



Delia R. Melendez

July 13, 1947 - April 24, 2026

It is with incredibly heavy hearts and profound sorrow that we share the news of the passing of our beloved matriarch, Delia Rivera Melendez, affectionately known to all as "Lela." On April 24, 2026, at the age of 78, our family lost its undeniable heart and soul, a guiding light whose warmth touched every life she encountered.

Born on July 13, 1947, in San Perlita, Texas, to the late Jose Trinidad G. Rivera and Claudia Gonzalez, Lela embodied a spirit of strength, resilience, and boundless love that defined her entire life. She was, without question, the radiant core of the Melendez family, dedicating her days to nurturing and supporting everyone around her. Her wisdom, her laughter, and her unwavering presence were the foundations upon which our family was built.

Lela now joins her heavenly family, embracing her dear parents and her cherished siblings who preceded her in death: her sisters, Jesusa Rivera and Isabel Rivera, and her brothers, Benigno G Rivera and Jose Trinidad Rivera Jr. We find comfort in imagining their joyous reunion.

Her departure leaves an immense void in the lives of those she leaves behind, a sprawling family who will forever cherish her memory. She is survived by her husband of many years, Alfredo Melendez Sr., and her loving children: Aurora Melendez, Alfredo Melendez Jr. (and his wife, Christie), and Cecilia Melendez.

Lela's legacy also lives on through her dear sisters, Claudia Quintero, Lydia Rivera, and Donicia Herrera, and her brothers, Jose Luis Rivera and Jose Manuel Rivera.

Her greatest joy was undoubtedly her family, especially her eleven adored grandchildren and three precious great-grandchildren. Though they may be young, they will carry her spirit forward, growing up surrounded by countless stories of Lela's extraordinary strength, her unwavering love, and the profound impact she had on us all. Her love was a legacy woven into the very fabric of our family, a testament to a life lived fully, given selflessly, and remembered eternally.

Cemetery Details

Casa Blanca Cemetery

Orange Grove, TX 78372

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 30. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Roberson Funeral Home (Alice)
98 West Main Street
Alice, TX 78332
(361) 664-1660
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Rosary

APR 30. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

APR 30. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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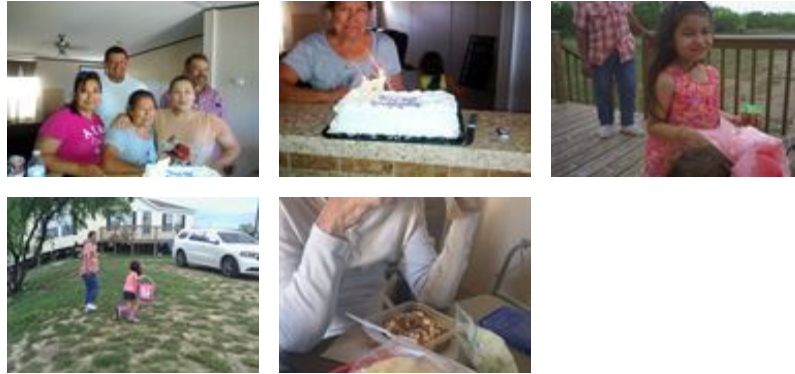
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Tribute Wall



“ 83 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Roberson Funeral Home - April 30 at 10:18 AM

FM

“ *FREDITO MELENDEZ* purchased the *Full Of Love Bouquet* for the family of *Delia R. Melendez*.



FREDITO MELENDEZ - April 30 at 10:00 AM

SR

“ *Severiano Rivera* purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of *Delia R. Melendez*.



Severiano Rivera - April 29 at 12:39 PM

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“ Severiano Rivera planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Delia R. Melendez.

Severiano Rivera - April 29 at 12:39 PM