



Rita Theresa Bejar

December 17, 1946 - September 15, 2022

A loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend, Rita Theresa Bejar went to be with the Lord on September 15, 2022, at the age of 75, in San Antonio, TX. She was born on December 17, 1946 in Bracketville, TX. She is preceded in death by her parents, Eudelio and Phyllis Saenz, and daughter, Nichol Marlowe. Rita is survived by her loving husband of 32 years, Joe E. Bejar; children, Cheryld Kaufman, William Gordon (Lisa), Sanford Gordon (Leilani) and Michelle Bejar; 2 grandchildren, Alex Kaufman and Mara Gordon; siblings, Gaylon Wayne Saenz (Cindy), Richard Matthew Saenz (Theresa) and Patricia Ann Miller (Roy), and numerous nieces and nephews.

Throughout her life, Rita enjoyed gardening and taking care of animals. She had a green thumb that let her grow and care for any plant she encountered. Her home will always be remembered as having several exotic potted plants and a lush, green front and back yard. Animals in need of care and nurture always found their way to Rita, whom she cared for under her wing until they were fully healed. Some of those animals became beloved pets, whom she loved like her own children.

In addition to gardening, Rita enjoyed learning about and collecting various rocks and crystals. She would never leave the house without a small satchel of crystals for herself and to share with others. Anywhere she went, she could identify certain rock formations and would love to tell you about them.

Rita touched several lives throughout her work career. From her time at K-Mart, Thrifty's Thrift Shop, a hospice nursing home, and San Antonio Shoes (SAS), Rita encountered people from all over the world. Her kindred spirit allowed her to connect with any person she met, and her kind heart always found a way to help someone in need. She was always in high demand by her customers and patients.

When it was time to unwind for the day, Rita would like to watch various shows and movies about the supernatural, science fiction, fantasy, and nature. Some days, Rita was found reading a book of similar genres. On Sundays, Rita could be found cruising through the city with her husband, Joe, and enjoying the familiar sights of the Sunken Gardens, the San Antonio Missions, and the Riverwalk. During her younger years, Rita could be found looking for seashells on the beach, enjoying the ocean wind during a walk on the beach on a cool afternoon, and taking a swim in the ocean.

Rita was selfless and always gave her whole heart into helping others. She was one with nature and every soul and creature around her was better for it.

Visitation will be on Sunday, September 25, 2022 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 6:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Funeral procession will depart the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. for a Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church on Monday, September 26, 2022. Service will conclude at the church.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **25.** 5:00 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

SEP **25.** 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

SEP **26.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Angels Catholic Church
1214 Stonewall
San Antonio, TX 78211

Tribute Wall

MS

“ Our Deepest sympathy and Condolences To all immediate family, cousins second cousins a .May the prayers for comfort and peace reach all of those affected by this tragic loss.Rest in Peace Our sweet Cuz your shining light lives on in all of us you touched.Love you.Marcus Saenz &Family.



Marcus Saenz - September 26, 2022 at 11:09 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rita Theresa Bejar.



September 23, 2022 at 11:30 PM

SH

“ I ❤️ Mrs. Rita like she was my mother she was the kindest person I knew. I just wish I could of saw her before she went to haven 😭 Family be strong cause that's what she would want. Love you all. SHEILA



Shei - September 22, 2022 at 03:35 PM

CB

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Claudia Ann Bautista - September 21, 2022 at 11:55 PM

CB

You will always be in my heart. I love you Mom.

Claudia A Bautista - September 29, 2022 at 03:00 AM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Rita Theresa Bejar.*



September 21, 2022 at 05:36 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - September 21, 2022 at 03:28 PM

RB

Bon voyage, dear Rita, as you journey towards the Promise of a better place...I just know you'll be tending to God's garden to your heart's content! Rest in wondrous Peace!!

With Deepest Sympathy to friends and family who loved her!! And, Joe and Michelle, it's not an easy thing, but hang in there and live for the day when you'll see her again. Love you!

--Rosie

Rosalia R. Bejar - September 22, 2022 at 11:14 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rita Theresa Bejar.*



September 21, 2022 at 10:42 AM

AH

“ *Rita was one of a kind ... She took so much pride in her work at SAS . Always had the caring heart to care for our customers and her co-workers (family). She will be deeply missed.*

My sincerest Condolences to her family .

Rest In Peace Rita

Andrew Hagen SAS shoemakers

Andrew Hagen - September 20, 2022 at 09:50 AM

MB

Andrew, thank you for the kind words. My mother spoke so highly of you and enjoyed working at SAS for 15 years. SAS was another family outside of her own family. Thank you for taking care of her over the years. It means a lot to me.

Michelle Bejar - September 20, 2022 at 11:28 AM

CB

Rita was a wonderful person with a heart of gold. She was my work Mom. I remember her asking my mom for permission to be my store mom. She always greeted me with a hug and How's my Baby Girl doing! She took me under her wing and taught me how to keep her section at SAS in order. She will be missed by so many.

Claudia Ann Bautista - September 21, 2022 at 11:47 PM

CF

Rita is a beautiful soul. I was blessed to have met her as everyone else who was fortunate enough to meet her. I'm going to miss her hugs so very much.

Cyndy Frausto - September 23, 2022 at 04:21 PM

BB

“ *RIP my beautiful dear friend 💔 I am thankful to God for placing you in my life ❤️ We had many wonderful times together. I will always love you*



Beatrice Bobadilla - September 19, 2022 at 10:30 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rita Theresa Bejar.*



September 19, 2022 at 09:48 PM

MS

“ *Condolences to her husband and children and her brothers and sister and the entire family. My beautiful cousin Rita you will be dearly missed. You have always been such a kind and giving heart. May you Rest In Peace.*



Margie and Terry Scott - September 19, 2022 at 09:11 PM

JH

“ *Jeanette Hernandez lit a candle in memory of Rita Theresa Bejar*



Jeanette Hernandez - September 19, 2022 at 08:40 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - September 19, 2022 at 06:39 PM