



## Lydia Gonzales

May 19, 1939 - January 13, 2021

Lydia Limas Lopez Gonzales, age 81, went to be with the Lord on January 13, 2021. She was born in Harlingen, Texas on May 19, 1939, to Manuel and Santos Limas Lopez. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. She married Rev. Eliseo S. Gonzales on June 7, 1954, and together they served as pastors of Iglesia Peniel Santa Pentecostes for 16 years and subsequently Iglesia de Dios Emanuel for 16 years until Eliseo's death in 1994. During her years as a pastor's wife, she selflessly and wholeheartedly provided and cared for her family, her church, and even those who sought aid and shelter.

We will always remember her for the amazing woman that she was—one who loved to sing praises to God, one who opened up her home to family and friends, and one who prayed fervently and without ceasing for all of her family. Although we mourn her loss, we rejoice knowing that she is resting in the loving embrace of God.

She is survived by her children: Pastor Eliseo Gonzales Jr. (wife Rosie), Elizabeth Torres (husband Elias), Eli Gonzales (wife Ester), Josue Gonzales

(wife Tina), and Lydia Longoria (husband Ronnie). She is also survived by numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, many of whom she helped raise as her own.

Due to CDC Covid19 regulations, a private funeral and burial service will be held. To those who would have liked to attend the funeral, but due to current restrictions cannot, please leave a personal message in the comment section. Flowers can be sent directly to Rudy Garza Funeral Homes in Harlingen on Monday, January 18, 2021.

We would like to thank everyone who has shared words of comfort and encouragement during this difficult time. May God bless each of you for your compassion and empathy. We would also like to express our sincere gratitude to all the medical staff at Valley Baptist Medical Center who went above and beyond their duties to allow us to be in communication during these challenging times. We will forever be grateful for the love and concern you showed our family.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *She was an amazing Christian Women God I am sorry for hear loss My condolences to the family*



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David Longoria - January 18, 2021 at 08:37 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lydia Gonzales.*



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January 17, 2021 at 12:25 PM

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“ Our deepest and heartfelt condolences to her children, extended family and my daughters Denise and Jennifer. May God be with you in your time of need. My heart is truly saddened by her passing. She was like a mother to me. Being part of a loving family was a blessing. I remember the first time I heard her sing to the Lord. She had a voice of an angel. She loved serving God besides the love of her life. Her family always came first and her kitchen was always open. To this day after Thanksgiving I always fry turkey on flour tortillas for the kids because that's what she would do for the family who wanted to come by later in the evening for a taco. Anyone who encountered her was blessed to have her as a friend. She was always there to give advice and a lending hand. She took care of all her grandchildren and even my nephew Eric when we had to work. My babies loved being with Grandma Lydia and their cousins. Remembering her delicious foods will be hard to forget especially her delicious homemade raspitas. A recipe passed on to her by her mom. In her ladder days my mom, sissy and I would often bump into her at Las Casuelas Restaurant on our weekly Wednesday breakfast where she often came to our table serveral times just to talk, reminisce and tell me she loved me. I will forever cherish those memories. Please know that each and everyone of you are in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. 🙏❤️

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**Rachel Cavazos Munoz** - January 16, 2021 at 07:10 AM

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Our sincere sympathy goes out to everyone family and everyone that surrounded her with love. May God give you strength through this grief and give you peace. We know she is home and resting in Jesus arms. That is our hope and promise. From Rolando saldana and family.

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**Rolando Saldana** - January 16, 2021 at 06:32 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Lydia Gonzales.* ”



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January 15, 2021 at 09:40 PM