



Yolanda C. Montalvo

January 24, 1927 - December 11, 2020

Our beloved Yolanda Montalvo, born on January 24, 1927, entered peacefully into eternal rest on December 11, 2020.

Yolanda loved to cook and bake and when she wasn't spending time in her kitchen preparing delicious meals and trying out new recipes she had seen on t.v. cooking shows, Yolanda spent much of her spare time outdoors tending her garden and admiring her flowers. Throughout her years she belonged to several garden clubs where she met many fellow gardeners who shared her interest in herbs, day lilies, roses, and African violets. Working together, Yolanda and her beloved husband, Ralph, shared an enthusiasm for gardening and their yard always featured colorful rose beds and a well manicured lawn. Her neighbors always commented on her beautiful yard.

Yolanda treasured the many family celebrations she and Ralph attended, and sometimes hosted, where her children and grandchildren shared stories and the latest happenings. The gatherings also provided an opportunity for her grandchildren to entertain her and Ralph with their games and talents.

Because Ralph was in the military, Yolanda moved with him to each new assignment and made many friends in each of these new locations. In later years, they were able to enjoy vacation travel to their favorite spots and had a special fondness for the sites and ocean views in California.

Yolanda kept in touch with her children, close relatives, and friends through regular phone conversations, which always brightened her days.

Yolanda was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Ralph, her parents, William and Carmen Celis, her brothers George and Francisco Celis, and grandson Brian Hernandez. Yolanda is survived by her seven children Carla, Celeste, Ralph Jr., Michele, Andrew, Edward, Ana, and her siblings, William Celis, Jr. and Sr. Mary Paulette Celis, CDP, as well as her nine grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Yolanda will always be remembered as a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother and her warm sense of humor and comforting presence will be missed tremendously.

Funeral Mass will be on Friday, December 18th at 1:30 p.m. at St. Matthew Catholic Church. Interment to follow at Mission Burial Park South. You may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

DEC 18. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Matthew Catholic Church
10703 Wurzbach Rd
San Antonio, TX 78230

Tribute Wall

VM

“ *Mrs. Montalvo- My beloved mother in law, today we laid you to rest. May you enjoy your beloved Ralph in heaven, your mom and dad, and thank you for all your love. My family and children have been blessed with your love and kindness.*

Baby Angels will miss their grandmother as will Edward and I. Enjoy paradise and continue to pray for us here on earth. We love you very much.

Valerie

vmontalvo69@sbcglobal.net - December 18, 2020 at 10:08 PM

MG

“ *My name is Mary Granato, Pete and I have known Yolanda for 48 years. I remember when we had just moved into the neighborhood and Yolanda and Mrs. Martinez across the street were the first people to welcome us in. I remember Yolanda saying to us that she was glad that we had bought the house and hope that we would be neighbors for along time and we did that. Yolanda and Ralph were great neighbors and as the years pasted we began to notice that no matter what age we were at the time we started to have things in common. Yolanda had a passion for gardening and I started to have that passion as well. Pete and I will miss the talks and exchanging food and receipes across the fence. Yolanda you will be missed and everytime I'm in my backyard I will picture you watering your plants and also miss the many conversations we had as you sat on your deck.*

Mary Granato - December 18, 2020 at 05:35 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Yolanda C. Montalvo.*



December 17, 2020 at 06:28 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Yolanda C. Montalvo.*



December 17, 2020 at 04:13 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Yolanda C. Montalvo.*



December 17, 2020 at 02:27 PM



“ *Large Basket Garden was purchased for the family of Yolanda C. Montalvo.*



December 16, 2020 at 10:47 PM

JH

“ *May perpetual light shine upon Mrs. Montalvo. She was always so welcoming to me. I will remember her and the love she showed to her sweet granddaughters—my beloved nieces. God bless the Montalvo family. Sending prayers to the entire family.*

Joaquin Herrera - December 16, 2020 at 09:21 PM

DA

“ *Daniel purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Yolanda C. Montalvo.*



