



Refugio Martinez

June 12, 1931 - June 16, 2023

Refugio (Cuca) Gonzales Martinez, age 92, passed away June 16, 2023 in Abilene, Texas from health issues from pancreatic cancer.

Cuca was born June 12, 1931, in San Saba, Texas to Marcos Gonzales and Amelia Vela. Growing up, Cuca's birthday was always celebrated on July 4th, and it wasn't until she married and needed her birth certificate that she found out her "legal" birthday was June 12. In later years, she celebrated both.

She married Doroteo Martinez, August 22, 1949. They lived their entire married life in San Saba. Cuca gave birth to three children: Doroteo, Jr. who died in infancy; Maria Anita, and Irene. She claimed many others as her own and would proudly tell others that Susanna Lambert was her other daughter. She was a hard worker who had a hard time sitting still. Even at the care facility where she resided, if she found a broom, she was sweeping. She was a devout Catholic who loved to serve the Lord, family, friends, and anyone else who would let her.

She will be remembered by many for her Texas Sheet Cake, her peach cobbler, and/or for her beautiful embroidery pieces or quilts; However, what her great grandkids will probably remember the most is her homemade tortillas.

Survivors include daughters, Maria Anita (Lynn) Gerber of Abilene, Irene (Bill) Shank of Weatherford, Susana (Rick) Lambert of San Saba; her grandchildren, Celeste Gerber of Washington; Andrea (Andrew) Sweat of North Carolina, Paul (Daneen) Gerber of Arizona, Mark (Taylor) Gerber of

Arizona, Destiny (Robby) Stonehouse of Texas, Deborah (Brian) Ferguson of Texas, and William (Chris) Shank of Virginia; her great grandchildren Brandon, Whitney, and Caroline Sweat, Elder Carson, Sydney, and Colt Gerber, Marcos, Gabriel, and Ami Gerber, Olivia, Quinn, Trinity, and Paul Stonehouse, Courtney James, and Ryan and Ezra Sykes; 2 great great granddaughters, Braelynn and Grayson James; her siblings Mary Miller of Stephenville, Dora Bosquez of Goldthwaite, Joe Gonzales of Dallas, and Louis Gonzales of Tin Top.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Doroteo Martinez; Infant son, Doroteo, Jr.; her parents, Marcos, and Amelia Gonzales; siblings, Mike Gonzales, Augustine Gonzales, John Gonzales, Janie Corona, and Mary Minerva Garza.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Cuca loved children, and donations to help treat cancer in little ones would bring her great joy!

The family would like to thank Windcrest Health and Rehabilitation staff and Hendrick Hospice for their kindness extended to our mom.

The family would take great joy in you bringing a copy of a favorite photo "Cuca & Me" to be displayed.

Cemetery Details

San Saba City Cemetery

N. Hwy 16
San Saba, TX 76877

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JUN 21. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Heritage Funeral Home - San Saba
1901 W. Wallace St.
San Saba, TX 76877

Rosary

JUN 21. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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

Saint Mary's Catholic Church San Saba
San Saba, TX 76877

Tribute Wall

CH

“ 27 files added to the album *cuca 80th birthday*



Chino - June 21, 2023 at 10:39 PM

KR

Cuca was such an incredible loving person. She allowed me to call her mom. She loved her family so very much. So grateful for the opportunity to get to know her. She will be missed. With much love Kris Robb

Kristine Robb - June 22, 2023 at 10:40 PM

TF

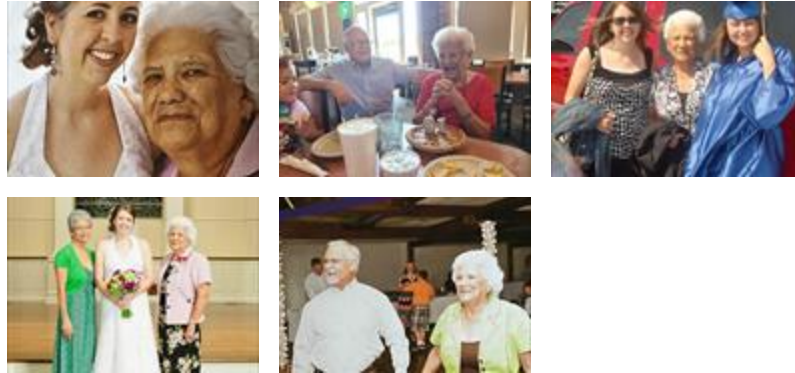
“ *Cuca welcomed us into her life and home when we came to San Saba as young marrieds. She was so kind and accepting of so many. Talented, resourceful, determined, Cuca was a great story teller and memory keeper for family, friends, and community. She loved Cathy and our kids very much. We enjoyed each and every visit for years. Our hearts grieve with you, Ann and Irene. We were blessed to know your remarkable mom.*

Tim and Cathy

Tim Fischer - June 21, 2023 at 08:24 PM

RU

“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



Ruthie - June 21, 2023 at 01:58 PM

LG

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Lynn Gerber - June 21, 2023 at 11:41 AM

GF

“ Garza, Taft, House, Paris, Rice Family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Refugio Martinez.



Garza, Taft, House, Paris, Rice Family - June 21, 2023 at 10:30 AM

LF

“ LOVE JERRYS J&W WORK FAMILY purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Refugio Martinez.



LOVE JERRYS J&W WORK FAMILY - June 21, 2023 at 08:53 AM

TM

“ Rest in peace, tia Cuca.

Trinidad Martinez - June 21, 2023 at 01:12 AM

TF

“ Trinidad Martinez, Jr. and family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Refugio Martinez.



Trinidad Martinez, Jr. and family - June 21, 2023 at 01:08 AM

MS

“ Mary Ann Smith lit a candle in memory of Refugio Martinez



Mary Ann Smith - June 20, 2023 at 04:00 PM

MS

We knew her just a little, but loved her a lot. A very special lady that will be remembered fondly.

Mary Ann Smith - June 20, 2023 at 04:03 PM

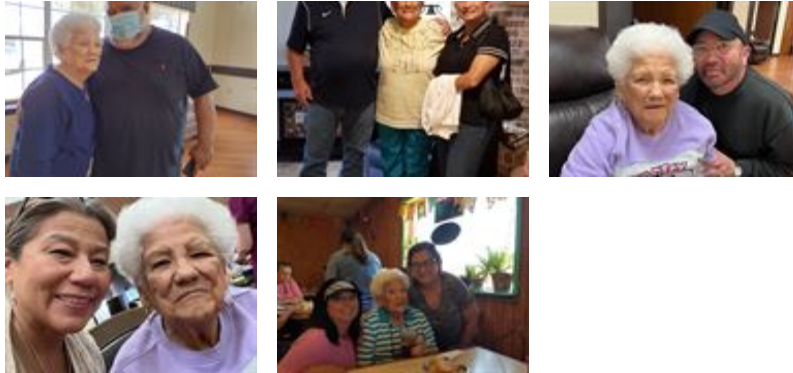
LG

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. We love you Tia Cuca RIP!

Lee Garza - June 21, 2023 at 10:35 AM



“ 49 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fulton Family Funeral Home - June 20, 2023 at 01:52 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Refugio Martinez.*



June 20, 2023 at 01:27 PM