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Yolanda dedicated her life to education. Born in Raymondville, Texas, attended Lyford High School.

She completed her B.A. and Masters in Education at South West Texas State University in San Marcos, Texas. Her PhD came from University of Texas, Austin. Her last post was that of Superintendent in the Austin School District. She excelled in all fields, and was proud of her accomplishments. She stated to her father and family one day:

“I love what I do, and I’m good at it.” She worked tirelessly towards bettering the education system, and those around her..

She will be missed greatly. She is survived by her sister, Angie Cavazos Patterson, 2 nephews, Arthur M. Perez, II, Matthew J. Perez, and her niece Monica L. Perez.

Tribute Wall

EV

“ Thinking of you today, my sweet friend. You old wise owl, just feeling a little selfish for not having you by my physical side to share my thoughts with. Those we love can never be more than a thought away; for as long as there’s a memory, they live on in our hearts. It will be little things that we remember—smiles, laughter—and although it is hard, the memories of these things will become tools to push away the pain. With God's blessing, we will remain friends forever, Amen.



Eva - November 10, 2022 at 05:49 PM

LW

Oh, my gosh, my dear school friend, Yolanda. I remember you from our high school band and band trips. We drifted apart after graduation but in our hearts, we remained alike. We both were in the education field. You were always such a sweet, kind person who never harbored ill thoughts for anyone. I will never forget you. May your beautiful soul rest in peace. *Lupita Quilantán Williams*

Lupita Quilantán Williams - January 14, 2023 at 01:10 PM

RV

I will always remember our years together in Austin ISD. From the classroom to the superintendency, you were a force with which to be reckoned. Your vision for leaders, passion for teaching and learning, and love for students was contagious and inspirational. Your dedication and passion touched so many lives. It is your legacy—one that will live on for many generations to come. You were loved, and you are missed. I will cherish the memories of our times together.

Raffy Vizcaino - January 26, 2023 at 06:31 PM

RA

Dear Yolanda, I did not get to say goodbye and It is with great regret that I just found out about your passing. I would have told you how much I admired you, your firm commitment, and unwavering passion for the children, teachers, and principals you served. You were one of the few people one could trust to keep your word, and to follow through. I enjoyed working hard with you and for you, and do not hesitate to say that you made a huge difference with your type of leadership. Thank you for your service and for being such a great example of excellent leadership and commitment to quality education. The only regret I have is that I did not say some of this to you before you left. Abrazos, cariño, y saludos estimada amiga querida. Con lindos recuerdos, Rosita Apodaca.

Rosita Apodaca - November 09, 2023 at 02:39 PM

SB

You watched me grow into the woman I am now, you were an amazing person who taught me a lot about life, education and religion. My family took great care of you till your last days but I never got to say goodbye, never got to share my recent accomplishments with you, and never got to share my pregnancy with you. You would have loved little Ayuni and would have spoiled her rotten. I promise to buy you that urn I've been promising you because that small plastic box just ain't your style, you were the most stylish lady I knew. Every memory I have of you I keep close to my heart, especially the funny ones oh we had such good laughs you were a witty little lady and never failed to brighten my day. We miss and love you dearly Yolanda, till we meet again old friend ❤️

Sophia Barrientos - March 24 at 06:13 AM