



## Maria Del Socorro Rivas

May 15, 2023

Maria Del Socorro Rivas entered into eternal rest on Monday, May 15, 2023 at her home in Round Rock, Texas. Socorro was born in Penitas, Texas on October 23, 1935 to parents, Carlos and Anita Garza who preceded her in death. She was married to her loving and devoted husband, Eutiquio Rivas for 46 years and who also preceded her in death. She is survived by her four children: Gerardo T. Rivas of Round Rock; Amanda Halm and her sons, Robert K. Halm and Brandon K. Halm of Round Rock; Dina Keimig and her daughters, Catherine V. Keimig and Cassandra M. Keimig of Spring; Oscar H. Rivas and his daughter, Sophia Rivas of Round Rock.

Socorro began her career as an elementary teacher from grades two to five and moving into Early Childhood Education serving in various capacities such as: Field Supervisor and later Co-Coordinator for the Child Development Associate Project with Texas A & I University. During this time, she also served as a Site Service Specialist for Southwest Education Laboratory, Migrant Division in Austin, Texas where she implemented pre-school programs in seven states working with migrant and regular Head Start public schools. After leaving Texas A & I University, she returned to McAllen I.S.D. as a Parental Involvement Coordinator and Manager of State Compensatory Funds. All these positions and educational involvement manifested Socorro's personal philosophy that children need a head start that includes parental involvement to help their children, especially migrant children or those from under privileged backgrounds so they can have early educational

opportunities and succeed in school.

This love of children and her desire to see them succeed was especially evident in her devotion to her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed celebrating their successes in the classroom as well as athletic events. And finally, Socorro was a devoted parishioner of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in McAllen and later at St. Williams Catholic Church in Round Rock where she volunteered as a Eucharistic Minister, Catholic Facilitator for Baptismal Doctrine, Catholic Lay Minister and as a volunteer to lead the Rosary for others through Kreidler Funeral Home in conjunction with her parish, Our Lady of Sorrows. Her devotion to her family, faith and friends made a lasting impression on all those that knew her and loved her. She will be missed.

Viewing will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2023 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm with a 5:00pm rosary at Kreidler Funeral Home in McAllen. Funeral Mass will be at 10:00am on Monday, May 22, 2023 at Our Lady of Sorrows Church in McAllen with Monsignor Gus Barrera officiating. Burial will follow at Valley Memorial Gardens in Mission where Socorro will be laid to rest next to her beloved husband, Eutiquio.

# Cemetery Details

## Valley Memorial Gardens

3605 N Taylor Rd  
Mission, TX 78501

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 21.** 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Kreidler Funeral Home, Inc.  
314 N 10th St.  
McAllen, TX 78501  
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## Rosary

**MAY 21.** 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

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MAY **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church

# Tribute Wall



“ *Maria Del Socorro Rivas*

October 08, 2023 at 09:43 PM



“ *Our family extends its condolences and sympathy with Socorro Rivas' children in this time of sorrow and mourning. My Mother, Elena Mycuc, worked with Socorro Rivas at the McAllen School District, Office of Migrant Affairs, for more than 20 years. They both worked under the leadership of Olivia Acevedo. In this department and working closely with Socorro and Olivia my mother found herself reflected back and fully seen as a Mexican American professional woman in the field of education, committed to her community, and present for her family. It is through this resonance with Socorro and Olivia and then also with Martha Rivera, that my mother fully blossomed. In the friendship with Socorro my mother Elena found all the aspects of herself that she valued were reflected back with pride and dignity (Mexican-American female identity, growing up in south Texas/borderlands, a love of education, an ambition for her own career, a commitment to her family and children, and a spiritual connection through Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church), and this mirror was deeply meaningful. My mother and our family extend our love and grief for the passing of Socorro and hope she will rest in peace everlasting and may she continue to bless her family from the other dimension. 💕*

Dr. Victoria Mycuc - May 22, 2023 at 10:22 AM

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“ Sincere condolences to the family. I am so very sorry for your loss. May God provide the necessary peace and comfort to your family and friends during this difficult time. Please remember these words of encouragement from the Bible: “ Jesus plainly told her: “I am the resurrection and the life. He that exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life.” —John 11:20-25.

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**Ruby Bell** - May 21, 2023 at 11:04 AM