, 2026

Mary Castellanos Nerio was born on May 24, 1936, in Carrizo Springs, Texas, and passed away on May 21, 2026, just days before her 90th birthday.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Guadalupe Nerio; her son, David Nerio; her parents, Nicolas and Ascension Castellanos; and her siblings Aurora, Victor, Clarita, Pedro, Juanita, Velia, and Everto. She is survived by her brother, Juan Manuel Castellanos; her daughters, Lorinda Nerio and husband Mitchell Sowards, and Celinda Nerio; her son, Arnold Nerio; her grandchildren Kristopher Nerio, David Matthew Nerio, Alexandra Nerio; great-grandsons Rylan and Kody Nerio, and numerous beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mary grew up in Carrizo Springs and lived there until she married Guadalupe in 1959. Together they built their family life in Harlingen, Texas, where Mary became a familiar and beloved presence among her friends and family. They were married 41 years.

Mary was a uniquely joyful, warm, and unforgettable person. At every gathering, everyone wanted to sit next to Mary. She had a way of making people feel welcomed, entertained, and loved, and she seemed to know someone everywhere she went. Whether at a restaurant, a shopping mall, or walking along the San Antonio River Walk, someone would inevitably call out,

“Mary! Mary!” She was the kind of person people remembered — and were always delighted to see again.

For 32 years, Mary worked for various school districts in the Valley. She worked at Harlingen CISD at Central Office. Her sons learned early on that they could never get away with anything at school, because Mary would hear about it. Mary later worked at Med High in the South Texas ISD for Health Professions. She was the registrar and secretary for the Counselors. Students would go out of their way to walk through her office for a kind word, encouragement or a hug.

Mary was an avid sports fan. She first cheered proudly for the Harlingen Cardinals, then the Harlingen Hawks, and was a devoted fan of the Dallas Cowboys and the San Antonio Spurs. She followed her teams with loyalty, enthusiasm, and plenty of opinions. She keenly followed the news and her favorite telenovelas.

Above all, Mary will be remembered for her smile and the joy she brought into every room, the love she freely gave her family, and the countless friendships she carried throughout her life. Her presence was bright, familiar, and deeply cherished, and she will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

If you wish, in lieu of flowers, we ask for donations to the San Antonio Food Bank Summer Meals for Kids program or any charity of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Rosary

JUN 1. 6:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Mass

JUN 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church  
700 Dewhurst Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78213-3416  
(210) 342-5271

## **Reception to follow the Funeral Mass**

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**JUN 2.** 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Medical Center  
8332 Fredericksburg Road  
San Antonio, TX 78229

## **Graveside Service**

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**JUN 4.** 12:00 PM (CT)

Mont Meta Memorial Park  
26170 TX-345  
San Benito, TX 78586

# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Mary Castellanos Nerio.*



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June 01 at 03:13 PM



“ *From Family of TD and Lupita Nerio purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mary Castellanos Nerio.*



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**From Family of TD and Lupita Nerio** - June 01 at 12:03 PM



“ *Adolfo and Gracie Benavides and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mary Castellanos Nerio.*



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**Adolfo and Gracie Benavides and family** - May 31 at 07:54 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Castellanos Nerio.*



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May 27 at 06:51 PM

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“ *From the family of Alex & Emma Martinez purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Mary Castellanos Nerio.*



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**From the family of Alex & Emma Martinez** - May 27 at 06:37 PM

SL

“ *Arnold and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your precious Mom. I am praying for you all.*

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**Scott Levett** - May 26 at 12:48 PM

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“ *Scott Levett lit a candle in memory of Mary Castellanos Nerio*



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**Scott Levett** - May 26 at 12:47 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Castellanos Nerio.*



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May 26 at 12:42 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - May 26 at 09:44 AM

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*No words to express my sadness in the loss of my Tia.  
RIP till we see each other again* ❤️🙏

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**Chrissy Gast** - May 28 at 01:07 AM