



## Guadalupe (Lupita) Rangel

August 31, 1938 - December 15, 2023

Lupita Rangel peacefully departed this life on December 15th, 2023 at the age of 85, concluding her courageous battle against cancer. She was surrounded by her family, who remain steadfast in their commitment to honoring her enduring legacy by embracing life to the fullest.

Born on August 31, 1937, Lupita was raised on a ranch in Relampago, Texas, by her parents, Guadalupe and Antonia Cantu, alongside her younger brother Raul. Following high school, she met and married Arturo Rangel, who faithfully stood by her side for 60 years. The couple relocated to Harlingen, Texas, where they lovingly raised their three children: Imelda, Art, and Rene.

Lupita's professional journey began after she completed her education at Durham's Business College. She served for 8 years at the Texas Department of Health and later dedicated 32 years to the Cameron County Health Department WIC Program before retiring.

A devout Catholic, Lupita actively participated in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church in Harlingen, Texas, finding solace in her faith until her last breath. Beyond being a loyal wife, she was a dedicated mother to her children, a loving grandmother to her precious grandchildren, a caring aunt to her nieces and nephews, and a steadfast friend to many.

One of Lupita's greatest joys in life was witnessing her children and grandchildren participate in sports and events. Rarely missing a baseball game, basketball game, band event, or golf tournament, she spent much of her retirement traveling the country to support her son Rene and later her grandson, Roman, both playing collegiately for the University of Houston and later professionally on the PGA Tour. During her son Art's tenure as a starting guard for Harlingen High Basketball, who later played collegiately, Lupita never missed a game.

Lupita cherished spending time with all her grandchildren, reveling in their growth. After the tragic loss of her daughter, Imelda Robledo, Lupita dedicated herself to ensuring Imelda's "Millie" two sons, Ryan and Roman, remained actively engaged in various activities. Both attended the University of Houston, where Ryan graduated with honors, and Roman Jr. became a nationally ranked amateur golfer, earning the distinction of being named an All-American and one of the best golfers to ever play for the University of Houston Cougars. Nothing gave her more joy than being with all her grandchildren, they were the love of her life.

Lupita is preceded in death by her parents, Antonia and Guadalupe Cantu, her brother Raul Cantu, and her daughter Imelda Robledo. She is survived by her husband, Arturo, sons Arturo Jr. and Rene, their spouses Elena and Leslie, son in law Roman Robledo, her grandchildren Roman, Ryan, Mychal, Reed, Clark, & Lanie. Lupita Rangel's legacy will endure through the cherished memories of those who knew and loved her.

Funeral services will be held Friday, December 22, 2023 with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and burial will be held at 1:00 PM at the RGV Veteran's State Cemetery in Mission, Texas.

Pallbearers: Roman Robledo, Jr., Ryan Robledo, Mychal Rangel, Reed Rangel, Clark Rangel, Raul Cantu, Jr.

In fond remembrance, Lupita Rangel will be celebrated for her resilience, love, and unwavering dedication to family and friends. May she find eternal peace.

# Cemetery Details

## Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery

2520 South Inspiration Road  
Mission, TX 78572  
(956) 583-7227

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

DEC **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church  
412 S C St.  
Harlingen, TX 78550  
(956) 423-0855

# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Guadalupe (Lupita) Rangel.*



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December 21, 2023 at 06:32 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Guadalupe (Lupita) Rangel.*



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December 20, 2023 at 05:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Guadalupe (Lupita) Rangel.*



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December 20, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Gloria, Melchor Chavez & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Guadalupe (Lupita) Rangel.*

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**Gloria, Melchor Chavez & family** - December 20, 2023 at 01:59 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Guadalupe (Lupita) Rangel.



December 20, 2023 at 01:59 PM



“ Arturo Sr, Jr. and Nene our heartfelt condolences. Lupita was a wonderful friend. We shared good times along with the Saldivars and Carmonas. She devoted her life to her family and was so proud of all of them. I am unable to attend due to Abraham being discharged from hospital on hospice today. Cherish those memories of her. Love, Gracie and Abraham Duran

**Gracie and Abraham Duran** - December 20, 2023 at 10:10 AM



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**Art Rangel** - January 05, 2024 at 06:50 PM



Gracie - thank you so much for the kind words. Very sorry to hear about Abraham. Very good man. My dad would like to visit him, if okay with you. Might it be possible to receive your contact information? Art Rangel, Jr.

**Art Rangel** - January 05, 2024 at 06:53 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Guadalupe (Lupita) Rangel.



December 19, 2023 at 03:57 PM

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“ *Dennis and Cindy Edwards planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Guadalupe (Lupita) Rangel.*

Dennis and Cindy Edwards - December 19, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Guadalupe (Lupita) Rangel.*



December 19, 2023 at 02:48 PM

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“ *My condolences to the entire family. My prayers for you and her may she rest in peace. She looked so much like my mother Narcedalia Gonzalez. They were cousins and loved each other. I have many memories being at their house in Relampago.*



Rudy Gonzalez - December 19, 2023 at 11:06 AM

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“ My heartfelt condolences to the Rangel family. Lupita and I shared many laughs, lunch dates and wonderful conversation. Lupita was a beautiful and giving person, I learned a lot from her and will never forget our special friendship. Lupita, I will miss our "talks", you will not be forgotten. I had the honor of knowing both Imelda from school and Lupita from work and it comforts me that they are together. Rest in Peace Lupita and may Perpetual light shine upon you. Jovita Huerta

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**Jovita Huerta** - December 18, 2023 at 08:06 PM