



## Monica E. Castro

June 8, 1948 - January 9, 2024

Monica Esquivel Castro went to be with the Lord on January 9th, 2024. She was born June 8th, 1948, to Marcelino and Eulalia Esquivel with no shortage of love, growing up in a home of 14 brothers and sisters. She went to Sidney Lanier High School where she met her loving husband Juan Castro, and they began their life together. They would be married for 56 years and affectionately become known as Mamo and Papo. Their legacy includes their daughters Yvonne (Chad) and Rose (Jacob), their son John, their grandchildren Aaron (Valerie), David, Matthew Orin, Matthew Alex, Tommy, Elida, Seth, Abby, Jack, and their great grandchildren Xander and Liam.

Monica was known to light up any room with her joy and laughter, she could solve any problem with her sharp wit and colorful creativity, and she could ease any sorrow with her loving and caring spirit. She could often be found dancing, singing, and listening to music. She was wiser than her age as a young mother, instilling her strong faith in her children, teaching them skills and traditions that continue to be passed down for generations. There was a time when her husband's career called them to move to distant cities such as St. Louis, MO and Louisville, KY. Forever having a thoughtful mind on her family, she became ecstatic when she heard the news that they would be moving to Weatherford, TX, bringing her closer to home.

She enjoyed spending her time creating things that would bring happiness to

people, whether it was cooking and baking for family gatherings or crafting and sewing gifts and garments for her loved ones. Monica had an ability to make everything fun, and she loved to share this with her family on their adventures from the coastline to the Frio River, camping and hiking, traveling to the beautiful mountain tops of Colorado, or the simple joys found in the city.

Her illness took away her ability to do many of the things she loved but could not stop her from being needed. She found a way to continue to share her faith, her knowledge and her love. Her spirit never wavered, even managing to smile in her final days. Her natural gift of bringing joy and happiness into people's lives is her living legacy. The celebration of her life will be the enduring love for her and the cherished memories of those whose lives she touched. She will forever be loved and missed.

# Cemetery Details

## San Fernando Cemetery #2

746 Castroville Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78237

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 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

JAN 18. 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/>

## Final Viewing and Procession

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JAN 19. 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
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## Mass of Resurrection

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JAN 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

San Juan de los Lagos Catholic Church  
3231 El Paso St.  
San Antonio, TX 78207

# Tribute Wall

IR

“ Aunt Monica, you will be missed. To the rest of her family, our thoughts and prayers are with you!



Ida Rasa - January 19, 2024 at 09:20 AM

ME

“ My condolences to the Castro and Esquivel family on your loss of your beloved and beautiful wife, mother and sister. May you rest in eternal peace with all your love ones waiting for you. Myra Esquivel, Cousin



Myra Esquivel - January 18, 2024 at 06:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Monica E. Castro.



January 18, 2024 at 01:26 PM

TS

“ Memories from our youth at San Juan de Los Lagos Church ❤️



Thelma Shelton - January 18, 2024 at 01:24 PM

TS

“ My BFF. May you rest in peace in the loving arms of Our Merciful Lord Jesus Christ. Our condolences to the Esquivel and Castro families

Thelma Shelton - January 18, 2024 at 12:33 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Monica E. Castro.



January 17, 2024 at 07:16 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Monica E. Castro.



January 17, 2024 at 03:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Monica E. Castro.*



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January 17, 2024 at 02:00 PM

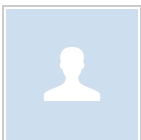


“ *We would like to express our sincerest condolences to Juan Castro & Family for the loss of such a remarkable person. Monica truly exemplified what we all inspire to be. While we mourn her passing, lets also celebrate her life. She had many admireable personal qualities; however,her genuine interest in the well being of others was by far the greatest. Monica and Juan provided comfort to our family, during the untimely death of our son, some years ago. We will forever be indebted to them for their caring and thoughtfulness during that very challenging period of our lives. I know that Monica's transition to the spiritual world, without the physical burdens she carried toward the end of her remarkable life, will be of great comfort.*

*With great sorrow and respect to all,  
Ed & Theresa Vickers*

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**Edward Vickers** - January 16, 2024 at 05:12 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Monica E. Castro.*



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January 16, 2024 at 02:14 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Monica E. Castro.*



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January 16, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ *Angela, Elida and Matthew planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monica E. Castro.*

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**Angela, Elida and Matthew** - January 16, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Monica E. Castro.*



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January 15, 2024 at 09:48 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Monica E. Castro.*



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January 15, 2024 at 09:26 PM

EF

“ Edward Vickers & Family purchased the Simply E legant Spathiphyllum for the family of Monica E. Castro.



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Edward Vickers & Family - January 15, 2024 at 08:58 PM

EF

“ Edward Vickers & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monica E. Castro.

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Edward Vickers & Family - January 15, 2024 at 08:58 PM

BM

“ Monica, you were such A Dear Friend, working years together in The Parker County clerk’s office, we laughed, & cried together, lunches were so much fun, shared our family life stories together, Go rest high on that Mountain, miss you my friend, 💕🙌🙌

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bonnie morris - January 15, 2024 at 08:39 PM

MG

“ My condolences to the entire Castro and Esquivel family. I will always have fond memories of my best friend Monica. We went to the same Church growing up and followed each other through Middle and High School. We shared so many activities being part of our High School Pep Squad and Drill team. After graduating we also became comadres. This is the closest we became as family. I loved Monica not only as a best friend but also as a Sister. She has left me and her family with so many beautiful memories and I will keep her in my daily prayers until we are reunited again.

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Maggie Garza - January 15, 2024 at 01:49 PM