



Elena Plata Sanchez

May 18, 1929 - August 16, 2025

Elena Plata Sanchez, 96, entered into eternal rest on August 16, 2025, in Edinburg, Texas, surrounded by her loving family.

She is survived by her five children: Jose Jesus Sanchez Jr. (Maria Elena) of Harlingen, Jesus Espinoza (Eunice Kaleo) of Edinburg, Guadalupe Sanchez (San Juanita) of Santa Rosa, Felix Plata Sanchez (Leticia) of Harlingen, and Maria Elena Servin (Luis) of Edinburg. Elena also leaves behind a lasting legacy through her 18 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren, and 6 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jesus Sanchez, and five siblings.

A visitation will be held on Sunday, August 24, 2025, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with a recitation of the Holy Rosary at 7:00 p.m. at the Rudy Garza Chapel of Peace in Harlingen. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Monday, August 25, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Harlingen. Funeral procession will depart the funeral home at 9:30 a.m. Burial will follow at Ashland Memorial Park Cemetery in Harlingen, Texas.

Elena was a devout Catholic who served faithfully for many years as a Eucharistic Minister. A loving wife, dedicated mother, and caring grandmother,

she was the heart of her family. Elena found joy in simple pleasures—cooking her signature meals, especially her homemade flour tortillas, sewing, quilting, and shopping after Sunday Mass. She had a vibrant personality and a zest for life, enjoying telenovelas, music award shows, Sunday soccer, and listening to the music of Juan Gabriel and Pitbull, a couple of her favorite artists. One of her greatest joys was spending time at the adult daycare center, where she loved playing lotería with her friends and occasionally trying her luck gambling.

Her strength, warmth, and joyful spirit touched the lives of everyone who knew her. Elena leaves behind a legacy of love, faith, and family. She will be deeply missed and forever remembered.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Harlingen.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

AUG **25**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Elena Plata Sanchez.

August 22, 2025 at 03:54 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elena Plata Sanchez.



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“ My mom Lydia would visit each other when they were neighbors. She was the best neighbor for our family; in particular, because her invitation always included good home made Mexican food. We'll miss her a lot. 💕💕 The Marinero Family.

Blanca Marinero - August 21, 2025 at 06:00 PM



“ My Prayer and Condolences to the Sanchez Family. She will ne remember by her kind heart and beautiful smile. May she Rest in Peace and the Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her.



Judge Sallie Gonzalez - August 19, 2025 at 06:56 PM

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“ I have very loving memories of my grandmother. Loving and always cooking to feed everyone. She will live on in our hearts❤️

Maricela Espinosa Tidwell - August 19, 2025 at 04:02 PM

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“ Blanca Alvarez purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Elena Plata Sanchez.



Blanca Alvarez - August 19, 2025 at 03:07 PM

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“ She was also the most loving stepmother to my brother Jesus who was her husbands son but to me and Rigo who weren't! She always treated us like family and made us feel like part of the family, her and all her children as well!! She is waiting for Jesus to wake her up! John5:28,29. Thank you!!!

Blanca Alvarez - August 19, 2025 at 02:55 PM

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“ Ontiveros Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Elena Plata Sanchez.



Ontiveros Family - August 19, 2025 at 02:48 PM