



## Rita Mae Martinez

June 8, 1931 - April 25, 2023

Our dearly beloved Rita Mae Martinez, age 91, surrounded by family at her home, peacefully entered into eternal rest on April 25, 2023. She was born to Juan and Jesusita Martinez on June 8, 1931, in San Antonio, Texas. She had a wonderful life growing up with her many siblings. They all worked hard to help with the family. While getting her education and proudly graduating from Tech High School, she was able to obtain employment at TSO for many years. While at a High School dance with her best friend Bernice; Rita met Rudy. She fell in love with Rudy and married him on June 28, 1953. During their 65+ years of marriage, they were blessed with 6 wonderful children. Her culinary skills were taught to those who wanted to learn; including her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her tortillas will never be duplicated! As she raised her children, she took courses with SAISD to become a Special Needs teacher for homebound children. This was a prime example of her dedication, compassion and caring ways.

Rita's love for life included family trips to California, Florida, South Bend, North Virginia, Washington D.C., Las Vegas, Oklahoma, El Paso, Hawaii and Europe. She especially enjoyed the beach, the Casino, and the countryside searching for flowers, trees and wildlife. She would often take her many sisters on "girls' trips" to the beach. They loved each other dearly. These amazing ladies instilled in their children the importance of family bonds and faith. Rita passed on her faith to all; especially her family. As she so devotedly prayed through our Blessed Mother to intercede our prayers; this became quite evident when her life started slowing down. As she would pray without fail, even with just her lips moving on her last morning, the Hail Mary, the Hail Holy Queen and her "We have flowers...pink and blue" song. A true testimony of her love and dedication to Our Lady.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband Rudy Martinez and her eight siblings. She is survived by her loving children: Albert Martinez (Rose), Gracie Padilla, Yolanda Carroll (Mark), Gloria Martinez, Michael Martinez and Rita Martinez (Michael Zamora). Along with her children, she leaves behind seven grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren. Rita was survived by numerous nieces and nephews. She was blessed by many family members and friends who came by and

visited with her as she neared the end of her rainbow; including several California family members and her dear friend, Comadre Maria Ruffo. "1344" will always be home to all. She will forever remain in all of our hearts and deeply missed but never forgotten. "Forever and Ever...AMEN"

# Cemetery Details

## San Fernando Cemetery #3

1735 Cupples  
San Antonio, TX 78226

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 7. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Palm Heights Mortuary  
3711 S Zarzamora St  
San Antonio, TX 78225  
(210) 924-4568  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Holy Rosary

MAY 7. 6:30 PM (CT)

Palm Heights Mortuary  
3711 S Zarzamora St  
San Antonio, TX 78225  
(210) 924-4568  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

## Funeral Mass

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MAY 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church  
617 S Santa Rosa Ave.  
San Antonio, TX 78204

# Tribute Wall



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Martinez.*



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May 07, 2023 at 10:19 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Martinez.*



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May 07, 2023 at 02:13 PM



“ *Mrs. Fields With Sympathy Combo Tin was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Martinez.*



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May 07, 2023 at 10:25 AM

JM

“ Miss Rita, You were our mom’s best friend. You and “Mere” (Maria) were lifelong friends that confided in each other. Our mom often said you were like a sister to her. You listened, counseled, laughed, and cried with our mom. Her love for you will live on to eternity.

Love,  
Janie (Ruffo) Miller

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Janie Miller - May 07, 2023 at 09:14 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Martinez.



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May 07, 2023 at 07:22 AM

JM

“ Miss Rita, You will always have a special place in the hearts of the Ruffo family. Our families grew up next to each other and the lifetime friendship, love, and understanding you shared will forever be with us. Beautiful lady with a sweet smile, kind words, and a lovely laugh. You will be missed.

May the grace of God be with your family during this difficult time.

Love,  
Janie & Gary Miller

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Janie (Ruffo) Miller - May 06, 2023 at 02:00 PM

MM

“ Rita, it has been a Blessing knowing you, you had a beautiful family that surrounded you with so much love. I'll always remember our family trip thru the Wine country tour in CA. Will always remember your joy. God's continued Blessings thru your journey in Paradise in the presence of all your loved ones with God.

MaryAlice Metwally - May 05, 2023 at 03:35 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Martinez.



May 05, 2023 at 03:03 PM

OJ

“ To the Martinez Family, "Earth has no sorrows that heaven cannot heal". May you find comfort in remembering with joy and thanksgiving the many years of that you were blessed to be in your Mom's life. Your lives individually and collectively were blessed with her unfailing love, nurture and support. Just know that although she will not be physically present with you, without a doubt she lives on in each of you daily. So, I join you in thanking God for the fullness and richness of Mrs. Martinez's life. Que Dios te bendiga siempre y darte paz.



Love and Peace,  
Oscar Ford, Jr.

Oscar Ford, Jr. - May 04, 2023 at 07:37 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Martinez.*



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May 04, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Martinez.*



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May 04, 2023 at 02:24 PM



“ *May she rest in Peace with our Lord. Condolences to my Amigo Mike and his family. Sergio Mercado*

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**Sergio Mercado** - May 04, 2023 at 11:40 AM



“ *Though I did not know Rita Mae, I know her daughter Rita who is a special and wonderful friend! My condolences and prayers for the whole family!*  
*Carol Taylor*

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**Carol Taylor** - May 04, 2023 at 10:41 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Martinez.



May 03, 2023 at 09:27 PM



“ Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Martinez purchased the Crysta I Cross Bouquet for the family of Rita Mae Martinez.



**Mr. & Mrs. Johnny Martinez** - May 03, 2023 at 04:52 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Rita Mae Martinez.



May 03, 2023 at 07:31 AM



“ From Delfina Perez and Family purchased the Str ength & Solace Spray for the family of Rita Mae Martinez.



**From Delfina Perez and Family** - May 02, 2023 at 07:44 PM