



## Velma Raye Collins Trejo

October 3, 1941 - June 21, 2024

Velma Raye Collins Trejo died peacefully surrounded by family in the early morning hours of June 21, 2024, in San Antonio, Texas at age 82.

Velma was born on October 3, 1941 in Granger, Texas to Mildred Scott Collins and Joe Trennis Collins. She was the third of four children born into this union. Velma was baptized at Judea Missionary Baptist Church in Granger, TX by Rev. Albert Allen Kuykendall, Sr. at an early age. After moving to San Antonio, TX, she became a member of Rainbow Hills Baptist Church. She professed her faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, and maintained her trust in God throughout her life.

After graduating from Booker T. Washington High School in Bartlett, Texas, she attended Prairie View A&M University. In 1961, she married Cleofas Trejo and they soon embarked on a life as a military family. She traveled the world including Japan, Africa and Europe. Four children were born into this union: Cleofas Ray, Marcus Wayne, Anthony Deroy, and Nina Lyn. She continued her education in later years at Our Lady of the Lake University. She retired from the State of Texas after working at the San Antonio State School and was the primary caregiver for her loving husband who passed away from ALS at the age of 45.

She always saw the best in people. Velma was so proud of her grandchildren

and just marveled at her great-grandchildren. She led a full, exciting life and helped those she loved in any way she could. Her heart and her presence were enormous. She lit up a room. She was a vibrant storyteller. She touched many lives. May her loving memories last forever in our hearts.

Velma is preceded in death by her parents, Mildred and Joe, her husband Cleofas, her older brother Jeff, her great-grandchild Jayden, and most recently her grandson Cleofas Ryan.

Survivors include her loving children Cleofas Ray Trejo(Susan) of Patrick AFB, FL; Marcus Wayne Trejo (Kimberly) of San Antonio, TX; Anthony Deroy Trejo (Karen) of San Antonio, TX and Nina Lyn Trejo-McCauley of San Antonio, TX. She is also survived by her two sisters, Betty Blane of Granger, TX; Cecile Knight Kuykendall (Allen) of Waco, TX and her sister-in law, Maria Trejo Rector of San Antonio, TX.

Her 10 grandchildren (Erica, Elena, Felicia, Shannon, Martin, Katherine, Kolby, Tess, Jacob and Travis), 19 great-grandchildren, and a large extended family of nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of longtime friends will carry on her legacy.

Celebration of life services will be held on Friday, July 12, 2024 at 12 noon at Mission Park Funeral Chapel Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas.

An evening wake and viewing will be held on Thursday, July 11, 2024 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm for family and friends.

Final interment will be at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with her deceased husband, Cleofas Trejo, on Tuesday, July 16, 2024 at 10:00 am.

We will love you forever, Sweet Velma.

Mission Park Funeral Chapel Medical Center:  
8332 Fredericksburg Road  
San Antonio, TX 78229

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 11. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Medical Center  
8332 Fredericksburg Road  
San Antonio, TX 78229

## Funeral Service

JUL 12. 12:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Medical Center  
8332 Fredericksburg Road  
San Antonio, TX 78229

## Reception

JUL 12. 2:00 PM (CT)

Mission Park Funeral Chapels Medical Center  
8332 Fredericksburg Road  
San Antonio, TX 78229

## Graveside Service

JUL 16. 10:00 AM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd  
San Antonio, TX 78209  
(210) 820-3891

# Tribute Wall

KW

“ I love you granny please watch over me and baby Kolby I'm forever grateful you got to meet him. I'll miss watching sports with you watching the news with you. I'm trying to enlist I made you worry all the time I hope I can make you proud I love you granny thank you for everything thank you for always welcoming me with open arms I love you granny.



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**Kolby walker** - August 09, 2024 at 01:20 PM

KG

“ Lovely service celebrating my witty, intelligent, fun loving cousin. Praying for her children grandchildren and great grandchildren. May her soul rest in the arm of Jesus and may all she poured into her family manifest in a continuous legacy of love and laughter❤️

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**Kathy Scott Gurnell** - July 15, 2024 at 10:01 PM

SP

“ You were a beautiful person inside and outside. I'll always remember how you made me laugh when we talked on the phone. I will continue to try to live up to the Ms. Trejo teaching legacy and hope that I make you proud.

You were one of Ryan's favorite people. We loved running around your house as kids. I remember how happy and proud you were when you and Auntie came to Vegas to see him graduate from High School.

I miss you both so much. Love you Granny.

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**Shannon Trejo Petrimoulx** - July 13, 2024 at 05:25 PM

DB

“ Mrs. Trejo beamed a brilliant light of hope, wonderment and spiritual guidance for all those she encountered. Just one moment in her presence was like receiving a gift from God. She will be missed by so many but remembered for all time to come.

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**Daniel Barborak** - July 12, 2024 at 12:19 AM

RM

“ Ronnie & Nina Meadows purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Velma Raye Collins Trejo.



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**Ronnie & Nina Meadows** - July 11, 2024 at 02:25 PM

DT

“ *Dr. Cyr, Leann, & the SA Spine Team purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Velma Raye Collins Trejo.*



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**Dr. Cyr, Leann, & the SA Spine Team** - July 11, 2024 at 02:20 PM

AT

“ *This is an extremely difficult time for my family. Mom was everything to us. I'm 60 years old and I still need my mama. Still in shock and I don't know what we're going to do without here. Really miss my mom. Thanks to everyone for your condolences.*

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**Anthony Trejo** - July 10, 2024 at 10:36 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Velma Raye Collins Trejo.*



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July 10, 2024 at 03:03 PM

FM

“ *I will always cherish everything you taught me....I will miss you forever and more. I am lucky to have grandma like you...I love u soo much granny...please watch over the kids and take care of my Jayden in heaven....till we meet again..*

*Love you always granny,  
Simone*



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**Felicia McCauley** - July 10, 2024 at 12:56 PM