



Lydia Peña

January 18, 2023

Lydia Peña, née De La Garza died peacefully in her sleep Wednesday, January 18th, 2023 surrounded by family. Lydia was born on July 9th, 1944, in McAllen, Texas to Victor and Marcela De La Garza. She is survived by her two loving sons, Dr. Rodolfo "Rudy" Peña, Jr. (Elise Lacasse), and Ricardo "Ric" Peña (Melissa Y. Martinez), their father Rodolfo "Rudy" Peña Sr, her two grandchildren, Colin and Ariel Peña, her brother Victor De La Garza, Jr. (Mary Nell) and sisters Irma Cavazos (Dr. Jose F.), Sylvia Crowder, Aida Flores (Onesimo), and Carmen Tamez (Daniel). She was preceded in death by her parents and her youngest son, Roberto "Robby" Peña.

Lydia graduated from McAllen High School, and Pan American University with a degree in Biology. She was a beloved and highly respected high school biology teacher for many years in the McAllen school system. Always seeking a challenge, Lydia transitioned into a long and successful sales career with Mead Johnson pharmaceuticals, where she retired as a nationally recognized top salesperson. She was a certified scuba diver, and swim instructor as well as a long time saxophonist with the McAllen Town Band. Always a savvy business person with a mind toward the future, Lydia was also a long time investor in residential real estate. Her successful real estate endeavors kept her busy well into her retirement. She loved to travel, both here and abroad and she passed along her passion for exploring and experiencing the world to her sons, and by extension, to her nieces, nephews, and grandchildren.

Lydia was tremendously devoted to her sons, grandchildren, and numerous

nieces and nephews. She was a beloved teacher to many, a highly competitive Scrabble and trivia devotee, an outstanding hostess, cook and mixologist for the many that enjoyed the frequent parties and dinners that she enjoyed having at her house. She touched the lives of her many students, the nurses and doctors that she called on professionally and the friends and family that she cherished.

A viewing will be held at Kreidler Funeral Home Friday, January 27th from 5 to 7PM, followed by a Rosary at 7:30.

The funeral service will be held at Our Lady Of Sorrows Catholic Church on Saturday, January 28th at 9AM. She will be laid to rest at Valley Memorial Gardens at 11AM.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 27. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.
314 N 10th St.
McAllen, TX 78501
(956) 686-0234
kreidler@sbcglobal.net
<http://www.kreidlerfuneralhome.com/index.html>

Rosary

JAN 27. 7:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JAN 28. 9:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

Burial will follow

JAN 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

Valley Memorial Gardens
3605 N Taylor Rd
Mission, TX 78501

Tribute Wall



“ Lydia was one of the student teachers whom my father, Marvin S. Baker, mentored as she undertook her career in teaching. He was a Master Teacher and he recognized her talents and gifts immediately. I remember his words of praise about her. He would have been so pleased to see what an incredible teacher she was.



Patricia L Power - May 18, 2024 at 11:57 PM



“ Lydia Peña

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM

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“ I was very saddened for Ms. Lydia Pena’s passing but at the same time felt great relief for her, as the last couple of years were very tough for everyone in her family.

Lydia Pena was a remarkable human being and the first words that come to my mind when describing Lydia are kindness and compassion. She was someone that was always willing to help, whether it was a family member, friend, or stranger. Lydia was also a very smart and cultured person and I appreciate all the knowledge that she shared with me. I am very thankful for all what Lydia did for me and my family. I would not be where I am today if she wouldn’t have been here for us. Lydia pushed me to give my best academically and professionally. I am very grateful for her “scholarship fund” which she would provide some assistance for books and tuition at the end of the semester, if I came back with a 3.5 GPA or higher in the college courses I took each semester. She also let me borrow her car on my first driving test. Nothing but gratefulness and appreciation comes to my mind when thinking of Lydia. My deepest condolences to her family: Rudy Sr, Rudy, Ricky and Melissa and her grandchildren. You will be deeply missed Lydia but will always be a shining star in my sky.

*Love,
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Bernardo Diaz - January 23, 2023 at 11:59 AM

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We extend our sincere sympathy to Lydia Peña's Family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.
Dr. & Mrs. Homero Rivas

Sonia C. Rivas - January 25, 2023 at 07:47 PM