



Emma P. Gutierrez

June 5, 2023

Emma P. Gutierrez, born January 14, 1928, the second child of Jose and Leonor Pena from Mercedes, TX. Growing up, she was always interested in Calculus and Chemistry and wanted to be a nurse. After high school, she attended Santa Rosa Nursing School in San Antonio, graduating with a Bachelor's of Science degree with a major in Calculus. She then obtained a license as a registered nurse and in 1949 began work as a surgery nurse at Valley Baptist Hospital in Harlingen. In Harlingen, she met the love of her life, Eugene (Gene) Gutierrez. In 1952, they married and moved to McAllen. There, she worked at McAllen Hospital as the supervising surgical nurse. In 1963, she recognized there was a need of a store to supply uniforms for doctors and nurses and to provide medical supplies. That same year, Emma and Gene opened the first uniform store in the Rio Grande Valley. As such, she was a pioneer, not only as the owner/operator of the first uniform store, but also one of the early Hispanic female entrepreneurs. They operated the business for 58 years until 2021.

Emma was fondly known as "Penny" to her friends and family. She generously donated medical equipment and uniforms to countless needy hospitals, and clinics, including those in third world countries.

Emma enjoyed traveling in Europe with Gene. She had a zest for life, a cheerful disposition, and a fantastic sense of humor. She was also a great cook. She made people feel at home. She was compassionate, kind and empathetic to those in need. Emma and Gene always invited people into their

home and made everyone feel like they were family. Emma will be greatly missed.

Emma now follows and joins Gene, who passed away almost one year ago. She is survived by her three children, Tommy, Margaret and Elizabeth (married to Andrew Ritholz) and by her four grandchildren, Eden, Jules, Ivan and Tory.

Services for Emma Gutierrez will be held on Monday, June 12, 2023 at 10:30 am at Kriedler Funeral Home. Her burial will take place that same date at 1:00 pm at Veteran's Cemetery in Mission, TX.

Cemetery Details

Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery

2520 South Inspiration Road
Mission, TX 78572

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JUN 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Emma P. Gutierrez*

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“ *We will never forget mr & Mrs Gutierrez! They invited us to breakfast at La Posada the morning after we got married They were 1st and 2nd to call my wife “Mrs Loman “*

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