



Stella Cumpian Pope

December 13, 1938 - January 31, 2026

Stella Cumpian Pope, a devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, and woman of deep faith whose life was rooted in service and family, went to be with her Lord and Savior on January 31, 2026 while surrounded by her loving family. Stella was born on December 13, 1938, to Adolph and Anna Cumpian of Poteet, Texas.

Stella was one of nine children. She was preceded in death by her brother, Roger Cumpian, Sr. and sister Irene Ortiz. She is survived by her brothers Johnny Cumpian and Adolph Cumpian and sisters Alice Orta, Ernestine Arguijo, Mary Helen Verastigui and Beatrice Trevino.

She is survived by her loving husband of 68 years, Deacon Charles F. Pope, Sr.; her sons, Charles F. Pope, Jr. (Debra), Steve Pope (Peggy), John Pope, Sr. (Vera), and James Pope (Lee); and her daughters, Debra Longino and Janice Uptergrove (Bill). She was preceded in death by her daughter, Janet Pope-Wright. She was blessed with 18 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, along with many loving nieces, nephews, extended family members, and dear friends.

Stella was deeply committed to her faith in Jesus Christ and to her church. She served faithfully at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, where she was active in leading the choir and, alongside her husband Deacon Pope, participated in

burial services for parish families. Her life of service to her Lord God reflected in her quiet strength, compassion, and unwavering devotion to others.

She earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) before working at Kelly Air Force Base. After 18 years of devoted and respected Federal Civilian Service, she retired in April 2001 due to Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC).

Stella will be remembered for her grace, faith-filled life, and steadfast dedication to her family, church, and community. Her legacy of love and service will continue to live on in all who were blessed to know her.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons: John Pope, Jr., Jonathan Velez, Matthew Pope, Derek Pope, Dwight Pope, and Christian Hernandez.

Visitation will be held on February 20, 2026, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South, with the reciting of the Holy Rosary at 6:30 p.m. Mass will be celebrated on February 21, 2026, 10:00 a.m. at St. Lawrence Catholic Church, followed by interment at the Adolph G. Cumpian Family Cemetery.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **20**. 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/>

Recitation of the Rosary

FEB **20**. 6:30 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels South
1700 SE. Military Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78214

Holy Mass

FEB **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Lawrence Catholic Church
236 E Petaluma Blvd
San Antonio, TX 78221-3335
(210) 924-4401

Tribute Wall

LS

“ My first memory of Stella was at the ranch, as a child. She was so full of laughter and joy as we celebrated Easter at the Cumpian ranch. She was one of my father’s (John McDonald’s) cousins. As an adult, I was inspired by her faith and that of her husband Deacon Charles Pope. I will always be grateful to her as she was there when my father was very ill, and she also supported our family after he passed. Her song and prayers gave us strength and hope. Her faith and her example of God’s love will carry on in the lives of everyone she touched. My sincere condolences to her family.

Liz (McDonald) De Los Santos - February 21 at 12:32 AM

AJ

TY Liz! Appreciate your lovely thoughts. We still celebrate Easter at the ranch on Saturday one day before Easter Sunday at the same place. You and your family are welcome to come Easter comes early this year. Again Thank you! God bless! Adolph Cumpian Jr.

Adolph O. Cumpian Jr - February 21 at 10:19 AM

AG

My sincerest condolences and prayers to all of Stella’s family. As my sister Liz said, Stella was very special to us. She was a beautiful woman inside and out. Such a loving and caring person. She was our rock when our father (John McDonald) passed, and was very involved in his services. She sang so beautifully. Stella will be missed but never forgotten. May she forever rest in peace. Love to all of our Cumpian/Pope family.

Anita (McDonald) Garza - February 21 at 10:48 AM

JU

Thank you for sharing Liz and Anita. Mom was a wonderful woman.

Janice Pope Uptergrove - March 03 at 11:14 AM

PW

“ Paige and Will purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Stella Cumpian Pope.



Paige and Will - February 20 at 11:22 PM

ZO

“ I remember spending a lot of my childhood at Mimi's house. I miss going out to her backyard filled with beautiful plants and her koi pond. She would always pray over me, even as an adult. I will always remember how much she loved me.

Zoe Obregon - February 20 at 07:13 PM

WM

“ Willie & Yvonne Mendoza purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Stella Cumpian Pope.



Willie & Yvonne Mendoza - February 20 at 03:08 PM

LM

“ Our deepest condolences for your family's loss. Matthew 5:4
The McDole, Moran and Miller families

Larissa McDole - February 20 at 11:54 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Stella Cumpian Pope.*



February 19 at 10:14 PM



“ *Anita McDonald & daughters Liz and Anita purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Stella Cumpian Pope.*



Anita McDonald & daughters Liz and Anita - February 17 at 10:38 PM



“ *Rose & Shea purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Stella Cumpian Pope.*



Rose & Shea - February 17 at 12:27 PM



“ *Janice and Bill purchased the Heavenly Grace S pray for the family of Stella Cumpian Pope.*



Janice and Bill - February 16 at 10:56 PM

DT

“ DHA Budget Operations Team purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Stella Cumpian Pope.



DHA Budget Operations Team - February 13 at 07:03 PM

RO

“ I hope your memories bring you strength, and that the whole family feels held together by the love Stella poured into all of you. I pray that Jesus Christ brings comfort and peace to the family.

Rose - February 13 at 02:01 PM

JU

Thank you Rose. Love you my dear friend.

Janice Lynn Uptergrove - February 16 at 10:58 PM

PT

“ Peace, B&E Funds Control Team purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Stella Cumpian Pope.



Peace, B&E Funds Control Team - February 12 at 04:41 PM

GF

“ George & Barbara Patten & Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Stella Cumpian Pope.



George & Barbara Patten & Family - February 10 at 10:23 AM

PF

“ *Peggy Moran, Crystal & Byron Miller & Family & The McDole Family purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Stella Cumpian Pope.*



Peggy Moran, Crystal & Byron Miller & Family & The McDole Family - February 07 at 11:17 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Stella Cumpian Pope.*



February 05 at 06:58 PM