



## Maria "Mary" M. Cavazos

January 15, 1945 - January 6, 2026

Maria Magdalena Cavazos was called home by the Lord on January 6, 2026 in Harlingen, Texas at the age of 80. She was lovingly known by her friends and co-workers as Mary and by her family as Nena. She was born in Raymondville, Texas on January 15, 1945 to Manuel Cavazos, Sr. and Estefana Garcia Cavazos.

Nena was a devout catholic and worked for the Diocese of Brownsville back in the early 70's. She was instrumental in establishing Su Clinica Familiar in the Rio Grande Valley and served on several boards in the RGV. She then had a very interesting career involving work in Washington D.C. and eventually relocated back to Texas where she worked for the Denton ISD for over 25 years. After her retirement in 2017, she relocated back to Raymondville, her home town. Due to illnesses and hospitalization stays, she resided in Harlingen the last year of her life at a long term nursing home facility.

Favorite things Nena liked to do were visiting relatives and visiting local cemeteries where family is buried. Recently she was asked, "What would you be doing right now if you could get around?" Her immediate response was "visiting family!" She will be dearly missed.

Nena is survived by her brother, Manuel Cavazos (Juanita) of Raymondville; sister-in-law Irma Cavazos of California, many nieces, nephews, great

nieces/nephews, cousins, and extended family members and friends. She is preceded in death by her parents, Manuel and Estefana Cavazos; 3 brothers, Frank Cavazos and wife Dorcus, Joe "Pepe" Cavazos and wife Teresa, and Victor Cavazos.

The Cavazos family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at Windsor of Harlingen Atrium and Windsor of Harlingen Nursing and Rehabilitation facilities for their loving attention and care of our dear Mary.

A Memorial Graveside Service and burial of ashes will be held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, January 15, 2026 at Raymondville Memorial Park Cemetery.

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

# Cemetery Details

## Raymondville Memorial Park Cemetery

16100 TX-186  
Raymondville, TX 78580

# Previous Events

## Memorial Graveside Service and Burial of Ashes

JAN 15. 11:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

MF

“ Magoon and Poulos Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Maria "Mary" M. Cavazos.



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**Magoon and Poulos Family** - January 15 at 11:09 AM

JT

“ I worked with Mary at the Denton, Tx. ISD bus barn. She was a wonderful person and I really enjoyed the many times we spent together in the bus barn drivers room. So sorry for your loss.

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**Jeff Thomas** - January 10 at 08:17 PM

CB

“ Where to even begin. Working with Mary at Denton ISD oh so many years ago was definitely a memorable and special experience. Mary was passionate about the kids, fiercely loyal to her coworkers, and district , and most of all a real friend to those she came into contact with. For me personally to be called mija is a testament of the love and devotion she shared with me and my children to this day. Fiercely proud of her South Texas roots and her family I know her spirit will live on through them.  
Mary - I'm gonna miss your random calls and sweet blessings that you bestowed upon me and my crew and I know that you will be in my heart as you fly among the angels.

❤️ *Carol Barnhart*

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**Carol Barnhatt** - January 10 at 07:21 PM

RW

“ So sorry to hear about Mary’s passing. I’ve been trying to contact her since the beginning of the year and became concerned when the calls kept going straight to voicemail. I worked with Denton ISD for 28 years and got to know Mary during that time. She was a true joy, and had such a loving spirit. When she retired and moved back home, we continued to keep in touch and shared memories and photos of my granddaughter. She would also keep me updated on things that were happening in Denton with bus drivers we both knew. At the end of every phone conversation, she would always say “God bless you, honey”. She will definitely be missed, and my sincere condolences to the family.

*Regina Wright*

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**Regina Wright** - January 08 at 10:47 PM

TR

*I too worked w/‘Mar’ at Denton ISD. Met her in 2000 & we became good friends.  
There’s few people in life that you can say “she never said anything negative about anyone “ ~ but that was Mar.  
Couldn’t count the times we laughed long & hard together, she was the very best friend. Will look forward to meeting her in heaven.  
Peace to the Cavazos family ~ you had a jewel of a woman.  
Terri Reynolds*

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**Terri Reynolds** - January 09 at 03:20 PM

BM

“ *Bertha, Mark and Johnny Mitchel purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Maria "Mary" M. Cavazos.*



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**Bertha, Mark and Johnny Mitchel** - January 08 at 07:33 PM

BM

“ *Bertha, Mark and Johnny Mitchel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria "Mary" M. Cavazos.*

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**Bertha, Mark and Johnny Mitchel** - January 08 at 07:33 PM