



Rachel Ramirez Martinez

October 25, 1954 - December 13, 2023

Rachel Ramirez Martinez left this world peacefully on December 13, 2023, in San Antonio, Texas. She was an incredible mother, wife, grandmother, daughter, sister and friend. Rachel was born on October 25, 1954, in San Antonio, to Joe Celestino Ramirez and Concepcion Perez Ramirez. Rachel attended Burbank high school and earned a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Education from Wayland Baptist University. Rachel is survived by her loving husband and best friend of 55 years, Enrique Martinez. Rachel met Enrique in 1968 while shopping with her family at Wah Young's grocery store in their southside neighborhood. Rachel & Enrique went on to marry in December 1978 and recently celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary. Their love and friendship knew no bounds and they could always be found endlessly laughing or telling each other a story they've told a thousand times before. Their love is a true forever love.

Rachel had a deep love and passion for music, entertaining, crafting and the arts. Throughout high school she performed in many local talent shows with her brothers and sisters, dancing & singing in outfits she sewed herself. Rachel loved creating. Along with sewing outfits for her daughters, she went on to create and sell custom aprons. She could always be found drawing, painting, sketching or doodling love notes.

Rachel was a master at many things and went on to establish a strong career

working for several San Antonio legacy establishments, including the Bexar County Medical Society, American Diabetes Association, USAA (for 20 years) & the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. While working full time, raising her children and being a wife Rachel also found time to continue her education, and volunteer for many organizations & projects, including AVANCE, USAA Hispanic Heritage Committee, Toastmasters, and Habitat for Humanity just to name a few.

Rachel loved her family fiercely and she would do everything possible to uplift and advocate for the life education of her children Sandra, and Elizabeth. She wanted them to know just how big this world is, and they went out into it bravely with her unwavering support. Rachel joined in on many travel adventures with her daughters and always found a way to visit every city and place they ever lived in. They will continue to carry her luminous spirit with them.

Rachel's limitless love always included her brothers and sisters, as she was the oldest and served as a 2nd mom to each of them. She spoke to all of them almost daily throughout her life as if they never left each other's sides from their childhood home on Teresa Street all those years ago.

Rachel was preceded in death by her mother, father, her brother, Dominic Ramirez and beloved dog, Duncan. She is survived by her loving husband and partner of 45 years, Enrique Martinez; on earth remaining, her daughters, Sandra Martinez (Francis Bondy), Elizabeth Boone (Albert); sisters, Regina Cerna (Manny), Faith Adame (Rudy), Lillian Sanchez (Leroy), Joann Watson and Brenda Lopez; brothers, John Ramirez, Homer Ramirez (Pat); numerous nieces and nephews and new to this world baby grandson, Fischer Akai Boone.

Rachel was a beautiful lifeforce. Her light warmed every single person around

her. Rachel is so loved and will be deeply missed. We will do all we can to celebrate her inspirational life and honor her legacy.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin on Saturday, December 23, 2023, at 8:00am, followed by a Celebration Of Life service at 8:30AM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Interment will follow at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery. *White or light color attire are strongly encouraged.

For personal acknowledgement, please sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the Tributes section.

MISSION PARK FUNERAL CHAPELS NORTH

3401 CHERRY RIDGE DR.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230

(210) 349-1414

Cemetery Details

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery

1520 Harry Wurzbach
San Antonio, TX 78209

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM (CT)

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

Chapel Service

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Interment

DEC **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

NG

“ So sorry to hear this. My condolences to the whole family. We went to elementary and high school and you were such a good neighbor....May God be with you and may you Rest in Peace!!! Great memories of you and John and that smile has not changed in all these years.

Norma Hernandez Gilliam - January 25, 2024 at 03:44 PM

HU

“ My beautiful Rachel memories of you are everywhere. I miss your voice, smile, laughter and your hugs. I miss the way you made everything better. How I wish that you were here. The love we had will stay on my mind forever. I never will forget you. Until we meet again.

husband - January 05, 2024 at 04:25 PM

YS

“ Hello sister from little sister I have learned how to close many chapters in my life .But has my sister caring I will leave the memories open to have you see me finish at the end and see you again .It was hard oath to keep but you showed us we can in so many different ways .

