



## Sonia Chapa Gomez

February 26, 2025

Sonia Chapa Gomez, age 58, of McAllen, TX, passed away peacefully on February 26, 2025, at her home, surrounded by her loved ones.

Sonia was born on January 9, 1967, in McAllen, TX, where she was raised by two wonderful parents. She graduated from McAllen High School before attending the University of Pan American, where she earned both a Bachelor's and a Master's degree in Communications. Her love for the arts then led her to St. Mary's University in Moraga, California, where she completed a second graduate program in Fine Arts with a focus on Dance.

Sonia married the love of her life, Jaime Gomez, whom she met in second grade at Alvarez Elementary School. Together, they raised their only son, Cristian Gomez, whom she adored with all her heart. Sonia's family was the cornerstone of her life, and she cherished every moment spent with them.

Sonia's career was nothing short of extraordinary. She founded Pointe and

Plie School of Dance, which later became known as Sonia Chapa Dance Studio. For 25 years, she shared her passion and expertise with thousands of students, teaching them the beauty and intricacy of dance. Flamenco, her favorite art form, was her greatest passion, and she poured her heart into nurturing her students' understanding and appreciation of it. Her influence reached beyond the studio, as she also taught Communications at UTPA and later Spanish Dance and Dance Lecture at UTRGV. As the Director of Spanish Dance, she inspired countless students to pursue the arts and instilled in them a deep love for dance that they will carry with them for the rest of their lives.

Beyond her accomplishments, Sonia was a mentor, teacher, confidant, and mother to so many. Her kindness, generosity, and wisdom were a guiding light to everyone who had the privilege of knowing her. She made every person feel valued, and her ability to connect with others, listen without judgment, and offer advice was a gift she shared freely.

Sonia's legacy will live on not only through her students, but also through the love she imparted to her family and the many lives she touched. Her unwavering passion for the arts, her dedication to her students, and her commitment to her family will forever be remembered.

A memorial service will be held in Sonia's honor on March 7, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM at the UTRGV Performing Arts Center in Edinburg, TX. The family invites all those whose lives were touched by Sonia to come and celebrate her remarkable life.

Sonia's family would like to thank all those who supported them during this difficult time and would like to express their deepest gratitude for the love and care provided by her friends, colleagues, and students.

"Her spirit will continue to dance in our hearts forever."

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAR 7. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

UTRGV Performing Arts Center  
1201 West University Drive  
Edinburg, TX 78541

# Tribute Wall

DR

“ Our family's deepest and blessed condolences. Sonia was one of the most outgoing classmates at UTRGV. She would immediately light up the class with her spunky and joyous personality. She was a very bright classmate and admired her dedication to her studies. She lived her dreams and I'm honored to have studied with her and had the opportunity to enjoy her humble presence among friends. Beautiful people restore a beautiful life on Earth. Amen.

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**Dela Rosa** - September 26, 2025 at 11:23 AM

SB

“ Sonia was a joy to work with. Her energy and positive outlook was always infectious and inspiring. When we look back on our time at UTRGV, Stephanie and I think of her as one of the wonderful people we met. What a privilege it was to have been her Dean.

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**Steve Block** - March 09, 2025 at 08:54 PM

BA

“ Sonia was a truly talented & genuinely nice human being; her smile lit up the room. 💕💕

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**Barbara** - March 07, 2025 at 09:36 PM

YG

“ Sonia, you were one of my favorite dance sisters when we studied with Ms. Sullivan in the 70's. I remember with fondness your bright smile every time you greeted me at Dance. I saw you as a kindred spirit because we both loved flamenco Even as children you really "felt" the music and made me feel more comfortable in my own expression. As we grew and forged our separate paths, I admired your gumption and sense of adventure. Yours was the only heart big enough to allow you to care for Mrs. Sullivan in her later years, while some of us merely visited every now and then. Thank you for inspiring so many young people. Thank you for making our little corner of the world a better place. Thank you for making me want to be a better person. I miss you but am comforted knowing that you are finally resting in peace.

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**Yvonne Guajardo** - March 07, 2025 at 04:03 AM

MS

“ I will never forget Sonia and all the good times we had dancing flamenco. She was an excellent teacher and kind human being. I am so sorry for your loss.

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**Maria Luisa Salcines** - March 06, 2025 at 01:47 PM

CF

“ Rest easy sister now your with dad and our loved ones. Give dad a huge hug and a kiss till we meet again ☐ 🙏



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**Carla Fuentes** - March 05, 2025 at 08:09 PM

AP

“ *Sonia nos enseñó a mi y a mis hijas flamenco y belly. A mi hijo hip hop.*

*Nos presentamos todos en el mismo recital y es un bello recuerdo que tenemos de ella.*

*Mi hija mayor tiene 35 años , es urologa y todavia baila en un grupo en Miami. Te vamos a extrañar un monton teache Sonia. Con cariño de : Alexandra, Alejandra, Alexia y Guillermo Alejandro*

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**Alexandra Perez** - March 03, 2025 at 09:49 PM

SG

“ *Shary Fowler Garza lit a candle in memory of Sonia Chapa Gomez*



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**Shary Fowler Garza** - March 03, 2025 at 06:09 PM

MG

“ *Marisa Saucedo Gaines lit a candle in memory of Sonia Chapa Gomez*



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**Marisa Saucedo Gaines** - March 03, 2025 at 05:36 PM

MC

“ I met Sonia in grad school at SMC and so grateful for the time I spent with her in our cohort (C4!!) She brought so much humor and love to every experience. She was the mother figure for me of the group and I will always remember our conversations about being a mother, an artist, and life in general. I love and miss you, Sonia! I’m so grateful to have crossed paths with you and I look forward to when we meet, again, and dance with you in heaven. <3 Sending my love and healing to her family.

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**Melisa Cervantes** - March 03, 2025 at 01:28 PM

VG

“ WHAT A LADY! SONIA WAS ALWAYS FULL OF LIFE. HER SMILE, THAT GORGEOUS SMILE, WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED.

*REST IN PEACE SONIA AND MAY THE PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON YOU.*

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**VERONICA GARZA** - March 03, 2025 at 12:52 PM

GR

“ I am deeply inspired by the lasting impact. Sonia was a trailblazer who empowered me to teach Ballet at her innovative 'Point and plié' dance studio, where I also had the privilege of meeting Rey Duran, both outstanding instructors and performers. Rest in peace 🙏



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**Genny Rodriguez** - March 02, 2025 at 09:20 PM

AS

“ One of the best dance teachers I had ever had !! She gave me so much love and support and I'll be forever thankful to her ! She gave me the strength to make dance my career! May she rest in peace.



Anthony Soto - March 02, 2025 at 08:41 PM

CC

“ Singing for Sonia and her students was a joy, S0he was fun on stage always very happy she loved Flamenco. I will miss her beautiful smile and singing for her.

Chayito Champion - March 02, 2025 at 01:37 PM

LO

“ Liliana Ornelas lit a candle in memory of Sonia Chapa Gomez



Liliana Ornelas - March 02, 2025 at 12:28 PM

JC

“ Sonia excelled at everything she did! She will be missed! And she could dance!  
Jane Cross

Jane Cross - March 02, 2025 at 01:24 AM