



Ernestina Gonzalez-Garcia

May 17, 1943 - February 17, 2024

Ernestina (Tina) Gonzalez Garcia, 80, passed away suddenly on Saturday, the 17th of February 2024, in the Christus Spohn Shoreline Cardiac Cath Lab Department in Corpus with her loving family in the Cardiac Cath Lab waiting area.

Ernestina, affectionately known as "Memo" by her loved ones, was born on the 17th of May 1943, in the small rural town of Palito Blanco, Texas.

She was the daughter of the late Paulino Villarreal and Estella Ruiz Gonzalez. She was the second oldest of fifteen children.

Memo was "The Matriarch" of her family, and we all knew it; she had her hands involved in all of our lives in some shape and form somehow. Memo dedicated her life to raising her children and most of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In her earlier years, she was passionate about cooking delicious meals, going dancing, and rearing the majority of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She always had a warm smile and motherly nature and comforted those around her, and her family and friends will deeply miss her.

Memo was preceded in death by her parents, Paulino Villarreal and Estella Ruiz Gonzalez; her sister, Consuelo Benavides; and her sister-in-law, Diana Gonzales; brothers-in-law, Ramon Margain and Steven Dunham.

Surviving her is her devoted and loving husband of fifty-nine years, Rafael (Ralph) M. Garcia, and their children:

Son, Rafael Garcia, Jr., and wife Suzanne Yvette Herrera Garcia, and their children, Rafael David Garcia, III and wife Pamela Sue Carter of Katy, Texas, and their children: David Trey and Aurora Mae;

Daughter, Jaquleen Nyleen Garcia Venable and husband Jonathan Blaze Venable of Church Point, Louisiana, and their daughters Kayleen Marie, Blair Elise, and their sons Hayden Michael, and Jackson Scott;

Daughters: Arlene Salinas and husband Eddie Salinas and their children Eddie Jr. and Christian Salinas;

Rosalinda Garcia and children; Daughter Samantha Zambrano and her daughters Scarlett Rose, Artemisia (Moon) Theresa Mendez and Olivia Grace Davila; Daughters Crystal Zambrano, Avery and Son Danny Ortiz.

Her siblings also survive her, seven sisters: Englantina Margain and husband Ramon †, Guadalupe Dunham and husband Steven †, Idolina "Dolly" Gonzalez and husband Ovidio, Janie Gonzalez, Dalia Gonzalez and husband Robert Mata †, Diana Gonzalez and husband Fred Quinones †, Sylvia Pruneda and husband Juan, and Norma Vasquez and husband Julian;

And four brothers: Baldemar Gonzalez and wife Diana †, Ruben Gonzalez and wife Maggemolina, Conrado "Mickey" Gonzalez and wife Blanca, Richard

Gonzalez and wife Elisa, and Arturo Gonzalez and wife Selma; and a host of numerous nieces and nephews, along with expansive extended family members and friends who will always cherish her memory.

A Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Tina's life will be held at ten o'clock in the morning on Thursday, the 22nd of February, 2024, in the sanctuary at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, with visitation beginning at nine o'clock in the morning until nine-thirty with a rosary reciting at nine-thirty.

For those unable to attend the Mass of Christian Burial, a live stream will be accessible by viewing the live feed on the facebook page for Roberson Funeral Home Alice and Three Rivers.

You may share fond memories and words of comfort and condolence with her family by selecting the "Add a Memory" icon on Ernestina's memorial tribute page at www.robersonfuneralhomes.net.

Following the Mass, she will be buried and laid to rest at the New Collins Cemetery, where she will forever remain in the hearts of those who loved her, and she will always be remembered for her unwavering love and the extraordinary kindness she leaves behind. May she rest in eternal peace.

In place of customary remembrances, memorial donations can be made in Ernestina's memory to Alice
Community Action Health Center,
700 Flournoy Rd Ste 2A, Alice, Texas
78332, Telephone: 361-664-1417.

In honor of Ernestina's care team or by visiting the American Heart Association Donation.

Services entrusted to Roberson Funeral Home Alice.

Cemetery Details

New Collins Cemetery

Alice, TX

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 22. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
801 S Reynolds St
Alice, TX 78332
(361) 664-7551

Holy Rosary

FEB 22. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

FEB 22. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Burial

FEB **22**. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

New Collins Cemetery
Alice, TX

Tribute Wall



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