



Marcelina R. Donez

June 2, 1937 - March 9, 2026

Marcelina R. Donez, 88, entered into eternal rest on March 9, 2026, in Harlingen, Texas.

She was born on June 2, 1937, in Harlingen, Texas, to Arcadio Ramirez and Maria Lozano. Marcelina was a vibrant and hardworking woman who loved life and cherished time spent with family and friends. She enjoyed traveling, especially to Florida and Rio Bravo, where she delighted in visiting loved ones.

Marcelina had a joyful spirit and was often described as the life of the party. She loved dancing, attending gatherings, hosting celebrations, and playing bingo. She also enjoyed going to garage and yard sales and spending time outdoors, always keeping herself busy.

An entrepreneur at heart, Marcelina was known in her neighborhood for making delicious homemade flour tortillas and tacos, which she lovingly prepared and sold to friends and neighbors. Her kindness, warmth, and strong work ethic left a lasting impression on everyone who knew her.

She was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by all whose lives she touched.

Marcelina is survived by her daughters, Maggie Ayala (Jesse) and Odelia Esparza (Leonel De Leon), both of Harlingen. She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren: Jose Domez (Nicole), Christine Domez, Mike Domez (Trista), Joseph Ayala, Jacob Ayala (Maritza), Alayda Rodriguez (Adrian), Edward Esparza (Keisha), Gilberto Esparza (Karla), Monica Flores, Myrna Frederick (Adrian), Rudy Domez, Jr., and Alex Domez (Candice); as well as 25 great-grandchildren and 3 great-great-grandchildren.

She is also survived by her sister, Santos Balli of San Juan, Texas.

Marcelina was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Antonio Domez; four children, Antonio Domez, Jr., Rodolfo Domez, Gilbert Domez, and Lucia D. Cantu; as well as four brothers and three sisters. Her parents Arcadio Ramirez and Maria Lozano also precede her in death.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 17, 2026, from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM, with a Holy Rosary to be recited at 7:00 PM at the Rudy Garza Chapel of Peace in Harlingen. The funeral procession will depart the funeral home on Wednesday, March 18, 2026, at 9:30 AM for a 10:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, with Father Jesus G. Garza officiating. Interment will follow at Restlawn Memorial Park Cemetery in La Feria, Texas.

Pallbearers will be Mike Domez, Gilberto Esparza, Benjamin Muniz, Jayden Domez, Alexavier Esparza, and Joshua Ayala. Honorary pallbearers will be Edward Esparza and Jose Domez.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 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>

Rosary

MAR 17. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Departure

MAR 18. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Anthony Catholic Church
209 S 10th St.
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 428-6111

Burial

MAR 18 (CT)

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

Tribute Wall

AZ

“ Angie Zertuche purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Marcelina R. Donez.



Angie Zertuche - March 15 at 03:56 PM

JC

“ Our deepest condolences for the loss of your mom .. she was a wonderful & funny woman... our prayers are with you all . Many blessings & prayers to all the family . Juan & Diana Calzada

Juan & Diana Calzada - March 13 at 10:15 PM

RW

“ Rebecca W. purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Marcelina R. Donez.



Rebecca W. - March 12 at 09:36 AM

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“ Irma and Greg Hiers / Rodriguez Family i purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Marcelina R. Donez.



Irma and Greg Hiers / Rodriguez Family i - March 11 at 11:20 PM