Youngest sister - December 25, 2023 at 06:02 PM

JR

“ Dear Aunt Rachel, you always filled the room with your smile. I thank God so much that I was blessed to cherish many memories with you, Uncle, and the girls. Thank you so much for teaching me how to love. I admired you for the many important roles you played. As my aunt, a sister, mother, & wife. Your Legacy will continue. Every time I feel the wind I know it is you saying, “Go Jazzie”! I Love you Rock always and forever!



Jasmine Ramirez - December 23, 2023 at 06:43 PM

HU

“ My sweet loving Rachel memories of you are everywhere especially in my heart. Today was the most difficult day in my life, having to tell you goodbye, farewell until we meet again. The person I saw today wasn't you. My memories of you are your beautiful smile, your laughter , your comforting arms, and the never ending love you gave me. Forever in my heart. Love you.

Husband - December 23, 2023 at 06:14 PM

MC

“ Regina and I (Manny) shared many great memories with Rachel and her family. She was the matriarch of the family and provided insightful advice and counsel to all her brothers and sisters. Regina and I will miss her dearly! RIP!

Manuel Cerna - December 23, 2023 at 09:23 AM

IA

“ I am so happy to have known Rachel as a friend and so lucky to have had her in my family. Love always, Ian

ian - December 23, 2023 at 08:20 AM

RA

“ My condolences to Henry and your daughters. Rachel has always been a happy person as long as I've known her. My favorite memories are when we would all get together when our children were young and watch all the Ramirez/Martinez girls singing and dancing. They definitely kept the entertainment going. Our dancing/singing contest were my favorite. Especially, when Henry would hog the mic... so hilarious. I know she must be smiling down on us and watching to see who will win the next talent show. Rachels laughter will echo in our ears for many years to come. I'm so blessed to have met her and her family through marrying into the Ramirez family. May her brilliance shine on us eternally. Love, Rudy Adame.

rudy adame - December 22, 2023 at 10:54 PM

MG

“ My condolences to Rachel's family. Rachel and I were close friends from elementary throughout high school. She was full of life and love. Fond memories of both of us growing up on Teresa St.
Maricela Gonzalez -Moritz

Maricela Gonzalez-Moritz - December 22, 2023 at 10:05 PM

EM

“ Elizabeth M. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Rachel Ramirez Martinez.



Elizabeth M. - December 22, 2023 at 10:11 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rachel Ramirez Martinez.

December 21, 2023 at 10:42 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rachel Ramirez Martinez.



December 21, 2023 at 04:28 PM

DD

“ Derrick, Danon, Devon & Dax purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Rachel Ramirez Martinez.



Derrick, Danon, Devon & Dax - December 21, 2023 at 12:13 PM

MR

“ *Mr and Mrs Roger Robles planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rachel Ramirez Martinez.*

Mr and Mrs Roger Robles - December 20, 2023 at 07:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rachel Ramirez Martinez.*



December 20, 2023 at 07:28 PM

SM

“ *We love you so much, Mama Bear. Past the moon and the stars. You are the best mom and friend. You will always be by our side. We'll see you on our dreams. Love always, Sandee* ❤️

Sandra Martinez - December 20, 2023 at 05:16 PM


SG

“ *My sincere condolences to the Ramirez and Martinez families. I went to school with Rachel and John since Hillcrest. Such a joy, keeping us entertained throughout our high school days. Rachel may you rest in Peace in our Lord's arms and console those you've left behind.* 🙏❤️ *Susie Vogt*



Susie Vogt Garcia - December 20, 2023 at 04:07 PM

HB

“ My beautiful oldest sister ; you were my confidant and inspiration . I love you and you will truly be miss , but always in my thoughts and heart . We had so many family and personal memories , like when you played in the band playing the horse or when we were in the same class at SAC . I will always be your candyman , your brother 


Homer J Ramirez - brother - December 20, 2023 at 04:04 PM

LF

“ My sincere condolences to the family and love ones of Rachel Martinez. Praying the father comforts and strengthens you during your time of grief.

