



Sylvia Ann Cardenas

May 2, 1961 - June 4, 2025

Sylvia Ann Cardenas was born to David and Dominga Martinez in San Antonio, Texas. She achieved a Master's degree in School Administration and worked as a coach for Harlandale ISD for 33 years. She married the love of her life, Richard Cardenas, and they spent 37 cherished years together. Sylvia was a devoted servant to her faith and a pillar for her family and community. Sylvia fiercely committed herself to the athletes that she coached. She did this by running a summer league and club volleyball organization for young upcoming athletes, as well as officiating high school volleyball matches. This was her passion. She also enjoyed traveling extensively and spending time with her boys! She loved going to casinos, playing bingo, sporting events, concerts and seeing friends at social gatherings.... just having fun. She truly lived life to the fullest.

Sylvia is survived by her husband, Richard Cardenas; her sons, Aaron (Lesley) Cardenas and Jake Cardenas; her mother, Dominga Martinez; her sisters, Yolanda (Raul) Alonso and Teri (Rene) Capistran; her brother David (Sarah) Martinez; numerous nieces and nephews; the many athletes she coached throughout her career, and the community that she served.

The impact she left on her family, friends, athletes and community is immeasurable. Sylvia was a loving wife, mother, sister, friend, and coach. She had a profound impact on everyone that was blessed with the opportunity to know her. Sylvia is greatly missed by many.

Visitation for Sylvia Cardenas will be held at Mission Park Funeral Chapels

South on Thursday, June 12th, 2025 from 3:30pm to 8pm. A rosary will be held during the visitation at 6:30pm with a eulogy to follow at 7pm. A funeral service will begin at 8:30am at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South and go in procession to St. Leo the Great Catholic Church with mass beginning at 10am. Interment at San Jose Burial Park will follow immediately. All are welcome to attend.

Cemetery Details

San Jose Burial Park

8235 Mission RD
San Antonio, TX 78214
(210) 923-0272
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 3:30 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

JUN 12. 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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

Eulogy Service

JUN 12. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (CT)

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

Visitation

JUN 13. 8:00 AM - 9:15 AM (CT)

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

Mass

JUN 13. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church
4415 S. Flores St.
San Antonio
San Antonio, TX 78214

Tribute Wall



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Tribute Video in memory of Sylvia Ann Cardenas*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - June 12, 2025 at 03:36 PM



“ *Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemeteries created a Webcast in memory of Sylvia Ann Cardenas*



Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - June 12, 2025 at 03:36 PM

AA

“ *To my cousin Richard Cardenas and his family. I am deeply saddened by the passing of your dear wife, Sylvia Cardenas. I send my condolences and prayers to you and your sons. The miles and the years have separated us. But know that I have always loved you and always will. May God keep you in his care and keeping. Your cousin Albert Anzaldua*

Albert Anzaldua - June 13, 2025 at 11:56 AM

MF

“ *Sylvia will be missed by all who knew her. Her heart was so big. You didn't need to ask for help, she saw and jumped in before you ever asked. Her volleyball IQ was off the charts! My condolences to her friends and family. We will all meet again. ❤️*

Mary Lou Flink - June 13, 2025 at 11:23 AM



“ *Forever Our Angel Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sylvia Ann Cardenas.*



June 12, 2025 at 09:34 PM

TF

“ *The Salazar and Perales Family purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Sylvia Ann Cardenas.*



The Salazar and Perales Family - June 12, 2025 at 01:55 PM

RG

“ *I was saddened to hear of Sylvia's passing. As St. James and CYO parents her family and ours became close. To Richard, Aaron and Jake we send our deepest condolences. I know Sylvia will be immensely missed by her family, friends, former team mates and former students. May she Rest in Peace and May perpetual light shine upon her!*

Ray Garza - June 12, 2025 at 10:41 AM

DL

“ David and Glo Lewis purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Sylvia Ann Cardenas.



