



## Minerva Vela

December 21, 1933 - July 3, 2025

Minerva Vela, at the age of 91, entered into eternal rest on July 3, 2025, in Harlingen, Texas, surrounded by the warmth and love of her family, a reflection of the love she gave so freely throughout her life.

Minerva was a woman of remarkable strength, warmth, and spirit. She leaves behind a legacy of love and faith that will echo through generations. She is survived by her five devoted children—Jose A. Vela, Jr., Maria Irene Vela, Eduardo Vela (Becky), Danny Vela (Mary), and Jose A. “Tony” Vela (Layne).

Her legacy continues through numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren who will forever remember the warmth of her embrace.

Minerva also leaves behind her beloved siblings: Gavino Cavazos, Janie Gonzalez, Leticia Gutierrez, and Yolanda Granados (Frank).

She is reunited in heaven with her beloved husband, Jose Adan Vela, and her siblings Armando Cavazos, Carlos Montez Antunez, and Dolores Quesada.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 pm. and a celebration of life service will begin at 7:00 p.m. pm at Faith Assembly of God Church, 22510 N. Expressway 77, in Harlingen, Texas with Pastor

George De La Garza officiating. Services will conclude following the service.

She was a devoted mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and friend. Minerva loved her family fiercely and found joy in the simple things tending her plants, crafting, cooking for those she loved, and watching cartoons with a smile. She was known for her honesty, her warmth, and her faith.

Her love for Jesus guided her life, and her strong spirit left a lasting impression on everyone she met. She found strength in her church, and peace in prayer.

Though she is no longer with us, her love lives on in the generations she nurtured and inspired. We are grateful for the time we had and the memories we hold.

To the staff of Legacy Hospice, the family extends their heartfelt thanks for the compassion and care shown during this time. And to all the friends and family who visited, sent prayers, or brought food, thank you. Your kindness reminded them that love never leaves us; it surrounds us when we need it most.

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Faith Assembly of God  
22510 N. Expressway 77  
Harlingen, TX

## Prayer Service

JUL 8. 7:00 PM (CT)

Faith Assembly of God  
22510 N. Expressway 77  
Harlingen, TX

*Services will conclude at 9:00 p.m.*

# Tribute Wall

ER

“ *Dear Eddie & Family,*

*We were so sorry to hear about your mother’s passing. Losing a parent—no matter the age—is never easy, and we can only imagine how you’re feeling right now. No matter how long we have with someone we love, saying goodbye is never easy.*

*We hope it brings you some comfort to know that she was well cared for and at peace during her final days at hospice. Ninety-one years is a remarkable life, and we know her love and presence will always stay with you.*

*Please know that we’re thinking of you during this difficult time. If there’s anything you need—or if you just want to talk—we’re here.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Estrella & Peter Rettenhaber*

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**Estrella Rettenhaber** - July 07, 2025 at 07:57 PM

AF

“ *Alanis Garcia Family purchased the Serenity Wreath for the family of Minerva Vela.*



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**Alanis Garcia Family** - July 07, 2025 at 06:47 PM

WK

“ With love from Missouri, Cathy & Kenzi purchased the *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* for the family of Minerva Vela.



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**With love from Missouri, Cathy & Kenzi** - July 07, 2025 at 11:06 AM

JA

“ Jay , Bianca & Aiden purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Minerva Vela.



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**Jay , Bianca & Aiden** - July 06, 2025 at 10:35 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Minerva Vela.

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July 06, 2025 at 09:27 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Minerva Vela.



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July 06, 2025 at 09:27 PM

DS

“ To the Vela Family, My deepest and heartfelt condolences May she rest in eternal peace.

David Serna Sr. - July 06, 2025 at 04:40 PM

LH

Our condolences go out to you Eddie and your family during this most difficult time in your lives.

Lilly and Mark Higginbotham - July 06, 2025 at 09:32 PM

DT

“ Mini was a good and honest friend, she was a loving person and one of a kind that will never be forgotten. She loved life , may she rest in peace and be with Gods glory and Kingdom.

*Dora Medina Trenholm*

Dora Medina Trenholm - July 06, 2025 at 02:23 PM