Lorraine V Fairfax - December 20, 2023 at 03:52 PM

SM

“ We love you so much, Mama Bear. Past the moon and the stars. Thank you for being the best mama & friend. We know you are by our sides. We'll see you in our dreams. Love, Sandee. 

Sandra Martinez - December 20, 2023 at 02:59 PM

DP

“ I will always remember Rachel for the person she was. Thoughtful, kind, funny and always ready to talk. We shared many childhood and teenager memories. One particular memory was of 7 or 8 of us plus Henry riding in the back of Mr Patti's truck going to or from church. I remember running into Rachel at USAA many times. Always full of laughter. And what a unique laugh she had. May God bless you and your family during this hard time. May you rest in peace.

Don Perez - December 20, 2023 at 11:53 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rachel Ramirez Martinez.



December 19, 2023 at 11:33 PM



“ Where to begin. Rachel, the oldest sister of nine. Truly a second mother hen. I remember growing up sharing a bed with her. Oh, how she kept me warm on those cold winter nights. There was never a lack of love, care, and wholesome family entertainment. We didn't need friends growing up. We had each other, definitely a family bond beyond riches. Rachel waited to get married to Henry probably because of us brats, hehehe. Before long, their love extended to having two girls. Even though I married and moved, we all stayed in contact. Do you remember that bond beyond riches? We never left sight! Family still gathered throughout the years. A precious lifetime of beautiful fond memories that will last until we meet again. This family journey is just the beginning... we shall carry on. Eternally, Faith.

Faith R Adame - December 19, 2023 at 09:36 PM

DA

“ We love you so much Mama Bear and Grandma Bear. You're as beautiful in spirit as you were here on Earth. May your love continue to shine through us all!
Love Forever, Liz Albert Fischer



Daughter - December 19, 2023 at 09:16 PM

FA

My sisters pride and joy :)

Faith R Adame - December 22, 2023 at 01:47 PM

MP

“ Rest in peace cousin Rachel

Michael A Perez - December 19, 2023 at 06:05 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rachel Ramirez Martinez.



December 19, 2023 at 04:42 PM

LP

“ I will always remember Rachel for lighting up a room with her beautiful smile and hearing her laughs that were so contagious! These are some of the wonderful memories that will forever be cherished.

God Bless you dear cousin.

Love,

Lianna Perez

Lianna Perez - December 19, 2023 at 02:45 PM

RC

“ To my dear sister & best friend. We share a million memories❤️❤️

Regina Cerna - December 18, 2023 at 05:53 PM

ER

My Condolences to her family. She was a beautiful lady and so kind I will miss her remembering her back in the days so many memories . She is a Angel in heaven and never be forgotten

Elizabeth Rios - December 19, 2023 at 09:09 PM

LG

“ My deepest condolences.I have fond memories of Rachel . She was caring and she loved with a big heart.
Rest in our Lords eternal light.

lillian Gaona - December 17, 2023 at 09:45 PM

CP

“ To the Ramirez/Martinez family,

I am so sorry to hear about the passing of my dear cousin Rachel!
We had so many good times together growing up during our teenage years. May she rest in peace!

Carlos V. Perez - December 17, 2023 at 04:02 PM



My condolences to the Martinez & Ramirez family. Rachel was my best friend in high school.

I was heartbroken when I heard the news this morning. I will hold onto the many great memories we had.

It sounds like you went out to be a great woman, I'm not surprised. Rest in Peace my friend.

*Much love,
Yolanda Sandoval Cano*

Yolanda Sandoval Cano - December 19, 2023 at 03:16 PM