



Mercelita Espiritu Quiambao

January 31, 1970 - January 2, 2026

Mercelita Espiritu-Quiambao, age 55, passed away peacefully on January 02, 2026, surrounded by her beloved family and friends at Valley Baptist Medical Center.

She was born on January 31, 1970, at Ibayo Estacion, Naic, Cavite, Philippines. She was studious and hardworking, graduated from Centro Escolar University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She started her nursing career at Chinese General Hospital in the mother-baby unit from 1991 to 2005. She then moved to the U.S. and worked at VBMC Harlingen for two decades.

Beyond her years of service as a diligent nurse, Mercy was a devoted wife, mother, sister, and friend. With her many talents, she practiced gentle humility and abundant generosity. She was truly a servant of God.

Mercy was gifted with a beautiful singing voice, with a vibrant personality to match; she radiated positivity, touching the lives of everyone she met, especially her close-knit group of friends.

Those who knew her best can recall her fondness for cross-stitching and binge-watching telenovelas. She treasured her privacy, cherished simplicity, and found joy in quiet, peaceful moments.

Mercy's legacy continues through her loving husband, Ferdinand Quiambao; her precious only son, John Anthony Quiambao; her beloved sister, Melanie Espiritu-Arenas; her brother-in-law, Joy Arenas; niece, Jhanis Lianna Arenas; and nephew, Joshua Louis Arenas. She was preceded in death by her mom, Francisca Arviola, and her dad, Rogelio Espiritu.

Let us honor the life of Mercy and pay our respects. The visitation/viewing will take place on Thursday, January 8, from 3 PM to 9 PM. The Rio Grande Valley Nurse Honor Guard Ceremony will be held at 6:45 PM, followed by a rosary at 7 PM. This will be at Rudy Garza Funeral Home, located at 1702 E Harrison Ave, Harlingen, TX 78550.

The church service will be held at Saint Anthony Catholic Church in Harlingen on Friday, January 9, at 10 AM. All services will conclude after the church service.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 3:00 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>

Rio Grande Valley Nurse Honor Guard Ceremony

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Rosary

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Funeral Mass

JAN 9. 10:00 AM (CT)

St Anthony Catholic Church
1102 E Van Buren Ave
Harlingen, TX 78550-7176
(956) 428-6111

All services will concluded after Mass.

Tribute Wall

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“ Love, your Virginia family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Mercelita Espiritu Quiambao.



Love, your Virginia family - January 06 at 04:22 PM

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“ Roy, Daisy, JC and KC Arenas planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mercelita Espiritu Quiambao.

Roy, Daisy, JC and KC Arenas - January 06 at 02:04 PM

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“ Roy, Daisy, JC and KC Arenas purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mercelita Espiritu Quiambao.



Roy, Daisy, JC and KC Arenas - January 06 at 02:04 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Rudy Garza Funeral Home - January 06 at 10:55 AM

LJ

*You have captured in all essence the MERCY i got to know at VBMC.
My most sincere condolences to both her son n husband.
May our LORD have mercy on her soul n grant MERCY everlasting life
in his KINGDOM.
I PRAY her family finds peace n someday understand the mystery of
death.
May she RIP*

Lorenzo ovalle jr - January 07 at 11:43 AM