



Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz

October 19, 1943 - March 27, 2022

In McAllen, Texas on March 27, 2022, our beloved Betty L. Diaz peacefully entered eternal life. She was attended by two of her children and her husband. They were joined by three of Betty's five siblings, her aunt, in-laws, and cousins. Betty was 78 years old.

Betty is survived by her husband, Juan Francisco "Pancho" Diaz; their children, Juan Francisco "Frank" Diaz (Aurelia), Dan Diaz (Brenda), Elizabeth "Lisa" Diaz Herrera (Edgar), Ricardo Roberto "Rick" Diaz (Aracely) and 11 grandchildren; and two brothers and 3 sisters: Robert (Lila) Ledesma of Mission, Rick (Glenda) Ledesma of San Antonio, Elvira (Jesse) Aguayo of Weslaco, Lydia (Fernando) Espinosa of Harlingen, and Evy (Hector) Galan of Austin. She was preceded in death by her parents, Margarito "Mague" and Dora Ledesma and an infant granddaughter, Nicole Noelani Diaz.

Born and raised in Harlingen, Texas, Betty graduated from Harlingen High in 1959. She worked in retail sales at various stores of downtown Harlingen and then at Time Warner Cable before becoming a paraprofessional in the Harlingen school district.

Betty and Pancho met at a well-known Harlingen restaurant, the Hi-Way Inn. Betty and her sister Elvira would go there on Saturday evenings to have supper, and Pancho was working in the kitchen. Betty's easy laugh and bright personality caught his attention, and soon he was finding ways to talk to her. And they fell in love and married on December 26, 1968. They welcomed Frank in 1969 and Dan in 1970. Lisa joined them in 1974, and Rick came

along in 1978. The couple celebrated their 53rd anniversary last December at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in McAllen, with Fr. Juan Nicolau officiating. Betty laughed easily, loved to dance, and had an excellent singing voice. She and her brother Robert would often sing together at home when they were teenagers, and later at the wonderful birthday parties that their dad Margarito threw in celebration of life.

She led a rich, full life, volunteering in many ways at her home parish in Harlingen, Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church. She taught CCD and RCIA classes, was a member of the Guadalupanas and sang in the choir. Betty joined her mother and aunts in a Rosary Prayer Group that met in the homes on Mondays for some 20 years, from the time her son Dan went to serve his country during Desert Storm until both her mom Dora and Aunt Rosemary passed away in 2004.

Visitation will be held Thursday, March 31, 2022 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM and a rosary will begin at 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be held Friday, April 1, 2022 departing the Rudy Garza Funeral Home at 9:30 AM for a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church and burial will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Arrangements are under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Harlingen, and burial will be at Restlawn Memorial Park in La Feria.

Cemetery Details

Restlawn Memorial Park

14166 U.S. 83 Business
La Feria, TX 78559
(956) 797-2322

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

MAR 31. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral

APR 1. 10:00 AM.

Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church
Harlingen, TX

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz.*



April 01, 2022 at 11:24 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz.*



March 31, 2022 at 09:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz.*



March 31, 2022 at 06:19 PM



“ *Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz.*



March 31, 2022 at 02:27 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz.*



March 31, 2022 at 01:49 PM



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March 31, 2022 at 01:04 PM



“ *Bravestar Transportation purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz.*



Bravestar Transportation - March 31, 2022 at 12:44 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz.*



March 30, 2022 at 03:31 PM

JC

“ Jesse, Viri, Marty, Mari and Chuck. purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz.



Jesse, Viri, Marty, Mari and Chuck. - March 30, 2022 at 02:50 PM

MF

“ Our deepest condolences, to Tio and family. We had a wonderful aunt, one who never really grew old. Tia had a smile of sunshine, and her heart was solid gold. Tia will never be forgotten.



Mr.& Mrs. Ricky & Fina Hernandez , Famil - March 30, 2022 at 02:29 PM

IA

“ Iris & Dan Martinez - San Antonio purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz.



Iris & Dan Martinez - San Antonio - March 30, 2022 at 01:07 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz.



March 29, 2022 at 11:14 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz.



March 29, 2022 at 06:15 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz.



March 29, 2022 at 05:56 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz.



March 29, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz.



March 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM

AM

“ My deepest and sorry for your loss. Prayers for the Family.



Agustin Lozano and Mireya. - March 29, 2022 at 05:17 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz.



March 29, 2022 at 04:05 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz.



March 29, 2022 at 03:59 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dora Elizabeth "Betty" Diaz.



March 29, 2022 at 03:26 PM

AG

“ *My aunt Betty was a beautiful and lovely person and loved singing. I will always remember her the way she was and she will always be in our hearts. May u rip tia Betty love and miss u so much*

ana & paula garza - March 29, 2022 at 02:46 PM