



Sylvia C. Vela

April 17, 1944 - January 11, 2021

Sylvia C. Vela was called home to be with the Lord on January 11, 2021 at the age of 76 after a lengthy and valiant fight against cancer. She was a devoted wife, and a loving and caring mother and grandmother and a friend to many. She was preceded in death by her parents, Alex and Mary Casanova, and numerous loving and caring aunts, uncles, and cousins. She is survived by her husband of 50 years and 2 days, Jesse R. Vela, sons, Enrique Alejandro (Henry) Vela and his wife Sandi, and Andres Jesus (Andy) Vela and wife Laura along with 6 beautiful grandchildren: Michael, Ali, Amy, Annie, Olivia, and Lucas. She is also survived by five brothers and sisters who she loved dearly: Olga Galindo, Joe Casanova, Rudy Casanova, Gloria Casanova, and Daniel Casanova.

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 18, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. at the Alamo Funeral Chapels. Funeral mass will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. at St. James the Apostle Catholic Church with the interment to follow at Mission Burial Park South.

In accordance with CDC safety precautions, we ask to wear a mask and practice social distancing. There will be limited seating of 45 for those attending visitation and rosary. We thank you in advance.

Cemetery Details

Mission Burial Park South

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 4:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Alamo Funeral Chapels
624 N Alamo St
San Antonio, TX 78215
(210) 554-5000
<https://www.missionparks.com/>

Rosary

JAN 18. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JAN 19. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

DL

“ I am so sorry that Sylvia suffered from cancer. I worked with her at SBC/ATT. She was always so sweet and kind. I am honored to have known such a gracious person. I pray that the family will find Peace in the Precious, Caring Arms of Jesus.

Diana Leonard - April 02, 2021 at 01:24 PM

AV

“ Goodbye sweet Mother. We love you.



Andy Vela - January 19, 2021 at 02:50 PM

GC

“ I am Sylvia's Sister, Gloria, #5 of 6 children born to Alex and Mary Casanova. It's difficult to post memories in a few words but I'll try. Sylvia was born with a soft voice and sang beautifully. We know she's singing in Heaven and is there with our loved ones. I asked her to save the rest of us a place. We will miss her calls to discuss the latest news and share updates on our Families. You will be missed "Sissy". You left us before we were ready to let you go but we believe in meeting each other again in Heaven.

All my Love,
Gloria "Annie" Casanova

Gloria Casanova - January 18, 2021 at 02:14 PM



“ *Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Sylvia C. Vela.*



January 16, 2021 at 09:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Sylvia C. Vela.*



January 16, 2021 at 04:26 PM



“ *Sylvia and Jesse shared a love of music. I deejayed many a place and they would be there for input and support. Sylvia always had snacks she would share. And at Christmas always brought me a plate or two of cookies. I only knew her the past decade or so. She waa a delight to be with. She will be missed. R.I.P. Sylvia Vela*

Russell Adamson - January 13, 2021 at 06:36 PM



Thank you Russell. My parents always spoke fondly of you. And Mom's cookies were legendary.

Andy Vela - January 13, 2021 at 07:52 PM

GT

“ Thank you for everything you have done for Carolina, Jonah and I. We are truly better people for having had you in our lives. We miss you and love you, Mom Vela. Go Spurs Go.

G. Trevino - January 12, 2021 at 09:00 PM

AV

Amen my Brother!

Andy Vela - January 13, 2021 at 02:06 AM

MA

My deepest condolences to Mr. Jesse Vela, Henry and Andy on the passing of such a beautiful lady, wife and mother. I just found out, literally 5 minutes ago that Sylvia passed away. I am saddened & my heart aches. She was my boss at SWB in 1986. She took me under her wing, she scolded me and gave me good advice. I was so young. It was my first adult job. She took me to great restaurants, and she was kind of like a 2nd mother to me. She also gifted me a beautiful rosary for my wedding in 1995. I still have it and think of her each time I hold it. While it's sad that she is no longer with us, we can rejoice that she is no longer suffering and in the arms of our heavenly Father in Heaven. She is definitely resting. I'm sad I hadn't seen her in a long time and wish I had. :(I had been thinking of her a lot lately, looking for her old number on Jennings, wishing i could call to check in to see how she is, and just wondering how I could reach her but never could find her number. God knew I was looking for her because by a miracle, a mutual friend of mind just happen to text me to give me the sad news. : (I will hold her close and dear in my heart.

MaryAnn Ayala - January 15, 2021 at 06:27 PM

SH

“ Senora Soledad Jurado y sus hijos purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Sylvia C. Vela.



Senora Soledad Jurado y sus hijos - January 12, 2021 at 06:21 PM

AV

“ *My Mother loved everyone and was loved BY everyone. You will be so missed but as long as there are Velas, Casanovas, Mungias, Lujans, and countless others whose life you touched in so many ways your memory will live on and lives STRONG.*

We love you Mom,

Always your thankful Son,

Andy

Andy Vela - January 12, 2021 at 05:43 PM