



Maria de Jesus Torres

March 9, 1956 - December 19, 2024

We announce the passing of our beloved mother, Maria (Mary) De Jesus Torres, who has been called to eternal rest in the loving arms of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on December 19th, 2024.

A lifelong resident of Mercedes, Mary was born on March 9th, 1956 to Casimiro and Maria Luz Martinez. Mary graduated from Mercedes High School in 1976. Shortly after, she met her dear husband, Eduardo (Coach Eddie) Torres, and together they created a life together in Mercedes for 44 years, 11 months, and 19 days.

Mary attended Pan Am University and graduated with her Bachelors of Science degree in Physical Education. The first part of Mary's career was spent as a physical education coach at Taylor Elementary in Mercedes ISD, where she inspired and nurtured the growth of countless students. While raising her 3 children, Mary continued her education by pursuing her masters

degree in counseling. Mary worked for a short time as a counselor at Progreso ISD before spending the remainder of her career at PSJA ISD, where she touched the lives of many children and formed lasting friendships.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Casimiro and Maria Luz Martinez. She is survived by her husband, Eduardo Torres, her three children, Tony (Mariana) Torres, Melissa Denise Torres, and Holly Kimberly McCutcheon (Richard), five grandchildren, Julianna Bianca Torres, Evan Josiah Torres, Robert Samuel Torres, Scarlett Reagan Mendez, and Harrison James McCutcheon; siblings, Maria Olga (Todd) Simonsen, Elvia (Rolando) Vasquez, Aida (Gilbert) Chapa, Hortencia Martinez, Yolanda (late husband Amado) Martinez, Javier (Thelma) Martinez, and Casimiro (Jennifer) Martinez, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Mary was a woman of timeless beauty and grace, carrying herself with elegance and class in everything she did.

Mary truly touched the lives of many everywhere she went. She lived a life of selflessness, always putting the needs of others before her own and giving generously of herself to those she loved. Mary's greatest joy in life was her grandchildren, for whom she lived with love, devotion, and unwavering support.

Her strength was truly admirable, as she faced life's challenges with unwavering determination and grace until her very last day. The Torres family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Dr. Lee, Dr. Morris, Tiffany, and Tanya for their excellent care, always keeping her wishes in mind and providing the best possible care with compassion and dedication.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 26, 2024, from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM, with a Rosary at 7:00 PM at the Rudy Garza Funeral Home Chapel of Peace in Mercedes, Texas. The funeral service will take place on Friday, December 27, 2024, at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Mercedes, Texas, followed by a burial at Mercedes Memorial Restlawn Cemetery.

Mary is and will forever be missed and loved by all the hearts she touched. Her memory will live on through her husband, children, and grandchildren.

All services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Mercedes, Texas.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Mercedes
236 S Ohio Ave
Mercedes, TX 78570
(956) 565-1175
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Rosary

DEC **26**. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Mercedes
236 S Ohio Ave
Mercedes, TX 78570
(956) 565-1175
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

Mass

DEC **27**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church
322 S Vermont Ave.
Mercedes, TX 78570
(956) 565-1141

Burial

DEC 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Mercedes Memorial Restlawn Cemetery
301 Jose Cantu Rd.
Mercedes, TX
(956) 565-9552

Tribute Wall

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“ Mary was my counselor in middle and high school at PSJA ISD. She was very helpful and comforting when my sister passed away 11 years ago. She helped me in ways that I was able to tell her when she called me right before Thanksgiving. She wanted to tell us how she missed work and the friendships that she meant so much to her, including me. But I got to tell her how she helped me and how much she was missed. I got the signs I needed when she passed and I pray that her family, who meant the world to her, receive the fortitude to continue with life because we shared many stories about our families. May she Rest in Peace! Thank you Mary and give my sister a hug.

Rosa Rakay - December 30, 2024 at 06:23 PM

ER

“ Am sadden by Mary passing. I got the privilege to meet Mary while working at dillards ..every Saturday she would stop by to say hi to me and buy outfit..over the years she became a friend not just a customer ..she will be truly miss at dillards in mcallen.... I will miss you Mary and thank you for your loyalty to trust in me to help you out.... may you rest with our lord...



Elmina rangel - December 27, 2024 at 11:08 AM

DL

“ Diamond Spa Lounge planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria de Jesus Torres.

Diamond Spa Lounge - December 26, 2024 at 11:23 PM

DL

“ *Diamond Spa Lounge purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Maria de Jesus Torres.*



Diamond Spa Lounge - December 26, 2024 at 11:23 PM

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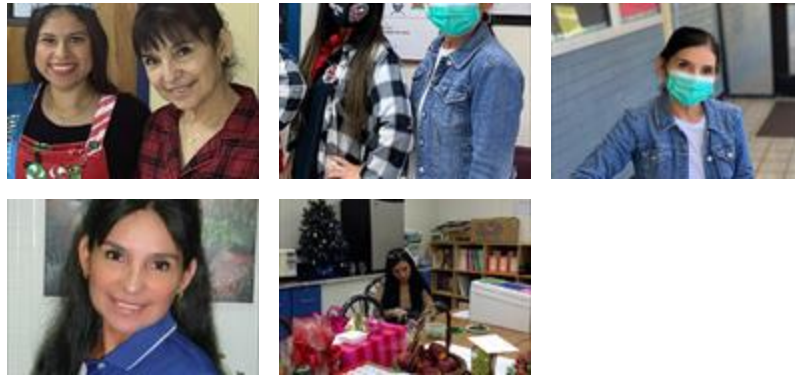
“ My heart is saddened by the news of my dear friends passing. She was a beautiful soul, loving friend, & amazing person overall. And like any other friendship we hardly took pictures together but the ones I have I will cherish forever just like our conversations. Every time I needed an advice I'd go to her. She loved shopping at Dillard's, the Dallas Cowboys, and her Aggies.

Her best quality was to laugh at adversity. When we were in the thick of it you would hear her laughter across the hall and we knew she was trying to bring some positivity to the most stressful time. And her famous words would be "you just have to laugh it off, what else can you do?"

One of many funny memories I have of working with her is when my maiden name was still Torres. People would come to the office and say, "Ms. Torres!" and I remember us both saying in unison "Yes!" and "Which one?" It would be funny every single time.

I'm so glad I got to meet her and share many memories together throughout the last 14 years.

RIP Mary Torres



Hadassah Ramos - December 26, 2024 at 10:54 PM

MS

“ *Maria and Todd Simonsen purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Maria de Jesus Torres.*



Maria and Todd Simonsen - December 26, 2024 at 07:25 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Maria de Jesus Torres.*



December 26, 2024 at 03:01 PM

MS

“ *Maria Simonsen lit a candle in memory of Maria de Jesus Torres*



Maria Simonsen - December 26, 2024 at 01:56 PM

DD

“ *DISD Curriculum & Instruction Dept. purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Maria de Jesus Torres.*



DISD Curriculum & Instruction Dept. - December 25, 2024 at 10:43 PM

DS

“ Donna ISD School Board & Superintendent planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria de Jesus Torres.

Donna ISD School Board & Superintendent - December 25, 2024 at 09:08 AM

DS

“ Donna ISD School Board & Superintendent purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Maria de Jesus Torres.



Donna ISD School Board & Superintendent - December 25, 2024 at 09:08 AM

SS

“ San Benito CISD Board & Superintendent purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Maria de Jesus Torres.



San Benito CISD Board & Superintendent - December 23, 2024 at 05:10 PM