



## Linda Lee Bence

September 29, 1938 - January 13, 2019

Harlingen- Linda Bence, 80, of Harlingen entered into rest Sunday January 13, 2019. She was born in Fort Worth, Texas on September 29, 1938 to Alice & William Simpson.

She is survived by her loving son Travis Bence (Sheila), her two grandchildren, Ava Linda Bence and Asa Leon Bence, all of Harlingen and numerous nieces and nephews. She is predeceased in death by her beloved husband Leon Bence and cherished son, Leon Scott Bence, her parents, Alice & William Simpson and her twin brothers, Howard & Leonard Simpson. Linda graduated from Harlingen High School in 1956 and was the Lead Baton Twirler. She earned her undergraduate degree in Education with double minors in French and Music. She obtained her first Masters in Education then a second Masters in Horticulture. She began her career as an elementary teacher in the Harlingen area. Later, she opened Bence Nursery Farms with her husband, Leon Bence. They operated the Nursery for over 40 years in the city of La Feria, Texas. Linda was also the first female member of the Cameron County Master Gardener Association. She was a long time member of the Harlingen Chamber of Commerce. Linda was fluent in English, Spanish and French. She was known for her wide brim hats that she would wear out on landscape jobs as she landscaped countless homes and commercial businesses throughout the Rio Grande Valley.

Visitation will be held Thursday January 17, 2019 from 1 PM-9 PM. There will be a prayer service at 7 PM. at Rudy Garza Funeral Home. Funeral Services

will be Friday, January 18th, 2019, departing from Rudy Garza Chapel of Peace at 9:30 for a 10 AM service at First United Methodist Church with Pastor J.J. Wicke officiating. Entombment will follow at Heavenly Grace Cemetery. The family will also be hosting a celebration of life reception at Wild August Nursery & Flower Farm immediately afterwards. She was a loving wife, mother and grandmother and will be missed greatly.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Harlingen.

# Cemetery Details

## Heavenly Grace Memorial Park

26873 White Ranch Rd.  
La Feria, TX 78559  
(956) 797-5614

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 17. 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>

## Funeral

JAN 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

First United Methodist Church  
321 E. Harrison  
Harlingen, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Linda Lee Bence.* ”



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