



## **SYLVIA VILLALON ESPARZA**

December 5, 1950 - November 5, 2022

Sylvia Esparza, 71, was called home by our Lord and Savior on Saturday, November 5, 2022, surrounded by her family and following a brief and brave fight with cancer.

Sylvia was born to Eva Villalon Esparza and the late Tony G. Esparza on December 5, 1950 in San Antonio, Texas. Being a military brat, she lived in far away countries, Casablanca, Morocco and the Province of Pordenone, Italy, before returning to San Antonio, TX where she grew up in the Loma Park neighborhood. Sylvia graduated from Edgewood High School in 1968 and went on to attend the University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP), graduating with a Bachelor's of Science degree in August of 1975.

After graduating from UTEP, Sylvia worked for the YWCA and YMCA in San Antonio, Texas and then worked with a number of airlines, including Texas International Airlines, British Caledonian and British Airways, where she retired after 34 years of dedicated service in the airline industry. Sylvia's career gave her the opportunity to live in various parts of the United States including Houston, Texas; San Francisco, California; Chicago, Illinois; Washington, D.C., and Dallas, Texas. Sylvia's sense of adventure and love of travel extended beyond her career and led her to explore many countries around the world which included trips to Europe, the Middle East, Africa and the Far East. She shared her passion of travel with those that she loved and

through her journeys, established amazing relationships and friendships that stood the test of time and reached to all corners of the world.

When Sylvia retired from British Airways in 2009, she returned to San Antonio, Texas and enjoyed her retirement years spending time with her close family and friends. Those who were blessed to have known Sylvia know she was a selfless and giving woman who offered her help without hesitation to anybody in need. She was a woman of many talents and was known for her love of baking, beautiful calligraphy, and talent for crafts and sewing. Balancing her artistic endeavors, she had a love of the outdoors, especially spending time in her garden and swimming. As recently as August 2022, Sylvia taught countless infants and young children to swim and devoted many of her summers bringing joy to them and their parents alike.

Sylvia is preceded in death by her father, Tony G. Esparza. She is survived by her mother, Eva Esparza; brother, Tony G. Esparza; sisters Rosie Perez (husband Alex); Mary Ellen Rodriguez (husband Jerry); and nieces and nephews, Alex Perez, Jr., Kathy Rodriguez, Tanya Aleman, and Ryan Rodriguez; and numerous great-nieces and great-nephews - all of whom she loved as her own.

Sylvia was loved by so many. Her positive outlook, generous spirit, and kind heart left an impression wherever she went. Whether it was a family gathering in Texas or an adventure across the globe, she brought a presence and warmth to wherever she was. Her welcoming nature, warm smile and patience will never be forgotten.

Services will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, 3107 N. St. Mary's St., San Antonio, TX 78212. A Rosary will begin at 10:00 a.m. with a mass and reception to follow. Services will also be live streamed on Facebook via Sylvia's FB profile. Instead of flowers, contributions can be made to the

Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation or the charity of your choice in Sylvia's name.

Sylvia's interment will be held after the new year. Details to follow.

# Cemetery Details

## Alamo City Cowboy Church

11583 Morsund Rd.  
San Antonio, TX 78221

# Previous Events

## Rosary

NOV **23**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church  
3107 N. St. Mary's Street  
San Antonio, TX 78212

## Eulogy

NOV **23**. 10:30 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church  
3107 N. St. Mary's Street  
San Antonio, TX 78212

## Mass

NOV **23**. 10:45 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church  
3107 N. St. Mary's Street  
San Antonio, TX 78212

## Reception

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NOV **23**. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church  
3107 N. St. Mary's Street  
San Antonio, TX 78212

# Tribute Wall

CV

“ *My sincere condolences to the Esparza family..may your sister rest in Heavenly peace...*

**Cindy villarreal** - November 23, 2022 at 10:47 AM

MR

“ *To Aunt Eva and the entire Esparza Family: I am so very sorry for your loss. Sylvia was a very kind and giving person. When she moved to Chicago, we became very close, and we have kept in touch through the years. She will always have a special place in my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.*

**Mary Lou Rak** - November 23, 2022 at 02:31 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of SYLVIA VILLALON ESPARZA.*



November 22, 2022 at 01:25 PM

RF

“ *My heart is sadden on the news about Sylvia. She was a GENTLE SOUL who never spoke ill of anyone. She was dedicated to La Familia and her FAITH! Our loss is heaven's gain!! She will be missed but will live on in all off our hearts. God bless you on your afterlife,*

**Richard Fleece** - November 20, 2022 at 04:03 PM

AY

“ Rosie, Mary Ellen and Tony and Family,

*Our sincere condolences to the entire family for your loss.*

*May God grant you time to heal, His words for encouragement and Blessings and His love to see you all through this time...*

*Angela and Roger Yost*



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**Angela Yost** - November 19, 2022 at 08:07 PM

ME

“ Maddy, Jessica, Melissa & Lisa (Ott ES) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of SYLVIA VILLALON ESPARZA.



