



Anastacia "Ana" R. Montes

July 26, 1949 - April 20, 2026

Anastacia "Ana" R. Montes, 76, of Harlingen, Texas, entered into eternal rest on April 20, 2026. She was born on July 26, 1949, in Taft, Texas, to Leonardo Rosales and Maria De Jesus Salazar.

Ana was a woman of strength, love, and devotion to her family. She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved son-in-law, Gary Almendarez; and her six siblings, Leonardo Rosales, Jr., Manuel Rosales, Frank Rosales, Daniel Rosales, Cruz Solis, and Senona Rosales.

She leaves behind to cherish her beautiful memory her loving daughters, Virginia Gaytan, Gloria Almendarez (+ Gary Almendarez), and Angelica Benavides (Gabriel); her cherished grandchildren, Gary (Vanessa) Almendarez Jr., Debra Lynn Almendarez, Allyson Nicole Almendarez, and Jesse Tristian Espinoza; and her adored great-grandchildren, Jarek Mason Almendarez, Velanie Giselle Almendarez, Gianna Grace Almendarez, Vivienne Grey Almendarez, and Gracelyn Victoria Almendarez. She is also survived by her sisters, Herminia Rosales and Maria Luisa Beltran.

Ana dedicated many years of service to Levi Strauss until her retirement. She was a devoted grandmother and great-grandmother who often shared how her greatest joy was spending time with her family. She had a deep love for cooking and baking, always preparing meals from scratch—her empanadas

and stuffing were especially loved by all who knew her.

She enjoyed listening to music, especially oldies and Elvis, and treasured the simple joys of life, including time spent with friends and family at “las maquinitas.” Ana was truly the rock of her family—her love, strength, and presence will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Visitation will begin Friday, April 24, 2026, from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM, with a Holy Rosary to be recited at 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held Saturday, April 25, 2026, departing Rudy Garza Funeral Home at 10:30 AM for an 11:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Ashland Cemetery.

Funeral services are under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Harlingen.

Cemetery Details

Ashland Memorial Park Cemetery

21037 Godwin Rd
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 425-2939
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com/ashland>

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 24. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home Chapel
1702 E. Harrison Ave.
Harlingen, TX 78550

Rosary

APR 24. 7:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen
1702 E Harrison Ave
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 425-8200
rgfhtx@aol.com
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Funeral

APR **25**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Queen of Peace Catholic Church
1509 New Combes Hwy
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 423-0098

Tribute Wall



“ *Sacred Garden Spray* was purchased for the family of Anastacia "Ana" R. Montes.



April 24 at 12:31 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Anastacia "Ana" R. Montes.

April 24 at 12:31 PM



“ *Terry Grossman* purchased the *Arrive in Style* for the family of Anastacia "Ana" R. Montes.



Terry Grossman - April 24 at 11:27 AM



“ *Janie Rosalez(Backus) & Fernando Rosalez* purchased the *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet* for the family of Anastacia "Ana" R. Montes.



Janie Rosalez(Backus) & Fernando Rosalez - April 24 at 10:57 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Anastacia "Ana" R. Montes.*



April 24 at 05:14 AM



“ *Danny and Pat purchased the In Heaven's Arms Bouquet for the family of Anastacia "Ana" R. Montes.*



Danny and Pat - April 23 at 06:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Anastacia "Ana" R. Montes.*



April 23 at 03:24 PM



“ *A farewell good by to my beautiful friend that I will treasure in my heart ❤️ forever I will miss you greatly , and I hate to see u go with all my heart. No more more coffee time with you but maybe someday we meet again , I love you and children , and family forever. It is hard to say good bye , my tears are real , u were always there for me and me for you. You were a great friend, the best never judge anyone . We made a good team together. Farewell my dearest friend 💔😭 friend may you rest in peace.*

Sally gonzalez - April 22 at 12:40 PM

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So sad to hear of by Levis Friend Ana, she was a good friend to have, Loved her Smile & her Sense of Humor, She also became a very close friend of my Sister Ofie, now they are both Resting in Peace 📿🙏🌺 My Prayers for Montez/ Rosales family

Polly Gonzales - April 22 at 06:38 PM

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Farewell to my precious aunt. She will be truly missed and with time our hearts will heal, but our memories will be cherished forever. I pray for the strength and courage to guide the girls. I love you Tia and forever your memory will live with me. Rest in Peace.

Judy C Herrera - April 23 at 12:28 PM