



Melinda Rodriguez

July 19, 1956 - May 26, 2026

Melinda Rodriguez of Santa Rosa, Texas entered into eternal rest on Tuesday, May 26, 2026 surrounded by her loving family. She was 69 years old. Melinda was born in the military base hospital in Ft. Knox, Kentucky on July 19, 1956 to Jose A. Rodriguez and Cruzita Tamez Rodriguez. She is preceded in death by her father. Melinda is also preceded in death by her daughter, Kristy Costilla, and her sister, Marie Saldivar.

Melinda leaves behind to cherish her memory, husband, Enrique Leal, Jr.; children, Eliazar Costilla (†Kristy), Kimberly Treviño, Kelly Ballin (Rene), Adrian Michael Leal, Isabella Leal (Fabian Torres); 9 grandchildren, Devyn, Alyssa, Bobby Jr., Andrew, Chyenne, Aaron, Khloe, Kaycee, Mackenzie, and one more on the way! and 3 great grandchildren, Atreus, Dylan, and Kinsley. Also surviving her is her mother, Cruzita Rodriguez; siblings, Rosie, Joseph, Bernard, and Jo Ann; many nieces, nephews, and extended family members and friends.

Our mother was beautiful inside and out. She devoted her entire life and love to her family and friends. Melinda spent time and energy tirelessly to make sure her family was taken care of. She was the "Mommy" that all her children and grandchildren looked up to. No job was ever too big for her to handle. She graduated Class of '74 from Santa Rosa High and always remained close to her school mates. Breakfast together on a Saturday morning was a must for

Melinda. She will be dearly missed.

Visitation will be held at Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Harlingen on Friday, May 29, 2026 from 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM with the holy rosary to be prayed at 7:00 PM. Funeral Mass will be Saturday, May 30, 2026 at 1:30 PM at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Santa Rosa with burial to follow at Santo Nombre Cemetery.

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

Upcoming Events

Visitation

MAY **29**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen
1702 E Harrison Ave
Harlingen, TX 78550
(956) 425-8200
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Rosary

MAY **29**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

MAY **30**. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
101 San Antonio Ave.
Santa Rosa, TX 78593

Burial

MAY 30. 2:30 PM (CT)

Santo Nombre Cemetery
Santa Rosa, TX