



Julia Garza

July 31, 1937 - September 26, 2024

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of our beloved mother, Julia Garza, 87 who passed peacefully surrounded by her daughters on September 26, 2024.

Born on July 31, 1937 in Harlingen, Texas and later moved to Houston, Texas. She was a dedicated and loving wife to her late husband, Antonio (Tony) Garza, and a devoted mother to her three daughters, Diana, Yvette and Clarissa.

In addition to her husband she is preceded in death by 5 siblings, Maria Hernandez, Juan Olivarez, Jr., Delia Garcia, Oralia Trevino and Santos Castillo.

She lived a fulfilling life and was a woman of faith. She had a passion for cooking and her homemade dishes were always the highlight of family gatherings. Julia Garza graduated from Texas Women's University with a Bachelor of Science in Education and was a teacher for 40 years in Pasadena Independent School District before retiring. During her career she received numerous awards and recognition for her contributions to the first bilingual program. After retirement Julia was able to dedicate her time to serve and volunteer at St. Luke's Catholic Church. Julia fulfilled her dream of visiting the birthplace of Jesus, the Holy Land in Jerusalem as well as the Vatican in

Rome.

In her later years, Julia battled dementia, and she lived with her daughters, filling their homes with memories of laughter and love. As her dementia advanced, she required more specialized care and lived in a memory care home that continued to provide her love and support.

She is survived by her daughters Diana (Abel) Garcia, Yvette (Michael) Cheatwood, and Clarissa (Jason) Andrus, and a cherished grandmother to Derek (Madison) Cheatwood, Brooke Cheatwood Fadal (Tyler), Meghan Cheatwood, Alejandro Garcia, Emma Andrus, Catalina Garcia and Hayden Andrus. Julia also leaves behind great-granddaughter, Harper Cheatwood and 2 sisters, Juanita Juarez and Eva Del Rio.

Visitation will be held Friday, October 4, 2024 at the Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Harlingen, beginning at 10:00 AM until 1:30 PM. The funeral procession will depart at 1:30 PM for a graveside service at 2:00 PM at Mont Meta Memorial Park Cemetery in San Benito, Texas.

Julia will be remembered for her spirit of compassion, generosity, kindness, and willingness to help others in need and will be deeply missed.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the dedicated staff at The Cottages for their unwavering support and care for Julia.

Cemetery Details

Mont Meta Memorial Park

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

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 4. 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen
1702 E Harrison Ave
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 425-8200
rgfhtx@aol.com
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Graveside Service

OCT 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CF

“ *Carla Cheatwood, The Coronado Family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Julia Garza.*



Carla Cheatwood, The Coronado Family - October 03, 2024 at 02:27 PM

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“ *Carla Cheatwood, The Coronado Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Julia Garza.*

Carla Cheatwood, The Coronado Family - October 03, 2024 at 02:27 PM

CC

“ *Countryside Senior Care purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Julia Garza.*



Countryside Senior Care - October 01, 2024 at 09:28 PM

ME

“ *Masterpiece Employees purchased the Peace Eternal Wreath for the family of Julia Garza.*



Masterpiece Employees - October 01, 2024 at 03:36 PM