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**Maddy, Jessica, Melissa & Lisa (Ott ES)** - November 17, 2022 at 04:02 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of SYLVIA VILLALON ESPARZA.



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November 16, 2022 at 04:35 PM

GT

“ Our sincere sympathy and condolences to the entire family for your loss. It is a great loss to ALL who knew her. She was an amazing person and we were honored to have known her. May the good Lord comfort all during this time

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**Gilbert Torres** - November 16, 2022 at 09:55 AM

  
Victoria  
Posada  
Foreman

“ Rosie and all the Esparza Family,  
So sad to hear of Sylvia's passing. I  
remember her from the neighborhood and  
growing up with her and all her family.  
Always will remember her smile and sense of  
humor.

Please accept my deepest sympathy. My prayers, thoughts and love  
are with all of you at this time.

Know she in your hearts and memories always and forever.

Bless you all at this time. Luv ya and miss ya.

Vicky



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**Victoria Posada Foreman** - November 15, 2022 at 03:55 PM

BW

“ *Sylvia was truly an amazing woman and she will be missed so very much. My condolences to the Esparza family. My daughters and I were blessed to know her and to have her in our lives. She taught them swimming lessons in our backyard for several summers. And also attended their sporting events and cheered them on like they were her own grandchildren. Her positive attitude, loving nature and joyful energy were contagious. It was always a pleasure to spending time with her. We are better for knowing Sylvia and were blessed by having her in our lives for so many years. We will carry many, many fond memories of Sylvia- forever in our hearts. ❤️ Rest in peace my beautiful friend. We love you!*



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**Brooke Wallace** - November 14, 2022 at 11:33 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of SYLVIA VILLALON ESPARZA.*



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November 14, 2022 at 10:22 PM

KH

“ *Kristen Hoggatt & Ellamae Keck Hoggatt purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of SYLVIA VILLALON ESPARZA.*



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**Kristen Hoggatt & Ellamae Keck Hoggatt** - November 14, 2022 at 01:04 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of SYLVIA VILLALON ESPARZA.*



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November 14, 2022 at 10:22 AM



“ *Prayers are sent to the family of Sylvia. I worked with Sylvia at British Airways briefly at Reservations. and then I worked mainly at the airport as Duty Manager. Sylvia was a wonderful woman. Always smiling. I will miss her. Heaven has gained an Angel. Vera Champagne. Houston, Texas.*

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**Vera Champagne** - November 14, 2022 at 04:20 AM



“ *Sylvia: I know you are having lots of fun in heaven. We miss you. Love, Kristen Hoggatt and Ellamae Keck Hoggatt*

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**Kristen Hoggatt** - November 13, 2022 at 10:14 PM



“ *Sandra & Bao Nguyen Chris & Ellie Finch purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of SYLVIA VILLALON ESPARZA.*



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**Sandra & Bao Nguyen Chris & Ellie Finch** - November 13, 2022 at 01:30 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of SYLVIA VILLALON ESPARZA.*



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November 13, 2022 at 12:22 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to all the Esparza family. Sylvia will be greatly missed, her smile and kindness will always be remembered. My continued prayers for all the family. Rest In Peace Sylvia. Sincerely, Carmen Berlanga*

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**carmen** - November 12, 2022 at 12:18 PM



“ *Mary Ellen, your sister sounded like an amazing woman. My deepest sympathy to you and your family. David C Espiritu Jr.*

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**David C Espiritu Jr.** - November 11, 2022 at 11:12 PM



“ *Rosie and family. Our sincere condolences on the loss of Sylvia. On the few occasions I was blessed to visit with her she was very inspiring, easy to converse with and always had a smile. Her loss has to be a huge void in the family. Albert and I will continue our prayers with hope that you will find comfort and strength from our Heavenly Father during this emotional and painful time. Love to you all, Liz and Albert*

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**Liz Ortiz** - November 11, 2022 at 10:59 PM

GG

*Rosie & Family, Las Bonitas del VA, offer our sincere condolences for the demise of your precious sister. According to her obituary, she sounds like an amazing woman who had a wonderful, exciting life. I pray that the family finds solace and comfort in that she has no more pain & is surrounded by angels and welcomed into heaven. We love you Rosie & God Bless you & your family. Gloria Gamez*

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**Gloria Gamez** - November 12, 2022 at 12:36 AM

GH

“*Condolences and prayers for the Esparza family. Have many childhood memories of my dear friend I will forever cherish. RIP my sweet Sister.*”



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**Gloria Hilburn** - November 11, 2022 at 07:52 PM