



## Susan A. Espinoza-Vargas

September 1, 1971 - April 18, 2026

Susan A. Espinoza-Vargas was born in San Antonio, TX, on September 1, 1971, and went to be with the Lord on April 18, 2026, at the age of 54. She was a loving daughter, sister, wife, and aunt who found her greatest joy in spending time with family and friends. Her presence brought comfort, laughter, and a deep sense of belonging, and she will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

She shared a close and meaningful bond with her parents, Luis and Felipa Espinoza—one built on love, respect, and constant connection. Throughout her life, she remained devoted to them, always present and deeply grateful for the foundation they provided.

That same devotion was reflected in the love she had for her nephews, Abram and Isaiah. She cared for them as if they were her own, investing time, energy, and heart into their lives. Through encouragement, curiosity, and constant reminders of what made them special, she helped shape the men they are becoming—an influence that will remain with them always.

Rooted in strong family ties, she was surrounded by a large extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins who played an important role in her life. Alongside them was a large close-knit circle of friends who became like family—relationships built on loyalty, laughter, and deep connection. She celebrated

life's joys with them, stood steady through life's challenges, and filled their time together with memories that will never fade.

At the center of her life was the beautiful partnership she shared with her husband, Noel Vargas. Their marriage was grounded in friendship, faith, mutual respect, deep love, and unwavering loyalty. Together, they built a life filled with laughter, care, and steadfast support, truly becoming best friends in every sense.

Her professional life reflected that same commitment and connection. She dedicated over 30 years to Alamo Colleges District, where she formed meaningful relationships and left a lasting impact on those around her.

Known for her vibrant spirit, she lived boldly and authentically. With her signature blue hair and unmistakable personality, she embraced life fully and without hesitation—never afraid to stand out and always encouraging others to do the same.

More than anything, Susan had a heart for others. She made people feel seen, valued, and loved, often through simple yet thoughtful gestures. That kindness and generosity will continue to live on in all who were fortunate enough to know her.

She is survived by her beloved husband, Noel Vargas; her loving parents, Luis and Felipa Espinoza; her brother, Andrew Espinoza; her sister-in-law, Mireya Espinoza; her cherished nephews, Abram Espinoza and Isaiah Espinoza; along with numerous extended family members and dear friends who will forever hold her in their hearts.

Visitation will begin on Monday, April 27, 2026, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church with a rosary to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Funeral mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church with a 9:30 a.m. procession from Palm Heights Mortuary. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South.

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

APR 27. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St James Apostle Catholic Church  
907 W Theo Ave  
San Antonio, TX 78225  
(210) 922-2136

## Holy Rosary

APR 27. 6:00 PM (CT)

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church  
907 W. Theo Ave.  
San Antonio, TX

## Funeral Mass

APR 28. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James the Apostle Catholic Church  
907 W. Theo Ave.  
San Antonio, TX

## Interment

APR 28 (CT)

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



# Tribute Wall

LR

“ Love, Yonne & Rosie purchased the *Love's Journey* for the family of Susan A. Espinoza-Vargas.



Love, Yonne & Rosie - April 27 at 03:27 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Susan A. Espinoza-Vargas.



April 27 at 08:48 AM

MF

“ *Martinez & Yruegas family* purchased the *Beautiful Dreams* for the family of Susan A. Espinoza-Vargas.



Martinez & Yruegas family - April 26 at 11:43 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Susan A. Espinoza-Vargas.



April 25 at 03:31 PM

RF

“ Ruben, Laura and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Susan A. Espinoza-Vargas.



Ruben, Laura and Family - April 25 at 11:12 AM

AF

“ Albert Flores purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Susan A. Espinoza-Vargas.



Albert Flores - April 24 at 03:40 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Susan A. Espinoza-Vargas.



April 24 at 01:16 PM

FC

“ From Castle, Realme & Gallegos cousins purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Susan A. Espinoza-Vargas.



From Castle, Realme & Gallegos cousins - April 24 at 12:31 PM

RR

“ I have known Susan for the entire 20+ years I have worked at Alamo Colleges. She was and will now be forever the shining light in the darkness. Her kindness to me will be a cherished memory. My heart breaks that she's gone from the physical world where she is so loved, but my heart is happy to know that she will forever be in the light of our Lord.

*Robin Rakestraw*

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**Robin Rakestraw** - April 23 at 02:24 PM

DR

“ I worked with Susan at Palo Alto College. She had a quick wit and a dry sense of humor. She was dedicated and hard working and was a champion for students. Alamo Colleges is better because of Susan's contributions to higher education!

*Dr. Daniel Rodriguez*

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**Daniel Rodriguez** - April 22 at 09:32 PM

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Most times when I met with Susan, our conversations would linger. We always ended up on the topic of faith and the after life. There is a saying about footprints. Susan left footprints in my life and I am grateful. While I am sad, I also smile knowing that she is now seeing God's face through eternity.

*Velda Villarreal*

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**Velda Villarreal** - April 23 at 10:32 AM

RM

I worked with Susan at Palo Alto College for many years and thank her for the training she provided as I was beginning my career. Her patience was commendable and her willingness to help not only students but colleagues as well did not go unnoticed. May the eternal life shine upon her and I pray she rests in peace. Thank you Susan. God bless.

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**Rose Medrano** - May 26 at 01:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Susan A. Espinoza-Vargas.



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April 22 at 08:24 PM