



## Raquel Garcia

September 6, 1934 - July 23, 2023

Raquel G. García passed into eternal life on Sunday, July 23, 2023, at the age of 88. She was born on September 6, 1934, in Harlingen, Texas, to the late Elías García and Guadalupe García.

Raquel is a 1953 graduate of San Benito High School; she then completed various secretarial and business management programs of study. Raquel began her career with the City of San Benito, where her first role was that of water department clerk and later city secretary. Many years later, she followed her calling of service to her church and global community and moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, to work with the Division of Overseas Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ); her work was instrumental in the birth of Global Ministries, the joint witness in mission between the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and the United Church of Christ. Before her retirement in 2014, she had served as the administrative assistant for the Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries in Los Fresnos, Texas, and served refugees from countries such as El Salvador, Nicaragua, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Cuba. She held true to her biblical, heartfelt, and lifetime commitment of service to others.

Raquel was a devout Christian and a longtime member of Iglesia Cristiana Ebenezer (Discípulos de Cristo) in Los Fresnos.

Raquel was preceded in death by her parents, Elías and Guadalupe García; brother and sister-in-law Elías (Eufemia) García, Jr.; brother and sister-in-law Raúl (Angelita) García; brother Evaristo García Sr.; sister and brother-in-law Olivia (Moises) García; sister and brother-in-law Magdalena (Jesús) Garza; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Left to treasure Raquel's memory are the great niece and nephew that she loved and cherished as her own children, Isabel C. González and Marco A. (Ailsa) González, and her sister-in-law Leonila García. "Tía Raquel" leaves behind four generations of nieces and nephews to celebrate her life and continue her legacy of heartfelt service to others.

The García/González families will receive relatives and friends on Sunday, August 6, 2023, from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM at Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Harlingen, Texas, with a prayer service at 7:00 PM. Funeral service will be held Monday, August 7, 2023, at the Rudy Garza Funeral Home chapel in Harlingen, Texas at 10:00 AM with burial to follow at Gomez Cemetery along Military Highway 281 in Carricitos (Los Indios).

It was Raquel's wish that any memorial tributes be made in the form of charitable donations to the Southwest Good Samaritan Ministries ([www.swgsm.org](http://www.swgsm.org)).

Honored to serve as Raquel's pallbearers are her nephews Evaristo García Jr., Sebastian García, and Rogelio Garza and her great nephews Mario Garza, Miguel Garza, and Xavier Garza. Her honorary pallbearer is her great nephew Marco A. González.

# Cemetery Details

## Gomez Cemetery

Los Indios , TX

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 6. 1:00 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>

## Prayer Service

AUG 6. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Chapel Service

AUG 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

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## Burial

AUG 7. 11:00 AM.

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