



Gaudencia H. Campos

February 12, 1932 - October 29, 2020

Gaudencia “Gaudi” Hernandez Campos, age 88, left this earth peacefully and gracefully at home in Harlingen, Texas on October 29, 2020. Born in Donna, Texas, Gaudi was the only child of Elvira Tamez and Felipe Hernandez. She graduated from Harlingen High School and attended Pan American University. On November 1, 1953, she married Roberto I. Campos, retired assistant fire chief for the Harlingen Fire Department. They were happily married for 64 years when he preceded her in death on June 11, 2018. The Camposes were proud parents of Gloria (and spouse Lance Brown); Deborah (and spouse Richard Bowen); Roberto Jr. (and spouse Norma Silva); and Clarissa “Lisa.” They were even prouder grandparents of Roberto Campos III; Enrique Joel Silva; Gregory and Anthony Brown; and Lola Lopez.

Gaudi owned an employment agency in the ‘80s and ‘90s. She helped many people in the Valley with resume writing, interviewing skills, and getting their first jobs. She was a pioneer who inspired other female entrepreneurs to pave their own path. She leaves behind a long legacy of civic and community service as past member of the Harlingen Chamber of Commerce; Texas Association of Mexican-American Chambers of Commerce (TAMACC); and one of the first female members of the Six Shooters, the Harlingen Chamber’s official greeters and ambassadors. Campos was an enthusiastic, long-time member of the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) chapter, American Legion Women’s Auxiliary, and Catholic Daughters of America.

Campos was a well-known life of the party and enjoyed any chance to

celebrate her passion for dancing, especially at weddings, parties, and the Legion. Above all, Gaudi's greatest pastime was getting together with her children and grandchildren during Sunday dinners, holidays, and most recently, a meal and margaritas at her favorite restaurant, La Playa, in Harlingen. She loved "the King" Elvis Presley and often enjoyed traveling to Las Vegas with her friends or family. She was known for her beaming smile and blingy hats and accessories. She had a fun, competitive spirit and enjoyed playing games like bunco and bingo. She would wear her hot pink sequined "Lucky" hat to bingo, and she would almost always win.

The Campos family would like to extend our gratitude to those who tended to our mother in her final months: Dr. Robinson of Culture of Life Ministries, Greater Valley Hospice, Veronica Zamarron, and Lupita Naranjo.

The funeral service for Gaudi Campos is scheduled for 10 am on Monday, November 2 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Harlingen, Texas. A viewing will be held from 11 am to 1 pm at Rudy Garza Funeral Home on the same day. The burial will be held at 11 am on Tuesday, November 3 at the RGV State Veterans Cemetery in Mission, Texas. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to celebrate our beloved mother's long and happy life can contribute to the Harlingen VFW chapter, American Legion Women's Auxiliary Post 205, or Catholic Daughters of America.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

NOV 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony Catholic Church
209 S 10th St.
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 428-6111

Tribute Wall

DS

“ Pa and Mrs. C. opened their homes and hearts to me in 1995. I had just graduated from college and started my television career at KGBT in Harlingen. I have so many precious memories of Pa and Mrs C. They took me in during a time in my life when I was young, scared, fearful, and naive and showed me hope, love, and the value of family. Their family became my family and to this day love them all so very much. I remember looking forward to getting off work at the TV station just so I could spend more time with Pa and Mrs C. I used to look forward to hearing Mrs C laugh. Her little laughs were comforting, contagious, and infectious They used to speak to my heart. I also loved listening to her stories about her love for Elvis. and Junior her cat. Hearing her stories about the Legion. Oh and can't forget about going to do mystery shopping at Pizza Hut and fine dining at Garcia's in Progreso. One of my favorite stories was one time she was telling me she was trying to get ahold of her son Rob (this was before cell phones) so she called a store and asked a worker if they could try to page Rob and she told me that the worker asked her how do you page someone?? We joked and laughed about this for months. Also, there is no doubt that Mrs Cs cooking is the best Ive ever had. Her rice and beans can't be beat. When I was let go from the TV station in Harlingen several months after starting work there I was discouraged and down. Pa and Mrs C were there for me. Several months after that when I got offered a job in Houston, their son Rob packed up his truck with all my belongings and made the trek up north with me to Their daughter Debs townhouse where I stayed until I was able to get on my feet. All of this was facilitated by Pa and Mrs C. I am so thankful for both of them and all the life lessons they taught me along the way that have shaped me into who I am today. Gloria, Debbie, Lisa, and Rob I love each of you so very much. I thank God for your Mom Dad and each of you. Thank you for your friendship. While this loss is tough I also know Mrs C would want us all to be tougher. I will be continuing to pray for each of you and your families. Thank you so much for making me a part of yours. ❤️ Love always, Darrell Sparks

Darrell Sparks - November 01, 2020 at 08:22 PM

NH

“ Gaudie , was a grand lady and friend. she and my mom, Emilia n Martinez, would dance away at gatherings. Rest ih peace. My deepest condolences to her family.
Norma M Hernandez

Norma M Hernandez - October 31, 2020 at 05:01 PM

SS

“ Scott, Dianne and Sandie purchased the Rose R emembrance for the family of Gaudencia H. Campos.



Scott, Dianne and Sandie - October 31, 2020 at 11:53 AM

KB

“ You and Roberto raised a wonderful family and did much to serve your community. Condolences to the entire Campos family.

Keith & Elaine Brown

Keith Brown - October 31, 2020 at 11:28 AM

RL

“ Dearest Gaudi we had so many wonderful memories through out the years! So many I wouldn't know where to start. Thank you dear friend for being my mentor and a very wonderful friend. Thank you for being supportive and inspirational. The years will pass but your amazing memory will stay in my heart forever. I pray our good Lord will wrap his loving arms around your loving family and give them peace and comfort always 🙏



Ruth Lara - October 30, 2020 at 07:30 PM



Thank you Ruthie🙏

Deborah Campos - October 31, 2020 at 02:30 AM