



Irene Uresti Martinez

January 10, 1971 - March 31, 2024

It is with great sadness that we announce Irene Martinez, beloved daughter, sister, wife, mother, and friend, was called home by her Lord and Savior on March 31, 2024, at the age of 53, after a valiant battle with breast cancer.

Irene was born on January 10, 1971 in Weslaco, then moved to Harlingen with her family when she was 4 years old. She was the younger daughter of David and Nena Uresti, and shared her childhood days with her cherished, older sister Debbie. From the moment she entered the world, Irene's fiery spirit and zest for life were evident to all who knew her.

After graduating from Harlingen High School in 1989, Irene attended Texas State Technical Institute and earned her degree in Health Information Management. She then embarked on a career that spanned over three decades working in various hospitals and healthcare facilities in medical records, ultimately becoming the Director of Information Management at Christus Spohn Health System in Corpus Christi. Her peers describe her as a “faithful extension of the gentle healing ministry of Jesus Christ. Her smile, drive, and unwavering faith were an inspiration to those she touched and led. She was a great leader and mentor and always made everyone feel special”.

Outside of her professional life, Irene found her greatest joy in her roles as a devoted wife and loving mother. She married the love of her life, Pete

Martinez, and together they built a life filled with love, laughter, and cherished memories. They were blessed with two children, Peter and Lauren, whom Irene adored beyond measure. She treasured her children and embraced every moment with them. Her compassion extended beyond her family; she was mom to many, always opening her home and her heart to anybody in need.

In 2021, Irene's life took an unexpected turn when she was diagnosed with breast cancer. Despite the daunting challenges that lay ahead, Irene faced her diagnosis with unwavering courage and determination. Throughout her journey, she remained hopeful and filled with faith. She was an inspiration to all who knew her, refusing to let the disease define her.

Irene leaves behind her legacy of love, strength, and resilience. Her ultimate joy in life was being surrounded by her friends and family. We will never forget her huge heart, her contagious laugh, and her sassy nature. She is survived by her devoted husband, Pete; her loving children, Peter and Lauren; her mother Nena Uresti; her sister and brother-in-law, Debbie and Rey Ysaguirre, her cherished nieces and nephews, and many relatives and friends who will miss her dearly.

Visitation will be held Sunday, April 7, 2024 at Rudy Garza Funeral Home. A private family viewing will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. followed by a public viewing from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., with the holy rosary to be prayed at 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held Monday, April 8, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at Queen of Peace church in Harlingen with interment to follow at Monte Meta Cemetery in San Benito, Texas.

Funeral services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Harlingen, Texas.

Cemetery Details

Mont Meta Memorial Park

26170 Texas 345
San Benito, TX 78586
(956) 399-3097

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 1:00 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

APR 7. 7:00 PM (CT)

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1702 E Harrison Ave
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Funeral

APR 8. 11:00 AM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

DF

“ *My condolences to the family and children of Irene. I have fond memories of her in high school but lost touch in the years after. My prayers and love be with you in this painful time. Dorcas Moreno Fitzgerald*

Dorcas M Fitzgerald - April 10, 2024 at 04:14 PM

EL

“ *Irene you will be dearly missed. I will miss you my friend.*



Emily Lopez - April 08, 2024 at 01:04 PM

DJ

“ *Love and Miss you cousin...give Rick a big hug for us! Thank you for being the blessing that you brought to all our lives! Your smile and spirit carries on in your beautiful family! Godspeed and will see you!*



Dionicio Saenz Jr - April 07, 2024 at 05:17 PM

FF

“ *Faulkner family purchased the Celestial Love for the family of Irene Uresti Martinez.*



Faulkner family - April 07, 2024 at 03:26 PM

YP

“ Christmas Celebration @ Shoreline with Irene & work Family. Love you Irene ❤️
Love, Yolanda Perez



Yolanda Perez - April 06, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Irene Uresti Martinez.



April 06, 2024 at 11:04 AM

SB

“ Sandra Barrientez purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Irene Uresti Martinez.



Sandra Barrientez - April 05, 2024 at 10:10 PM

TF

“ The DeMatt Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Irene Uresti Martinez.

The DeMatt Family - April 05, 2024 at 09:16 PM



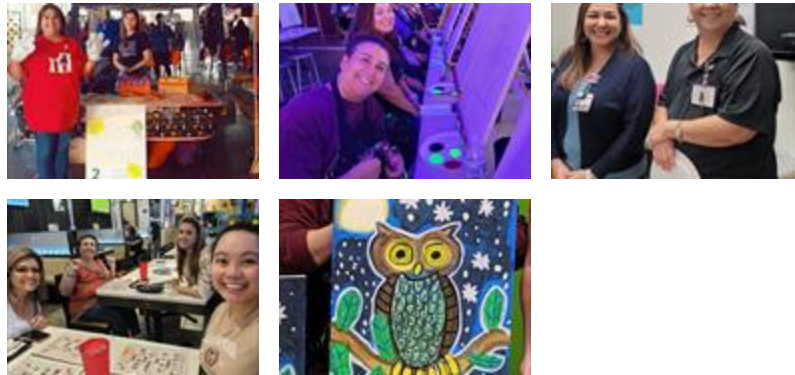
“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Irene Uresti Martinez.



April 05, 2024 at 09:16 PM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Jen - April 05, 2024 at 09:09 PM



“ Roger & Rosemary Moreno purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Irene Uresti Martinez.



Roger & Rosemary Moreno - April 05, 2024 at 08:23 PM

LF

“ Love, The Dominguez Family purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of Irene Uresti Martinez.



Love, The Dominguez Family - April 05, 2024 at 07:49 PM

MT

“ MRO Spohn Shoreline Team purchased the Beautiful Whisper for the family of Irene Uresti Martinez.



MRO Spohn Shoreline Team - April 05, 2024 at 06:02 PM



“ Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Irene Uresti Martinez.



April 05, 2024 at 03:04 PM

YP

“Irene was an inspiration, she was an example of our Christus Core Values and an Ambassador to the Healing Ministry of Jesus Christ. Her spirit reflects on her HIM Department and those who knew her. I had the pleasure to be placed in her path by our Gracious God our Lord Almighty and I Thank him for sharing her time with us. She had a mission and without being said I watched her grow in our department and then lead us.

Irene put her Work Family before herself. She always made it clear to us how much she appreciated us and Loved us.

As a Professional Leader & Friend

She always had kind words for me and we enjoyed our conversations.

Our last conversation was so wonderful and she shared she was ready for a dog. She loved Labradors. She always wanted all 3 labs Chocolate, Yellow and Black, after her dogs passed away TJ and Shadow right before being diagnosed with Breast Cancer. She Loved TJ & Shadow.

But most of all I will always remember how much she loved her family. They were very close and took many trips that I had fun hearing about and enjoyed the pictures she shared.

I will miss Irene, she has left an impression in my Heart ❤️

It's quiet now in our HIM Department.

We miss her Morning Hello's and her Laughter.

We will miss her celebrating our Holidays without her but will remember how she made it so much fun for us.

Thank you Irene for all of what you have instilled as a Professional and a Personal Friend.

And Thank you to her family for all your support as she worked from home, office at times if she had a good day and from the hospital during her last days. Lots of Love and prayers to you all ❤️

Love you Irene with all my Heart ❤️

*With much Sympathy,
Yolanda Perez*

Yolanda Perez - April 05, 2024 at 01:45 PM