



## Guadalupe T. Garcia

October 25, 1934 - March 9, 2024

Guadalupe T. Garcia, more affectionately known as Lupita, left to meet our creator on Saturday, March 9, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was 89 years old. Lupita was born in a small village in the outskirts of Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico. She was the oldest of seven children born to Federico Torres and Carolina Longoria Torres.

In 1956, she married Ovidio Garcia, settled in Mercedes, Texas and had five children. Later in life, as a single mother, she worked hard to ensure her children never lacked food on the table or clothes on their backs by cleaning other people's homes, ironing their clothes and babysitting. She and her children also migrated north in search of work. She instilled in her children a strong work ethic. Not getting an education was non-negotiable for her children. Because her modest living conditions in Mexico prevented her from getting an education, she was determined to ensure that her children would be educated and successful.

Lupita had many passions, two of which were gardening and knitting. As a passionate gardener, she was known to spend many hours tending to her plants. She had a collection of amaryllis of many colors, which were her favorite plants. She also had a collection of crowns of thorns, and she also loved rose bushes and hibiscus plants. Her children picked up this hobby from their mother. Lupita also learned the craft of knitting from her grandmother, and she used this as another means to put food on the table. She left an extensive collection of knitted doilies. Lupita is especially remembered by

many as a woman who loved dressing up and looking as beautiful as she could. Her morning routine included putting on her make-up, her jewelry, and her perfume, even if she was going nowhere. Even when she was ill in bed towards the end, she insisted on this routine.

Lupita's greatest love was her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed especially her grandchildren and great-grandchildren visiting, hugging, and kissing her. She loved having conversations with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, mostly in her broken English when they were not able to communicate in Spanish. She also loved taking pictures and videos with them, which will now serve as wonderful memories to cherish forever.

Lupita is preceded in death by her parents, Federico Torres and Carolina Longoria Torres, her husband Ovidio Garcia, two brothers, Felix and Federico Torres, and one sister, Noelia Rodriguez. She is survived by her five children: Ovidio, Jr. (Alma), Jose Luis (Alicia), Sergio Rene, Alma Rosa, and Hector Hugo (Norma). She is also survived by ten grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, two brothers and one sister.

Visitation will take place on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. with the rosary at 7:00 p.m. Visitation will also take place on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Funeral service will begin on Wednesday, March 13, 2024, departing Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes, Texas at 12:30 p.m. for a Mass of Christian Burial at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mercedes at 1:00 p.m. with internment to follow at Highland Memorial Park in Weslaco, Texas. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Mercedes.

# Cemetery Details

## Highland Memorial Park

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 12.** 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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

## Rosary

**MAR 12.** 7:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Mercedes  
236 S Ohio Ave  
Mercedes, TX 78570  
(956) 565-1175  
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## Funeral Service

MAR 13. 1:00 PM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
920 Anaquitas St  
Mercedes, TX 78570-2204  
(956) 565-0271

## Burial

MAR 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Highland Memorial Park  
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