



Vivian Garcia Rivera

April 21, 1931 - September 9, 2019

VIVIAN GARCIA RIVERA Vivian Garcia Rivera was born in Falls City, Texas, to Trinidad and Dolores Garcia on April 21, 1931. Vivian was a hard worker, and at an early age she worked in the fields picking crops alongside her siblings and parents. Vivian met Prudencio Rivera while living on the same street, and they were married in 1951. Vivian then worked as a housekeeper at the St. Anthony Hotel, and she also held positions as a cafeteria worker at local elementary schools. One of Vivian's biggest accomplishments was being a seamstress for the Miss USA Pageant, sewing elegant gowns for the contestants, but her favorite job was being a stay-at-home mom and eventually helping with her grandkids. Vivian loved quilting with her daughter Juliet. They made 32 quilts for family and friends. Together they had a way of choosing the most beautiful patterns and colors that made the most vibrant and sturdy quilts to share with loved ones. Vivian also loved to go on gambling and casino trips with her daughter Bibie and Bibie's husband Luis. Bibie and Luis lived with Vivian during her last several years and took care of her needs and watched over her with love and affection. Vivian frequently attended Holy Spirit Catholic Church, with her son Steve and family, where she participated in ACTS retreats and made many friends. Vivian was honored at the annual Rivera Tamale Christmas party at Steve's house where she and friends and family made homemade tamales and celebrated with the ACTS community. Vivian also enjoyed many family barbecues over the years, and she loved to go out with family and have menudo with a mango margarita. Vivian was 88

years old and was preceded in death by her husband Prudencio Rivera and siblings Fred Garcia, Ethel Garcia, Adelia Zapata, and Rafie Garcia. She is survived by her siblings Trini Garcia, Nora Gutierrez, Chita Rodriguez, and Dolores Montes. Also survived by children: Daughter Vivian "Bibie" Rivera and husband Luis Orozco; daughter Juliet Schwabe and husband Lee; son Steve Rivera and wife Kayleen. Also survived by grandchildren: Carla Guzman and husband Matt Lopez, Andrea Guzman, Kennedy and Truman Rivera, Kelly Schwabe, and great grandchildren Lily Guerra and Joey Rivas

Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 12, 2019 from 6:00pm-9:00pm, with a Rosary at 7:00pm at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Friday, September 13, 2019 at 10:00am at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. Graveside Services will be on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 9:00am at Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Vivian Garcia Rivera.



September 13, 2019 at 02:12 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage* was purchased for the family of Vivian Garcia Rivera.



September 12, 2019 at 01:38 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Vivian Garcia Rivera.



September 11, 2019 at 10:21 PM