Daniel - December 15, 2020 at 07:59 PM

CR

“ I am Charlie Roberts - and grew up as a close neighbor to the Montalvo family. I distinctly remember Mrs. Montalvo (Yolanda) walking to my house early in the morning before school. Just as she arrived at my house, which was the gathering spot for kids to be picked up by the bus, Mrs. Montalvo pulled out a large wooden spoon and proceeded to deliver forceful and highly skilled forehand and backhand blows to Andrew, her son. She did this, all while telling Andrew that he needed to straighten-up or expect more future discipline. You see - Andrew was tasked with helping his brother, Muggy (Edward), with carrying a large tuba-like musical instrument to school each day. Muggy was - at that time, a small guy and Andrew's responsibility was to help his brother. Instead, Andrew had fallen into talking with me and all the older kids and had ignored assisting Muggy. None of us kids had even noticed, but Mrs. Montalvo had a keen sense of her kids' behaviors, and she had tracked old Andrew down.... By the time it was over, Andrew had been converted from an 8th grade cool-kid to what resembled a well-disciplined young man, with a probable future in the military. What is really amusing about this story is that while administering such a skilled demonstration of wooden-spoon therapy, Yolanda simultaneously kicked off a conversation with my mother, Lillian, about all levels of neighborhood affairs. As we ultimately boarded the bus for school, my mother brought out coffee and the two mom's waved us off while they prepared for another day managing our neighborhood and our respective families.

All of us kids loved and respected Mrs. Montalvo. She was a leader on our street and we were all better-behaved kids, and ultimately, better adults, because of her desire for us to do right and grow up smart. From me and my family, we offer our deep and heart-felt condolences on her passing.

The Roberts family - neighbors and friends forever.

Charles Roberts - December 15, 2020 at 07:39 PM

CH

“ I miss you so much....Your absence breaks my heart. I wake up thinking of you and wishing so much that I could see your face and hear your voice. I go through the day not really believing you aren't here. And I go to bed at night praying that it's a dream and that you will be sitting in your chair once again waiting for me to walk through your door. I love you, Mom.



Carla Hernandez - December 15, 2020 at 07:27 PM

MG

“ Michele and Richard Grauerholz purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Yolanda C. Montalvo.



Michele and Richard Grauerholz - December 15, 2020 at 11:29 AM

LD

“ Love Carla and Derrik purchased the Sweet Solace Spray for the family of Yolanda C. Montalvo.



Love Carla and Derrik - December 15, 2020 at 10:46 AM

SG

“ Sara Grauerholz and Tommy Green purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Yolanda C. Montalvo.



Sara Grauerholz and Tommy Green - December 15, 2020 at 10:40 AM

WG

“ With so much love, Ana, Victor, and Gabriel purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Yolanda C. Montalvo.



With so much love, Ana, Victor, and Gabriel - December 15, 2020 at 10:17 AM

BD

“ Bruce & Celeste Davis purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Yolanda C. Montalvo.



Bruce & Celeste Davis - December 15, 2020 at 10:06 AM



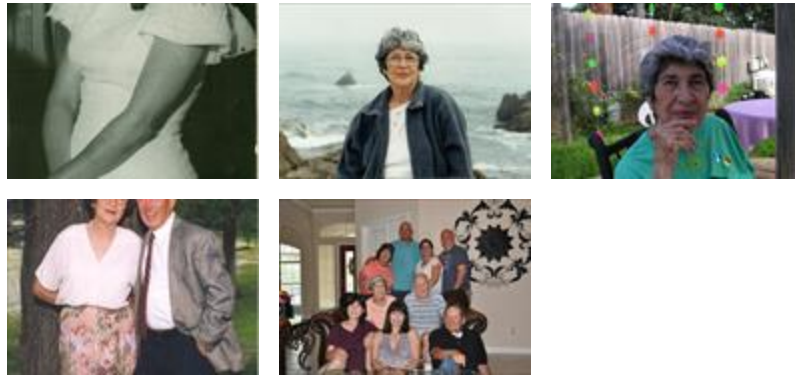
“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Yolanda C. Montalvo.



December 15, 2020 at 12:41 AM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - December 14, 2020 at 10:12 PM



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Mission Park Funeral Chapels & Cemetery - December 14, 2020 at 11:31 AM