



Beatrice De Leon Edwards

July 21, 1950 - December 25, 2023

Beatrice de Leon Edwards, 73, entered peacefully into eternal rest on Christmas day, December 25th, 2023, where she lived at her daughter Sara's home in San Antonio, Texas. Beatrice is a native of Mercedes, Texas and graduated Valedictorian of her Mercedes High School class of 1968. Before embarking on a 35-year career in public education in Weslaco, Texas, she first obtained a bachelor of arts degree with majors in History and Spanish, and a Master's degree in Spanish Language and Literature from the University of Texas Pan American. Beatrice served 23 years as a teacher, 2 years in high school campus administration and 10 years in central office administration. She was a passionate, lifelong learner, and after her retirement continued her education, obtaining a doctorate degree in educational leadership at the University of Texas Pan American. She was an independent researcher and author, with interests in borderland history, genealogy, and social justice in education. Beatrice had a passion for culture and art as well, teaching Mexican Ballet Folklorico for many years, drawing and painting with her grandchildren, and working on retablos and shadow boxes in the style of Spanish colonial religious art.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Juventino I. and Delia R. De Leon, her sister Teresa de Leon Acevedo, and her grandchild B. Gonzalez. Beatrice is survived by her three children, Rafael I. De Leon, Sara del Campo de Gonzalez, and Adriana Delia Del Campo; two grandchildren, Citlalli Anahi Gonzalez and Francisco Luis Gonzalez; her siblings Gilbert P. De Leon,

Francisco L. De Leon, Rebecca De Leon Wyche, and Maria Cecilia de Leon Garcia; and numerous nephews and nieces.

Psalm 27 of David

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation—
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life—
of whom shall I be afraid?

4 One thing I ask from the LORD,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD
and to seek him in his temple.

5 For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.

7 Hear my voice when I call, LORD;
be merciful to me and answer me.

8 My heart says of you, “Seek his face!”
Your face, LORD, I will seek.

13 I remain confident of this:
I will see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.

14 Wait for the LORD;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the LORD.

Funeral services are under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes, Texas.

In lieu of flowers, you may choose to donate to your favorite charity in her honor, especially those with a mission to advance education or social justice.

A memorial service will be held Friday, April 26, 2024, from 1:00pm to 1:30pm with a rosary to be recited at 12:00pm and a chapel service at 1:00pm.

Departure to Highland Memorial Park Cemetery will be at 1:30pm for interment at 2:00pm.

Services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes, Texas.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Park

6705 Farm to Market 88
Weslaco, TX 78596
(956) 968-5538

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 26. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Mercedes
236 S Ohio Ave
Mercedes, TX 78570
(956) 565-1175
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Interment will be held at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery in Weslaco, Texas.

Tribute Wall

MP

“ *Beatrice was such a beautiful person! I felt so lost when I found out she was not getting better. I know she is in an indescribably amazing place now. All my sad feelings are only selfish now. Bye Beatrice. You gave me great memories. Until we meet again.*
Cousin Mary E. Peña.

Mary E Peña - March 05, 2025 at 06:10 PM

EP

“ *Met this beautiful lady, her beautiful sister, and her beautiful mother. I call them primas. Tia was my daddy's first cousin and I met them for the first time. My husband and I were welcomed into her house. We got to know each other and I fell in love with my new found family.* ❤️🙏

Elma Ruelas Perez - April 04, 2024 at 06:23 PM

LP

“ *Lucy Ruelas Ponce lit a candle in memory of Beatrice De Leon Edwards*



Lucy Ruelas Ponce - January 01, 2024 at 03:19 AM

LP

My deepest condolences. Rest in peace cousin 😞

Lucy Ruelas Ponce - January 01, 2024 at 03:24 AM

SM

“ Rest in God's Glory, Beatrice. An exceptional and beautiful human being. Blessed to have known her for many years. Grew up around her. Always so humble and loving towards me. I'm so sorry, I pray for comfort and strength. My beautiful prima ❤️



Sofia Medrano-Mata - December 27, 2023 at 11:41 PM

MB

“ My Condolences to the Family, My prayers and thoughts are with you

Maria Bula - December 27, 2023 at 08:28 PM

PA

“ My Condolences, Rest In Peace 🙏. even though we never met in person, we shared the same interests in Ancestry “We Are Cousins” 🙏

Paul Anzaldua - December 27, 2023 at 07:35 PM

YH

“ My condolences to the family. I will always remember my prima dancing in her folklorico dress looking so beautiful. Rest in peace, prima.

Yolanda Hernandez - December 26, 2023 at 07:49 PM

NP

“ *Nat And Elma Perez lit a candle in memory of Beatrice De Leon Edwards*



Nat and Elma Perez - December 26, 2023 at 05:35 PM