



## Esmeralda Villarreal Gamez

November 27, 1957 - May 18, 2021

Esmeralda Villarreal Gamez, 63, of Aubrey, TX, passed away Tuesday, May 18, 2021 in Aubrey, TX. Esmeralda was born November 27, 1957 in La Asucar, Tamaulipas, MX to Anselmo Villarreal and Emma Garza. Esmeralda married Rodolfo (Rudy) Gamez on March 10, 1979 in Rio Grande City, TX.

Esmeralda attended Texas Woman's University where she earned her Bachelor's in social work. She then went on to attend the University of Texas of Arlington to earn her Master of Science in social work. Esmeralda completed her Master of Art for Teaching at Texas Woman's University. She was employed by Denton State School as the Director of Personnel.

Esmeralda was the epitome of a strong woman raising a family and achieving her dreams. She and Rudy were married for forty-two years, they raised two daughter's and three grandchildren. The memories and the lasting love Esmeralda provided her family will be cherished forever.

Esmeralda is survived by her husband, Rudy of Aubrey, TX; her daughter's, Celeste West and husband Zach of Aubrey, TX and Lina Lewis and husband Coby of Aubrey, TX; three grandchildren, Willow and Waylon West, and Kai Gamez-Lewis all of Aubrey, TX; two brothers, Anselmo Villarreal and wife Irma of Mission, TX, and Abel Villarreal and wife Magda of Rio Grande City, TX; and sister, Paula Villarreal and husband Jose Gomez of Corpus Christi, TX

Esmeralda was preceded in death by her parents Anselmo and Emma.

Rosary with visitation following will be held 2:30PM-4:00PM, Friday, May 21, 2021 at Slay Memorial Chapel in Aubrey, TX. A funeral service will follow at 4:00PM with Anthony Gonzalez officiating. Online condolences may be shared at [www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com](http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com).

In Lieu of flowers the Gamez family requests that donations be made to the Latinas Art Foundation at [www.latinasartfoundation.org](http://www.latinasartfoundation.org)

Arrangements are under the direction of Terri Slay and Slay Memorial Funeral Center.

# Previous Events

## Rosary with visitation following

MAY 21. 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey  
400 South Highway 377  
Aubrey, TX 76227  
info@slaymemorial.com  
<http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com>

## Funeral Service

MAY 21. 4:00 PM (CT)

Slay Memorial Chapel of Aubrey  
400 South Highway 377  
Aubrey, TX 76227  
info@slaymemorial.com  
<http://www.slaymemorialfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall

MV

“ My deepest condolences to Rudy Gamez and his family also to my cousin Anselmo, Paula, and Abel Villarreal. May God grant you peace in knowing she is in a better place with Tio and Tia. Esmeralda was a great example to us she was the first of the family to go to college and graduate she was an inspiration and roll model for all. She will be remembered always. God bless you all.

Macario Villarreal - May 22, 2021 at 11:28 PM

GK

“ Germaine K. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Esmeralda Villarreal Gamez.



Germaine K. - May 21, 2021 at 03:02 PM

MS

“ MS  
Melissa Silva  
3 hours ago  
My deepest sympathy to Rudy, Celeste, Lina and all my cousins my heart is with you all wish I was there with you all In this moment. My prayers for all of you my family. Esmeralda we will always miss you, your were a great guide / leader for all our cousins. May you Rest In Peace we will see you soon in heaven.

Melissa Silva - May 21, 2021 at 01:06 PM

AJ

“ Always a great friend and teacher. Our condolences to Rudy and the familia. Vuela alto Esme!!!



Arleen janer jones - May 21, 2021 at 11:28 AM

LC

“ My Deepest Sympathy for the Family. She was A Wonderful Wife, Mother, & Grandmother, & so very Loving to all. We will all miss her so very much. Sending Love & Prayers. 🙏



Lynda Cole - May 21, 2021 at 08:50 AM

MR

“ Our Sincere condolences to Rudy and the family for Maggie R Rangel and Family. May Esmeralda Reat in Peace. 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Maggie R Rangel - May 20, 2021 at 08:39 PM

HM

“ Henry & Brenda Mendoza lit a candle in memory of Esmeralda Villarreal Gamez



Henry & Brenda Mendoza - May 20, 2021 at 08:38 PM

LF

“ Forever a teacher, forever my friend. I love you and I will miss you...

Linda P. Ford - May 20, 2021 at 08:17 PM

VR

“ Virginia R. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Esmeralda Villarreal Gamez.



Virginia R. - May 20, 2021 at 03:46 PM

DH

“ My sympathies go out to Rudy, Celeste, Lina, and family. Celeste you are like my daughter and I am praying for you all. Your Mom was always so sweet to me. I can't be there tomorrow but please know you are in my thoughts and prayers. It is never easy to lose a parent and I hope God wraps his loving arms around you all. My you have Comfort and Peace. We love you!!

Diane Harmon - May 20, 2021 at 03:25 PM

SS

“ Celeste,  
We are so very sorry for your loss.  
We pray for you and your family.  
Our deepest sympathies.  
Don and Sandi Schon



Sandi Schon - May 20, 2021 at 02:16 PM

FM

“ You were a great boss, friend and co-worker. I will miss you a lot. Say Hi to Jackie for me. See you in Heaven.

Frederick F Miler - May 20, 2021 at 12:56 PM

FA

“ Even though we didn't see you again after you left to school in Denton tx ,we always remembered you..a very strong and optimistic young lady..its heartbreaking to read about your passing..but GOD willing one day in heaven we will meet again..may you rest in the arms of Jesus..

Francis Alanis - May 20, 2021 at 11:44 AM

MS

*My deepest sympathy to Rudy, Celeste, Lina and all my cousins my heart is with you all wish I was there with you all In this moment. My prayers for all of you my family. Esmeralda we will always miss you, your were a great guide / leader for all our cousins. May you Rest In Peace we will see you soon in heaven.*

Melissa Silva - May 21, 2021 at 09:35 AM

VH

*Rudy, Celeste and Lina,*

*My condolences to you and family. I am so sorry for the loss of Esme, a life taken too soon.*

*I met Esme, August 1976 at TWU. We were carefree college students at that time. Esme was an intelligent, decisive, strong, focused, goal oriented woman. Rudy, I also met you in 1976 and we became friends. One evening sometime in 1977, I was going to meet with Rudy and asked Esme to come along with me. When we were approaching the area, Esme saw Rudy, She asked me "Who's that guy?" I answered Rudy from Sanger. Later, that same evening Esme told me, "I'm going to marry that guy".*

*Esme achieved her academic and life goals of which I am certain she instilled in Celeste and Lina and all family she encountered. They will pass on Esme's strength, determination and love of family.*

*Velina "Vee" Holler  
Michigan*

Velina Holler - May 22, 2021 at 02:02 PM