



## Minnie Josephine McRae

March 26, 1914 - November 23, 2020

Minnie Josephine McRae went to be with the Lord on November 23, 2020, at the age of 106. She was born on March 26, 1914 in San Antonio, TX. She is preceded in death by her husband, Lee David McRae; parents, Abelardo and Josephine Diaz; grandson, Mark Anthony McRae; sister, Maria H Ayala and brother, Enrique Diaz. Minnie is survived by her loving daughter, Mary Jo Alvarez; granddaughter-in-law, Tamara McRae; great-grandchildren, Marcelle McRae, Mason Lee McRae and Paul Felan-McRae; nephew, Arturo Ayala (Diana); niece, Elida Galindo (Robert), and other extended family members and friends. She was born and raised at Espada Mission where she was a proud sponsor for many Baptisms, Communions, and Confirmations. Although saddened by her passing, we are grateful to God for blessing us with her for over 106 years. Before saying goodbye, she would always give us her benediction. The family matriarch, she had a phenomenal memory and regaled many generations with our family history and ancestry. Many of our memories take place at the kitchen table, where her sweet, gravelly voice would weave intricate stories connecting us to our distant relatives many ages back. Listening to her was like seeing both the Mission and San Antonio history in sepia-toned photographs. It was a history lesson, our history. Minnie loved to dance with her husband Dave. Often you would find them with friends dancing to big band orchestras out at the Seven Oaks on Austin Highway. Minnie's awesome potato salad will remain legendary. Minnie was a rock of the family, always speaking with a calm demeanor and well-measured wisdom. Most

important to her was her Faith in God. A devout Catholic, she was often found praying the rosary for family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and the individual extended family by name. Minnie ...Tía Minnie lived a wonderful and fruitful life. We will greatly miss her, and we know she is at peace in heaven.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made by way of Masses. The family likes to express their grateful appreciation to Bert Garcia for his loving and devoted care of Minnie till her passing.

Due to the current health concerns, a celebration of her life will be held later in the Spring when it is safe for family and friends can gather and share their stories of Tia/Aunt Minnie.

Visitation will be Thursday, December 10, 2020 from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 6:30 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral procession will depart the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, December 11, 2020 for a Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Mission San Francisco de La Espada Catholic Church. Interment to follow at San Jose Burial Park.

In accordance with CDC safety precautions, we require everyone to wear a mask upon entering the Funeral Home and practice social distancing while inside. There will be a 75-person maximum allowed in the chapel. Attendees may view the Rosary on the outdoor screen or live stream. For everyone's safety please honor the family from a distance. We kindly thank you in advance.

# Cemetery Details

## San Jose Burial Park

8235 Mission RD  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 923-0272  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 10. 5:30 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

DEC 10. 6:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories  
1700 SE Military Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78214  
(210) 924-4242  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Mass

DEC 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

San Francisco de la Espada Mission  
10040 Espada Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78214

# Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Minnie Josephine McRae*



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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery** - November 25, 2020 at 06:36 PM

LM

“ *This woman was my grandfathers partner and didn't share his personal effects with us. If her kids read this give my family my grandfathers things. my name is Lisa McRae the true McRae 2106127994*

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**Lisa McRae** - July 04, 2025 at 04:02 AM



“ *I have known "Aunt Minnie" my whole life and she was the most beautiful soul I have ever met. She was the most soft spoken, caring and loving woman and was as close to an Angel any one person can be. May she rest in peace now and continue her Angel ways with her wings. We love you and will miss you more then words can express.*

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**Dez Martinez Aldrich** - December 11, 2020 at 07:46 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Minnie Josephine McRae.*



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December 10, 2020 at 10:24 AM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Minnie Josephine McRae.*



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December 09, 2020 at 12:21 PM



“ *6 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Shawn and Angela Hudson** - December 09, 2020 at 10:51 AM

SH

“ Truly a gift given to us by God. Thank you Lord for giving us Minnie (Nana)! Always felt like I was with an Angel in her presence. Espada will always be "Nana's" home to me!

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**Shawn and Angela Hudson** - December 09, 2020 at 10:39 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ** - December 08, 2020 at 08:31 PM

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*Minnie & Dave Dancing at the Montecarlo Ball 1968.*

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**PATRICIA RODRIGUEZ** - December 08, 2020 at 08:33 PM

PR

“ Will always cherish wonderful memories of time spent at Aunt Minnie & Uncle Dave's playing with Mary Jo at their home. Our talks at her kitchen table were full of interesting stories of Espada Mission and she always made me feel like part of the family. May she rest in peace!

*Patsy & Phillip(Skippy) Rodriguez*

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**Patricia Rodriguez** - December 08, 2020 at 07:15 PM