



Celia S. De La Cruz

February 3, 1960 - November 25, 2024

Celia S. De La Cruz, 64, passed away peacefully on November 25, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. Born in Harlingen, Texas, Celia was the beloved daughter of Juan Saldana and Manuela De Leon, who preceded her in death. She was also preceded in death by her cherished sister, Sylvia Garza, and her niece, Beverly Perez.

Celia grew up in the Rio Hondo area, where she attended Rio Hondo High School. She pursued higher education at Texas Southmost College, earning an Associate Degree in Education. Celia retired from the Cameron County Health Department after 20 years of committed service.

She had a passion for shopping and treasured the time she spent with her grandchildren, always cheering them on in their activities and milestones. She loved family gatherings, sports, and shared an enduring enthusiasm for her favorite team, the Dallas Cowboys.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory 5 children, Ysaura "Sara" De La Cruz (Jesus Ortiz), Julio De La Cruz, Jr., Efrain De La Cruz (Yuliana), Erica L. Gonzalez and Danielle N. Ibarra; 11 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren and 6 brothers and sisters, Velma Saldana, Rosa Alvarado, Juan Saldana, Jr., Francisco Saldana, Joe Leal and Oralia Leal.

Visitation will begin Sunday, December 1, 2024 at 1:00 PM until 9:00 PM and a prayer service will be at 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held Monday, December 2, 2024 at the Rudy Garza Funeral Home Chapel of Peace at 10:00 AM. Burial will follow to the Rio Hondo Community Cemetery.

Honored to serve as pallbearers are Efrain De La Cruz, Julio De La Cruz, Jr., Jesse Ortiz III, Joshua Gonzalez, Jesse Ortiz, Jr. and Ruben Gonzalez; honorary pallbearers are, Rainy L. De La Cruz, Noah C. Gonzalez and Kate De La Cruz.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the nurses and staff at Golden Palms Rehab for their exceptional care and compassion.

The family also thanks all who have offered condolences, prayers, and support during this difficult time. Celia's legacy of love and devotion will continue to live on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

Tribute Wall

OO

“ *Celia, you were an amazing person. I never saw you leaving us so early in life but God has other plans. Rest in Peace that you no longer suffer. Thank you for being a wonderful friend. We had lots of laughs and I will remember you always 🙏❤❤*



Olivia Ortiz - December 02, 2024 at 10:50 AM

SR

“ *Celia was a wonderful person very dedicated to her family and a loyal friend. I had the pleasure of working side by side with and getting to know.. Celia was a very caring and giving mother, friend and co worker. May her family find peace and confront during this difficult time. You will be missed by many.*

Sharon Rodriguez - December 01, 2024 at 02:38 PM

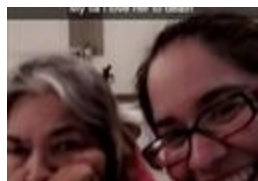
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Thank you so much 🙏❤👍

Sara De La Cruz - December 02, 2024 at 12:35 AM

JA

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Jasmine - December 01, 2024 at 01:05 PM

JA

“ *My other beautiful tia u will be greatly missed
tia we love and miss you*



Jasmine - December 01, 2024 at 01:04 PM

SC

“ *Sara De La Cruz sent a virtual gift in memory of
Celia S. De La Cruz*



Sara De La Cruz - November 27, 2024 at 11:21 PM

CJ

“ *Cindy Joncek planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Celia S. De La Cruz.*

Cindy Joncek - November 27, 2024 at 07:36 PM

CJ

“ *Cindy Joncek purchased the Arrive in Style for
the family of Celia S. De La Cruz.*



Cindy Joncek - November 27, 2024 at 07:36 PM

JV

“ Rest in heavenly Paradise 🙏❤️



Jay villarreal - November 27, 2024 at 06:07 PM

BG

“ My sweet sweet Grandma, I will love and miss you deeply. Give us the strength and guidance that we need to cope with this difficult time. 💜☐



Beatriz Gonzalez - November 27, 2024 at 01:52 AM

EF

“ Estela Mejia & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Celia S. De La Cruz.

Estela Mejia & Family - November 26, 2024 at 09:46 PM

EF

“ Estela Mejia & Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Celia S. De La Cruz.



Estela Mejia & Family - November 26, 2024 at 09:46 PM

SC

“ *My Lovely Mother* 💜 *she will be dearly missed !!!*



Sara De La Cruz - November 26, 2024 at 07:48 PM

DC

“ *My grandma was the most humorous woman.
I know many of us can say she made us
laugh every chance she got.
Purple was her favorite color.
I love you grandma.* 💜



Deserae De La Cruz - November 26, 2024 at 07:23 PM