



Simona G Villafranca

June 13, 1925 - January 30, 2021

Simona Gonzales Villafranca, age 95, passed peacefully in her sleep on Saturday afternoon, January 30, 2021.

Simona was born on June 13, 1925 in Karnes City, Texas to Pantalion and Margarita Gonzales. As a young movie theater attendant in Karnes City, she met her future husband, Baltasar Villafranca. They were married in 1950 and soon after, moved to the St. Leo's and Harlandale community in San Antonio, Texas where they started their family. Simona and Baltasar were strong believers in the importance of faith and education and raised their three children accordingly.

Throughout her life, Simona was guided by a servant's heart. She was most fulfilled when serving others and was always more concerned about the other plates at the table than she was about her own. Simona's favorite gathering spot in her home was her kitchen where she performed magic with the meals she prepared. She loved cooking for her family as much as her family loved her meals.

Simona's inclination to serve was further evidenced in the fields of work she chose. Her early jobs included serving as a crossing guard at Gerald and Morrill elementary schools. She would later serve as a cafeteria cook at Gerald and Stonewall schools. Simona was very proud to have earned her

Nurse's Aide certification and cared for the elderly at various nursing homes in the area. Eventually Simona would find herself cooking again, this time for the residents of the Patrician Movement, from where she retired.

Simona enjoyed family visits above all else and made sure that all who entered her home felt welcome. She created special places for her grandchildren and great grandchildren and relished every opportunity to enjoy "grandma time" with them. Short visits were fine, but the overnights and extended weekends were her favorite. Simona was happy to share her cooking or sewing secrets or important life "consejos" with her offspring. Most of all, she offered a place where her grandchildren and great grandchildren could feel the warmth of unconditional love.

Simona raised her own children with the same unconditional love as she provided them with a living example of a selfless parent who gave support, encouragement, and nourishment for all their dreams. Her warm glow was felt by them throughout their journeys, in times of triumph and in times of challenge. Simona sat in many bleachers and venues to be present for her children's, grandchildren's, and even great-grandchildren's performances and events, always beaming with pride and always with words of praise.

Even in her later years, Simona embraced the joys of this world. She maintained her sense of humor and a youthful outlook, ready to accompany her loved ones on all their adventures. She fought courageously against the physical limitations that come with age and never allowed her spirit to be dampened.

Simona is preceded in death by her loving husband, Baltasar and infant son, Roberto.

She is survived by her children Hilda Reynosa (Richard), Dava Villafranca,

and Robert Villafranca (Deanna); grandchildren Erica Reynosa, Philip Reynosa (Larissa), Alexandra Villafranca, Danielle Villafranca, David Villafranca, Joseph Villafranca, and Regina Villafranca; great grandchildren River Reynosa, Ryder Reynosa, Sophia Reynosa, Josie Reynosa, and Autumn Villafranca; sister Mae Luna along with many beloved nieces and nephews.

Simona's family wishes to express their sincere appreciation to Nurse Rochelle Roy and the Kindred Hospice staff and Amanda Elizondo for the care and support they provided her in her time of need.

A Rosary will be recited on Thursday, February 4th at 7PM. The Rosary may be viewed online at missionparks.com. A tribute video will also be available at the website. A graveside service will be held on Friday, February 5th at 11:30AM at Mission Park South.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the Rosary and graveside services will be restricted to immediate family.

Previous Events

Holy Rosary

FEB 4. 7:00 PM.

Livestreaming

Private Family Viewing

FEB 4 (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, Cemeteries & Crematories
1700 SE Military Dr
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 924-4242
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Graveside Service

FEB 5. 11:30 AM (CT)

Mission Burial Park South
1700 SE Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214
<http://www.missionparks.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Simona G Villafranca*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - February 04, 2021 at 10:23 AM



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Simona G Villafranca*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - February 02, 2021 at 03:57 PM



“ *Our condolences to you and your family. May God Bless you all with faith, strength and courage during this difficult time in you all's life's. May she Rest in Peace. 🙏🥹🕊*

*Joe & Celia Perez
HHS class of 1977*

Jose Perez Jr - February 10, 2021 at 06:30 PM

JM

“ My condolences to the Villafranca Family. The video was absolutely beautiful. May God comfort you during this difficult time.

J. Mora

Jay Mora - February 10, 2021 at 03:39 PM

JS

“ My deepest condolences to the Villafranca family may God give you the strength and courage to get the these coming days, the video was a very beautiful tribute to your Mom, May she RIP, from Jo Ann Saenz HHS Class of 1977



JoAnn Saenz - February 06, 2021 at 01:24 AM

RF

“ Ruben and Mary Villafranca and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Simona G Villafranca.



Ruben and Mary Villafranca and family - February 04, 2021 at 11:20 AM



“ Denise Barker purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Simona G Villafranca.



Denise Barker - February 03, 2021 at 08:40 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Simona G Villafranca*.



February 03, 2021 at 08:29 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Simona G Villafranca*.



February 03, 2021 at 05:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Simona G Villafranca*.



February 03, 2021 at 04:43 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *Simona G Villafranca*.



February 03, 2021 at 04:22 PM

PC

“ *My Deepest Sympathy to the family of Simona Villafranca. I was the Executive Director of The Patrician Movement, where Mrs. Villafranca worked for many years. She was a very dedicated co-worker, and was loved by all. Her dedication to her work and to the many patients and families that she served will never be forgotten. I am sure that she has a special place in heaven, for the loving service that she provided to God's children here on earth. May her family take comfort in the knowledge that her reward will be great in eternity. Sincerely, Deacon Patrick M. Clancey, EdD.*

Patrick Clancey - February 03, 2021 at 02:29 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Simona G Villafranca.*



February 03, 2021 at 01:01 PM

RV

“ *Tia Simona and her deceased husband Tio Balta were two of my many aunts and uncles but they were my best friends. I have missed Tio Balta since he passed away in 2007 and I will miss Tia Simona. RIP*

Ruben Villafranca - February 03, 2021 at 11:41 AM

RT

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to the entire Villafranca family. I have great memories of “Mr and Mrs V”. Mostly their enduring support for their kids and grandkids. As a Harlandale Indian myself, I always remember Mr. & Mrs V in their same spot in the bleachers at all games, and their continued loving support at any sport related or other events for their grandkids. I always enjoyed hearing her endearing term for Mr. V, “Balti”, tasting her better than restaurant quality Spanish rice, seeing the items she sewed for her grandkids, and hearing the stories Deanna would share about the occasional \$20 bill Mr. or Mrs. V would stash somewhere in the house for them to discover later.....a little something to use on the grandkids or whatever. Mrs. Villafranca was a very kind person, and in my opinion has earned her place in heaven right next to her “Balti”. May God bless you Simona on your next journey.

Robin Thompson

Robin Thompson - February 03, 2021 at 10:58 AM

SS

“ Tia always greeted me with a tight hug and a beautiful smile. She always showed me love and kindness. I will miss her --

Susan Luna Sanchez

Susan L Sanchez - February 03, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Simona G Villafranca.



February 03, 2021 at 10:11 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Simona G Villafranca.*



February 03, 2021 at 08:06 AM



“ *Enduring Grace was purchased for the family of Simona G Villafranca.*



February 02, 2021 at 11:18 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Simona G Villafranca.*



February 02, 2021 at 03:30 PM