



Balvina "Helen" Zapata

March 30, 1938 - July 4, 2023

Balvina "Helen" Morales Zapata, 85, of Rockdale, passed away on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 in Baylor, Scott and White in Temple. She was born on March 30, 1938 to Andres and Jovita (Vasquez) Morales in Thorndale. On September 8, 1954, she eloped and married Irineo "Nehi" Zapata and they moved to Rockdale. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, the Ladies Altar Society, and the Guadalupanas Society. She was also very active with the Knights of Columbus.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Irineo Zapata; a grandson, Kevin Zapata; parents, Andres and Jovita Morales; and sisters, Rosa Ortega and Lupe Torres.

Balvina is survived by her sons, Tony Zapata and wife Lollie of Tyler, Eddie Zapata and wife Lotti of Round Rock, and Jeff Zapata and wife Kelley of Rockdale; grandchildren, Amanda Thompson and husband Andrew, Jason Zapata and wife Kristen, Aaron Zapata, and Jenny Breithaupt and husband Justin; great grandchildren, Manuel Thompson, Karley Breithaupt, Kaleb Breithaupt, Hayden Zapata, and Olivia Zapata; sisters, Margaret Morales of Taylor, Janie Morales of Taylor, Mary Hinostroza of San Gabriel, and Annie Dominguez of Taylor; and brother, Mike Morales of Taylor.

A funeral mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, July 10, 2023 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Rockdale with Father Pedro Castillo officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery in Rockdale. A visitation will be 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a rosary at 6:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home

in Rockdale. In lieu of flowers, please donate to St. Joseph's Altar Society or Building Fund, or the Knights of Columbus.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 9. 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale
1041 West Highway 79
Rockdale, TX 76567
(512) 446-5454
phillips_luckey@yahoo.com
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

Rosary

JUL 9. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

JUL 10. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
234 San Gabriel St.
Rockdale, TX 76567

Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Balvina "Helen" Zapata*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 06, 2023 at 06:52 PM

GR

“ *I just heard about her passing today. I'm so glad I was able to visit with her recently and give her a big hug. She was the best.*

Gene Rek - July 25, 2023 at 09:22 PM

PM

“ *Peggy Morrison lit a candle in memory of Balvina Zapata*



Peggy Morrison - July 11, 2023 at 01:10 PM

LG

“ *My deepest sympathy the whole family. I know losing Miss Helen is a tremendous lost. I loved her. She was truly an awesome lady!*



Iorna Gibson - July 11, 2023 at 10:22 AM

LO

“ Sending our love, prayers and condolences from Linda Ortega in Temple. So sad for you guys on the loss of your sweet momma. My children Brandi, Brandon & Amber just loved your mom as she loved them. The few years we lived in Rockdale they enjoyed her SO much. May GOD recieve her with open arms, prayers for you all for strength. God Bless you all and your families 🙏❤️

Linda Ortega-Temeyosa - July 10, 2023 at 11:36 AM

CN

“ On behalf of Cecilia Nira, please accept my deepest sympathy on the passing of your loved one. My her soul rest in eternal peace.

Cecilia Nira - July 10, 2023 at 11:21 AM

CB

“ Sorry for the loss of your beautiful Mother. She will dearly be missed. Most of my memories of your Mom where long ago but she made such a beautiful impact I remember them as if they were yesterday. May Helen RIP.

Cynthia Baylor - July 10, 2023 at 08:48 AM

NZ

“ Jeff & Kelley and family, our heartfelt condolences as you lay to rest the matriarch of your family. What a special lady she was and we feel fortunate that we were knew her. She was an inspiration to so many, living her life to the fullest until God called her home. We should all inspire to live our life like Helen.



Nancy & Pete Zenner - July 09, 2023 at 04:19 PM

AS

“ Our deepest condolences to your family. Oh Helen, we will miss you dearly. You always welcomed us with your loving smile and hugs anywhere we saw you. Thank you for always helping us with the annual trip to the Basilica of San Juan Del Valle. We will light a candle in your honor at the basilica during this year's trip in August. With Love, Raymond and Emily Salazar (Taylor TX).

Amalia Salazar - July 08, 2023 at 08:59 PM

TM

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Zapata family may the good lord wrap his arms around y'all at this time god bless each of you. Terry L Mowdy



Terry L Mowdy - July 08, 2023 at 07:55 PM

JM

“ My deepest sympathy! Although these days of sorrow are so difficult to bear. May it help to know that others sympathize and truly care.

Jim Mueller - July 08, 2023 at 10:00 AM

PA

“ Helen was a sweet and giving woman. She always was at fund raisers and loved her family very much. Rest in peace in the living arms of Jesus Helen

Pam Alexander - July 07, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ *Your loss of Helen will always be with you. I pray God will ease your grief through the treasures of memories that you will have for your lifetime. Our prayers go out for you and your family. Linda and Warren Whorton and family.*

Linda Whorton - July 07, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Balvina "Helen" Zapata.*



July 07, 2023 at 09:34 AM



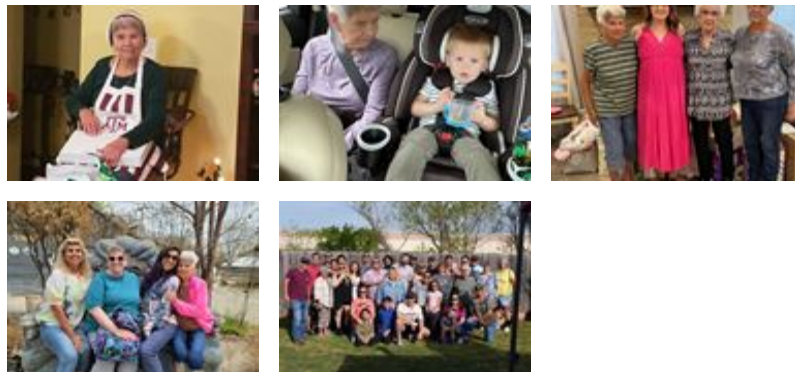
“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Balvina "Helen" Zapata.*



July 06, 2023 at 07:51 PM



“ 115 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - July 06, 2023 at 06:36 PM

LF

“ *Helen you will be missed dearly. Sending all of our love and hugs to the Zapata Family. Until we meet again, we love you!*

Lillard Family - July 06, 2023 at 03:38 PM

FG

“ *Frank Esther Garcia sent a virtual gift in memory of Balvina Zapata*



Frank & Esther Garcia - July 06, 2023 at 12:40 PM

MF

“ *We are so sorry for your loss Helen was such a wonderful person and friend she will be greatly missed*



Mancillas Family - July 06, 2023 at 12:39 PM