



Perla Perez Sarabia

July 6, 1941 - November 3, 2016

Perla Lucia Sarabia joined the angels in heaven on Thursday, November 3, 2016. She passed away at a hospital in Missouri City, Texas. Perla was a graduate of the Havana Business University in Havana, Cuba. She left Cuba in 1962 along with her beloved husband, now deceased, Dr. Fermin Sarabia, who left in 1961 to flee the communist regime and start a new life in the United States. The couple came to San Antonio in 1966 where they raised their family. Perla is survived by her children, Anthony Fermin Sarabia, Perla Johnson and her husband Paul, Lilliam Sarabia, Patricia Wenzel and her husband Tim, her grandchildren Paul Anthony Johnson III and Justin Fermin Johnson, her brother Manuel Perez and his wife Glenda, her sister Lilliam Moon as well as many nephews and nieces. Perla is the daughter of Manuel Santiago Perez and Lilia de Castro Perez. She is also survived by her beloved companion dog, Honey. One of Perla's most memorable moments includes being awarded together with her husband, Fermin, the Medals of Americanism given by the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution in 1983. The endeavor closest to her heart was the creation of the Sarabia Family Counseling Center at the University of Texas- San Antonio Downtown Campus. The Center provides complimentary counseling for the underinsured as well as the uninsured and offers family, children, and couples counseling. Perla had a passion for the fine arts, especially music, and was previously very active in the San Antonio Symphony League and Opera Guild. Her other true passion was the advocacy of animals. Over the years, their

family provided a loving home to many rescue dogs, many found on the side of the road. She was an avid supporter of animal rights and gave generously to the Animal Defense League and Humane Society.

SERVICES

Viewing 6:00-8:00 pm with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 8th, 2016 at Oak Hills Mortuary located at 8332 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, TX 78229.

The Funeral Mass will take place at St. Luke's Catholic Church at 10:00 AM, Wednesday November 9th at 4603 Manitou Dr., San Antonio, TX 78228.

Burial immediately following the Mass at Holy Cross Cemetery at 17501 Nacogdoches Rd., San Antonio, TX 78266.

In lieu of flowers, you may send donations payable to the Stardust Club, c/o Ms. Annie Pratt, 14402 Alameda Ridge, San Antonio, TX 78230. The funds will go towards the UTSA Sarabia Family Counseling Center.

Cemetery Details

Holy Cross Cemetery

17501 Nacogdoches Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78266
(210) 651-6011

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park-Medical Center
8332 Fredericksburg Rd
San Antonio, TX 78229
(210) 616-0510
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

NOV 8. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass

NOV 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Luke Catholic Church
4603 Manitou Drive
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Reception

NOV 9. 12:30 PM (CT)

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