



## Julia Alvarez

January 29, 1932 - December 20, 2021

Julia Cortez Alvarez, 89, of Harlingen went home to our Lord and Savior on December 20, 2021. Julia was born on January 29, 1932, in Alice, Texas to Refugio and Maria Cortez, who preceded her in death.

On September 14, 1956, she married her lifelong partner Pedro Alvarez of Harlingen and together they raised a family of four caring and loving daughters. Maria Luisa (Marylou) Alvarez, Sylvia Alvarez Cortez, Irma Alvarez Torres (Jose), and Christina Cantu (Israel).

In their early years, they migrated to Dade City, Florida to work in the citrus industry, where lifelong friends were made. Once coming back to Harlingen, Julia became involved in the girl's school as a member of the PTA at Stuart Place Elementary, being known for the family's tamales at school festivals. In her free time, she enjoyed gardening and taking care of stray animals as well as feeding birds.

She was an active member of the Queen of Peace Catholic Church and was devoted to Our Lady of Guadalupe, who carried her through life's up and downs. Julia was a servant of God until the very end.

Preceding her in death is her husband of forty-six years Pedro Alvarez; sisters Maria R. Moreno, Ernestina Rodriguez, Angelica Martinez, and brothers Ernesto (Neto) and Jesus (Chuy) Cortez.

She is survived by sisters: Elia Leal Cortez, Maria Luisa (Licha) Herrera Cortez.

She was a loving and nurturing grandma to eight grandkids: Marisa Maldonado, Veronica (Roni) and Carlos Cortez; Jonathan Andrew and Pedro Israel (Petie) Cantu; and Julia Renee, Rebecca Ann, and Marcos Isai Torres. As well as a great-grandma to Lucas Alexander and Carter Elias Maldonado. What brought her the most joy in life was attending all her grandchildren's school events, she smiled with such pride and love.

All services will be held at Rudy Garza Funeral Home, visitation will begin on Wednesday, December 22, 2021 from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM, and a rosary at 7:00 PM. Funeral services will be on Thursday, December 23, 2021, departing Rudy Garza Funeral home at 2:45 PM to a graveside service at 3:00 PM at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Martin R. Alvarez, Felipe Garcia Sr., Eduardo Alvarez, David Barrera, Victor Herrera Cortez, and Mateo Alvarez. Honorary pallbearers will be Jose R. Torres, Israel Cantu, Carlos Cortez Jr., Jonathan Cantu, Pedro Cantu, and Marcos Torres.

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

# Cemetery Details

## **Restlawn Memorial Park**

14166 U.S. 83 Business  
La Feria, TX 78559  
(956) 797-2322

# Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Condolences to the family from the Cortezs (Chuy Cortez) siblings. Maggie Gonzales, Richard Cortez, Abelardo Cortez, Ruben Cortez, Hilda Flores and cuates Jesus and Ernesto Cortez. May she rest in Peace. The heavenly gates have opened for her and she is now with loved ones. Till we meet again Tia.*



Maggie Gonzales - December 23, 2021 at 05:47 PM

MA

*Maggie, just got around to reading messages thank you and your siblings for your kind words. Well the original cuates and mom are together now. Love to everyone*

Mary Lou Alvarez - January 12, 2022 at 12:37 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Julia Alvarez.*



December 22, 2021 at 07:04 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Julia Alvarez.*



December 22, 2021 at 02:06 PM

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“ *The loss of a mother is never easy. We feel your loss because we’ve experienced it ourselves. Know you are in our prayers. Know that when the veil was parted, your mom stood before Jesus and he welcomed her home. Imagine your mom, she has been made whole. She is reunited with your dad and with family that have passed. They’re rejoicing—your mom is home and one day you’ll be with her again.*

*No tears, just thanks for a life well lived.*

*With love and prayers from- The Lara's, Garcia's, Farias's, Gillock's and Rabago.*

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**Alvarez** - December 22, 2021 at 01:52 PM

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“ *Lara, Garcia, Farias, Gillock, Rabago purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Julia Alvarez.*



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**Lara, Garcia, Farias, Gillock, Rabago** - December 21, 2021 at 11:08 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Julia Alvarez.*



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December 21, 2021 at 10:51 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Julia Alvarez.*



December 21, 2021 at 07:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Julia Alvarez.*



December 21, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ *Frank&Misty purchased the Strength & Solace S pray for the family of Julia Alvarez.*



**Frank&Misty** - December 21, 2021 at 06:57 PM



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**Rudy Garza Funeral Home** - December 21, 2021 at 05:55 PM

MJ

*My deepest condolences to Marylou, Sylvia, Irma and Christy.  
No words can comfort what you're feeling right now, I can only say may she rest in peace.*

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**Margie J.Herrera** - December 21, 2021 at 07:29 PM