



## Sylvia Arreaga Castillo

March 21, 1953 - March 5, 2025

Sylvia Arreaga Castillo was born on March 21, 1953, in San Antonio, Texas to Rudolfo Arreaga and Irene Rodriguez Arreaga.

A lifelong San Antonian, Sylvia aced all her grade-school classes and shined as part of the roping and dance team, the Jefferson High School “Lassos.” Her flowing blonde hair and red-and-blue Lasso uniform caught the eye of a young Adam Castillo, whom she would marry on September 8, 1973. Post-graduation, Sylvia earned her Associate’s Degree from San Antonio College and prided herself on continuing straight A’s through college graduation.

While married to Adam, Sylvia worked in several vocations, spanning from the restaurant and retail industries to legal-administrative and university administration. While she truly enjoyed each career path, one of her real joys was being a homemaker, loving her husband of 51 years, and raising their children together. Sylvia joyfully watched the marriages of each of her children, Mark to Jolene, Philip to Wendy, and Andrea to Ken, as well as the birth of each of her grandchildren: Aidan, Ava, Olivia, Zoey, Lillian, Nolan, and Elliott.

As a mother, Sylvia went to every single baseball game, soccer game, music recital, band concert, and track meet of her children. As a professional, Sylvia excelled for many years as a legal secretary and an office administrator for the

UTSA International Trade Center. As a daughter, Sylvia adored and cared for her beautiful mother, Irene, and wonderful father, Rudy. As a sister, Sylvia cherished her visits with her siblings, Jim, Rick, and Evy. As a wife, Sylvia adored and shared every waking moment with her husband, Adam.

In her later years, Sylvia revitalized her passion for cooking and fostered her love of dogs, with three, four, or even five small dogs (always named after luxury cars). In her retirement, Sylvia also enjoyed movies with her grandkids, bunco with her family, and book club with her friends.

Sylvia passed away overnight in her home on March 5, 2025. Sylvia's passion for learning and excelling at all she did will live on in all the countless lives she touched.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 23, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge. A celebration of life will be held at 3:00pm at the St. Paul Community Center, 1201 Donaldson, San Antonio, Texas 78228.

For personal acknowledgment, please sign the online guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the Tributes section.

MISSION PARK FUNERAL CHAPELS CHERRY RIDGE

3401 CHERRY RIDGE DR.

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230

(210) 349-1414

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 23. 1:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Cherry Ridge  
3401 Cherry Ridge Dr  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
(210) 349-1414  
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

# Tribute Wall

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“ I grew up with Sylvia, we went to school together through Jefferson HS. Our Mothers played Bunco together. She was a sweet and beautiful person. Prayers for the family! 🙏🙏

Cathy Luna - April 21, 2025 at 08:26 PM



“ I send my deepest condolences to the family of wonderful Sylvia. I had the pleasure of working with her during my college years at UTSA.

She always offered me a delicious breakfast taco and treated everyone around her with kindness and witty humor.

She was a graceful lady and I will always remember her with deep fondness.

Angelica Sesma - March 25, 2025 at 12:04 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Sylvia Arreaga Castillo.



March 22, 2025 at 10:01 AM

IG

“ It was an honor to have known you and have worked with you for so many years. Will miss your smiling face. Rest in peace.  
Irene Mireles Gallardo.

Irene Mireles Gallardo - March 21, 2025 at 04:58 PM

TF

“ *Thelma Milligan and Family purchased the Sweet est Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Sylvia Arreaga Castillo.*



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**Thelma Milligan and Family** - March 21, 2025 at 03:03 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Sylvia Arreaga Castillo.*



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March 20, 2025 at 10:21 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sylvia Arreaga Castillo.*



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March 20, 2025 at 09:36 PM

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“ *Mark and family, my sincerest condolences to you. ... Linda Sparks*

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**Linda Sparks** - March 20, 2025 at 12:50 PM

MT

“ *Mary,Robert,Norma,Charlie, John & Thomas purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Sylvia Arreaga Castillo.*



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**Mary,Robert,Norma,Charlie, John & Thomas** - March 19, 2025  
at 05:13 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Sylvia Arreaga Castillo.*



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March 18, 2025 at 09:28 PM

MW

“ *We send our Love and condolences to my Cousin Adam Castillo, Mark Adam, Phillip and Andrea. Our Heart's are saddened during this difficult time and know that our Sweet Cousin Sylvia is in the Heavenlies made whole and complete. Amen 🙏❤️*

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**Ms. Corinne z Whitaker** - March 18, 2025 at 02:19 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Sylvia Arreaga Castillo.*



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March 15, 2025 at 09:15 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Sylvia Arreaga Castillo.*



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March 14, 2025 at 11:58 AM



“ *Sylvia, I'll never forget all of the great times we shared together along with your family throughout the years. I know you're in a better place with your parents as well as mine. Will miss you dearly.*  
*Gina Mendez*

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**Gina Mendez** - March 12, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sylvia Arreaga Castillo.*



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March 12, 2025 at 09:14 AM

DJ

“ Oh folks, I am so very sorry for your loss. Sylvia was an incredibly kind and caring person. I worked with her at UTSA for a number of years—although in different UTSA departments. She always had a quick smile and could make everyone laugh. No matter how bad the day or situation, Sylvia always brought out the best in EVERYONE and helped us understand what was really important—God and family. Our prayers and thoughts are with you,

Love,

*Dr. Jerry Juhnke*

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**Dr. Jerry Juhnke/Professor/Counseling** - March 11, 2025 at 08:14 PM