



## Mary Sue Garcia

January 7, 1935 - December 13, 2020

Our beloved mother, Mary Sue Garcia, 85, of Harlingen, was surrounded by all five of her children when she was called home by her Lord and Savior on Sunday, December 13, 2020. She was born on January 7, 1935, in San Antonio, Texas, and was a devout Catholic, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, aunt, and identical twin sister. Our mother was a strong and hard-working woman and worked for many years as a bank teller. She retired to become a full-time grandmother.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Weldon B. Porter and Mary L. Frausto; her husband, Rafael C. Garcia; her infant daughter, Mary Sue Morales; and two sisters, Madeline Gonzalez and Gloria Johnson.

She is survived by her twin sister, Mary Lou Hodges; children, Velma Copeland and husband Kim, Edna Garcia, Diana Maxfield and husband Bill, Alma Cunningham and wife Leigh, and Rafael Garcia, Jr. and wife Nelda; 11 grandchildren, Daniel, Samuela, Elena, Elisa, Eleah, Esteven, Isla, Declan, Morgan, Rafael III, and Andrea; 6 great-grandchildren, Asher, Lincoln, Fielding, DavyRose, Britton, and Peyton; and a host of relatives and friends. Our mother lived her life with a strong Catholic faith in the saving grace, mercy, and love of our Lord, Jesus Christ. She was a long-time member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Harlingen, where she served as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for many years. Being a part of this ministry allowed her to bring communion to patients at Valley Baptist Medical Center, various nursing homes, and shut-ins. She was a firm believer in the power of

prayer, spending several hours daily reading The Bible, The Catechism of the Catholic Church, and was devoted to praying The Holy Rosary.

Our mother was a long-time resident of Harlingen and had many friends that were dear to her, far too many to name, but we would like to mention two long-time friends, who always treated our mother like family. We would like to thank Betty Garcia, who was not only her dearest friend of over 35 years but was also her wonderful hairdresser. They enjoyed many Friday mornings at Betty's salon sharing stories of family and faith. We would also like to thank our Mother's neighbor of over 20 years, Doss Kornegay. Doss was a very good neighbor who was always willing to help, and we are forever grateful for giving our mother the peace of mind of knowing that he was only a phone call away.

Our mother was blessed with a sweet and fun-loving nature. She enjoyed a good April Fool's joke and delighted in always fooling each of her children. She also loved sports and was a die-hard Texas Longhorns and Dallas Cowboys fan.

Our mother cherished spending time with family. She especially enjoyed her weekly Chicken Foot tournaments on Sundays with her son, Rafael, daughter-in-law Nelda, and Nelda's father, Alejandro Sias. They played for hours, and were sometimes joined by her grandchildren Rafa, Andrea, and Morgan, which only enhanced her joy of playing. Rafael and his family will greatly miss spending that special time with our mother.

Private funeral services were under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Harlingen. Funeral Mass was held at St. Anthony Catholic Church on December 17, 2020, and she was laid to rest at Restlawn Memorial Park, in La Feria, next to her beloved husband of 51 years.

Our dear mother will always be remembered as a loving wife, devoted mother, and faithful servant of our Lord.

# Cemetery Details

## Restlawn Memorial Park

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **16**. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen  
1702 E Harrison Ave  
Harlingen, TX 78550  
(956) 425-8200  
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<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Garcia.* ”



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December 18, 2020 at 09:51 PM



“ *She was a beautiful sweet soul. She trained to be a teller almost 30 years ago. She was very patient and kind.* ”

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**Imelda P Hernandez** - December 17, 2020 at 04:53 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Mary Sue Garcia.* ”



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December 16, 2020 at 04:40 PM



“ *Anne, Kristi, Suzanne & Sherrie-Velma's Co-workers purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Mary Sue Garcia.* ”



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**Anne, Kristi, Suzanne & Sherrie-Velma's Co-workers** -  
December 16, 2020 at 03:53 PM