



## Raquel V. Davila

January 15, 1946 - January 11, 2026

Our beloved mother, Raquel V. Davila, was commended to the mercy of God and entered eternal rest peacefully, surrounded by her loving family, on Sunday, January 11, 2026, at the age of 79. A devoted mother, she was a constant source of love, strength, and inspiration to all who knew her.

Raquel was born in Mercedes, Texas, on January 15, 1946. Raquel lived a life rooted in faith, love, and unwavering devotion to her family. She was a loving mother, cherished grandmother, and passionate educator. A graduate of Mercedes High School, she began her career as a teacher's aide at Relampago. She later taught at Runn Elementary in Donna and then at West Elementary in Mercedes. Determined to become an educator, Raquel worked by day and attended school by night, earning her bachelor's degree in education from The University of Texas–Pan American. In addition to teaching elementary students, she devoted many years to educating adults through night school, helping them earn their GED or citizenship. After 32 years of dedicated service, she retired from Mercedes ISD to help raise and teach her beloved grandchildren.

Beyond her career, Raquel was a devoted mother to her two sons, Inez and Victor, always placing family above all else. A woman of deep faith, she was a devoted parishioner of Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, where she also taught CCE for several years. She found joy in traveling, sewing, gardening,

Bible study, and spending time with her loved ones. Her home was especially known for its joyful New Year celebrations shared with her closest cousins: Zenida and Felipe† Presas and their sons, Javier, Felipe, and Gabriel; Janie and Roy Rivera and their children Dora Lisa, Mindy, and Roy Jr.; and Frank and Velma† and their children Christina, Marcie, Frankie, and their beautiful families.

While our hearts mourn her loss, we rejoice in the comfort of knowing that Raquel is now at peace, reunited with our Lord, and watching over us with love.

She is survived by her sons [Inez (Crystal) Davila III and Victor (Viya) Davila]; her grandchildren, [Brandon, Austin, Justin, Christian, and Aiden]; her siblings, [Antonio† (Irma†) Guzman, Ester (Gilberto) Rivera, Eugenia (Ove) Rivera, Hortencia Guzman, Nestor† Guzman, Rafael† (Diana) Guzman, Janie† (Jacinto) Mena, Felipe (Ninfa) Guzman, Ninfa (Juan) Garza, Herminia (George) Garcia, Hector† (Noemi) Guzman, Juan Manuel† (Virgina) Guzman] She was preceded in death by her parents [ Nestor† and Rosa† Villarreal, Antonio† and Ester† Guzman].

Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 18, 2026, from 1:00P.M. to 9:00P.M. and Monday, January 19, 2026, from 1:00P.M. to 9:00P.M. with a rosary to be recited at 7:00P.M. Funeral services will be conducted on Tuesday, January 20, 2026. We will depart Rudy Garza Chapel of Peace at 9:30A.M. for a 10:00A.M. mass at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church. Interment will then follow at Ebony Grove Cemetery in Mercedes, Texas.

# Cemetery Details

## Ebony Grove Cemetery

Mercedes, TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 18. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home  
236 S. Ohio Ave.  
Mercedes, Texas, TX 78570  
mercedesupsandra@aol.com

## Visitation

JAN 19. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

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## Rosary

JAN 19. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Departure

JAN **20**. 9:30 AM (CT)

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Mercedes, Texas, TX 78570  
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## Funeral Mass

JAN **20**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church  
322 S Vermont Ave  
Mercedes, TX 78570-2928  
(956) 565-1141

# Tribute Wall

BR

“ Thank you for the person you were Tia. May you rest in peace but your spirit continue to watch over the Davila Family 🙏 - your Great Niece, Brianna Rivera

Brianna Rivera - January 19 at 10:58 PM

MS

“ To the Guzman Siblings and their families, Our deepest condolences and May God be by your sides during this time. All our love and prayers from the Serna family. We have beautiful memories from when went to school in Relampago. 🙏

Mana Serna - January 19 at 02:08 PM

FF

“ From Inez Davila and Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Raquel V. Davila.



From Inez Davila and Family - January 18 at 01:27 PM

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“ Felipe Guzman and family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Raquel V. Davila.



Felipe Guzman and family - January 18 at 12:12 PM

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“ Felipe Guzman and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Raquel V. Davila.

Felipe Guzman and family - January 18 at 12:12 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Raquel V. Davila.



January 17 at 11:19 AM

AF

“ All our love, The Ove Rivera family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Raquel V. Davila.



All our love, The Ove Rivera family - January 16 at 09:49 PM

OG

“ To the family and friends of Raquel, aka Quelita, we, Marquitos and Olivia, share in your pain and grief. We express our deepest sympathy and condolences to all who loved her. She was a beautiful person who spoke with kindness, joy, and compassion. She always shared a pleasant outlook on life and spiced it with a heartfelt smile. She and all the Guzman family members display the same kind of personality that brings warmth to those who interact with them. Such a sweet loving person and family. We will continue to hold family and friends in our daily thoughts and prayers to ease their grief, find peace and comfort. Our prayers w'll ask for God's grace and mercy on the soul of Quelita and for the perpetual light to shine upon her. May her soul and those of all our dearly departed REST IN PEACE. In your blessed name we pray, Lord Jesus Christ. AMEN

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**Olivia Garcia** - January 14 at 07:30 PM

CC

“ A Beautiful lady with an Enormous Beautiful Soul ❤️  
May you RIP Quelita 🕊️

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**Chela Cervantes** - January 14 at 06:45 PM

LC

“ My deepest condolences 🌺 to the family. I worked with this wonderful lady at West /MECC . She always had a smile when I would walk in her room. May she rest in eternal peace

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**Linda Chimely** - January 14 at 05:39 PM