



Juanita Cortez

June 23, 1951 - December 5, 2025

Juanita Cortez, age 74, passed away peacefully on December 5, 2025, at the Sun Valley Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center, surrounded by her loved ones.

Juanita was a vibrant soul who filled every room with warmth and joy. She had a passion for dancing, especially to country music, and enjoyed exciting evenings spent playing bingo. Above all, she cherished her role as a grandmother, finding immense joy in the laughter and love of her grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her beloved parents, Antonio and Guadalupe Cortez, her son-in-law Omar Sanchez, and seven cherished siblings. Juanita leaves behind a legacy of love through her five children: Lupita (Rene Lopez) Rivera, Esmeralda (Victor Sr.) Yzaguirre, Juanita Rivera, Ruben Cortez, and Shirley Rivera, a sister, Mary Cortez. She was a proud grandmother to 18 grandchildren and a treasured great-great-grandmother to 16 little ones, along with numerous other dear relatives.

Visitation will be held from 3 PM to 9 PM on Tuesday, December 9, at Rudy Garza Funeral Home, with a rosary service at 7 PM. A chapel service will take place on Wednesday at 2 PM, also at Rudy Garza Funeral Home.

Juanita's life will be honored by pallbearers Esteban Yáñez, Jesús Rivera, René de los Reyes Jr., Víctor Yzaguirre Sr., Víctor Yzaguirre Jr., and Johnny Rivera.

The family would like to extend heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated staff at Sun Valley Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center for the compassionate care and support they provided during her final days.

Juanita Cortez will be deeply missed, but her spirit and love will forever remain in the hearts of those who knew her.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 9. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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