David and Glo Lewis - June 12, 2025 at 10:14 AM

VG

“ Victor and Michelle Gonzalez purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sylvia Ann Cardenas.



Victor and Michelle Gonzalez - June 12, 2025 at 08:53 AM

DT

“ I was truly heart broken to hear of her passing. Coach Martinez as I first knew her was my jv basketball coach at Harlandale High School. Her passion for athletics and leadership led me to be a coach for 30 years as well !! I have so many great memories playing for her . She truly was an inspiration to me and my fellow teammates. She will truly be missed ! She is an angel . Love always Denise Tamez Harlandale class of 1987❤️

Denise Tamez - June 12, 2025 at 12:33 AM

TF

“ The Alvarado- Vega and Armhold Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Sylvia Ann Cardenas.



The Alvarado- Vega and Armhold Family - June 11, 2025 at 11:48 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sylvia Ann Cardenas.*



June 11, 2025 at 08:32 PM



“ *The Fraga Family purchased the Heavenly Heights Bouquet for the family of Sylvia Ann Cardenas.*



The Fraga Family - June 11, 2025 at 08:18 PM



“ *Lee, Karla, and Ando Ortiz purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Sylvia Ann Cardenas.*



Lee, Karla, and Ando Ortiz - June 11, 2025 at 08:15 PM



“ *Analicia and the De Los Santos family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Sylvia Ann Cardenas.*



Analicia and the De Los Santos family - June 10, 2025 at 11:04 PM



“ *Yolanda and Family,
We are deeply saddened to hear about the passing of your beloved sister. We pray for you and your family during this incredibly difficult time.*

Words can't fully express the sorrow we feel for your loss, Your sister was such a special person, and her memory will forever live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

May you find strength in the love of family and friends, and may her soul rest in eternal peace. Sending you our deepest condolences, prayers, and warmest hugs.

*With sympathy,
Xavier and Eva Guerra*

Xavier Guerra - June 10, 2025 at 01:11 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Sylvia Ann Cardenas.*



June 09, 2025 at 08:36 AM



“ *The Bruns Family purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Sylvia Ann Cardenas.*



The Bruns Family - June 08, 2025 at 09:02 PM

TF

“ The Bruns Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Sylvia Ann Cardenas.

The Bruns Family - June 08, 2025 at 09:02 PM

KO

“ There are no words to describe the impact Coach Cardenas made not only on her players, but on those of us who were her adversaries on the court, but friends off the court. Our teams were inspired by your dedication to your players and the sport. Thank you for allowing us to share your passion. You will truly be missed.

Karla Ortiz - June 08, 2025 at 05:21 PM

MV

“ Sylvia, you will be truly missed! Thank you for your many years in education but especially your years of coaching. You have had so many young ladies go through your volleyball program at Harlandale in addition to the Can You Dig It summer league, your contributions will never be forgotten. Rest easy knowing that you will always be remembered, your legacy will continue.



*Eternal rest grant unto Sylvia , O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.
Amen.*

*Melissa (Almendarez) and Stephanie Velasquez
HHS VB '82
HHS VB '07*

Melissa A Velasquez - June 08, 2025 at 03:13 AM

JF

“ Joe & Vera Dallas Family purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Sylvia Ann Cardenas.



Joe & Vera Dallas Family - June 07, 2025 at 10:14 AM

LF

“ Louie & Patty Ramirez and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Sylvia Ann Cardenas.



Louie & Patty Ramirez and family - June 07, 2025 at 01:44 AM

RG

“ Thank you for all your years of dedication to the south side community. Personally you were much help to our family. Without CYDI, my girls would have never found the interest in playing the game of volleyball. Thank you. Rest Easy Coach Cardenas

Robert Garcia - June 06, 2025 at 09:30 PM

SG

“ Sheldon Gonzalez purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Sylvia Ann Cardenas.



Sheldon Gonzalez - June 06, 2025 at 03:03 PM