



## Eleanor Gonzales

April 8, 1942 - August 25, 2025

Funeral services for Eleanor Gonzales, 83, of Tanglewood/Rockdale, Texas, will be held 10:00 a.m., Friday, September 5, 2025, at St. Margaret Catholic Church in Giddings. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday, September 4, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and Friday, September 5, 2025, from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m.. The family will be present on Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. A rosary will be recited Thursday evening at 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Eleanor Gonzales died peacefully surrounded by family in Temple, Texas on August 25, 2025.

Eleanor was born on April 8, 1942 in Uvalde, Texas, to Guillermo and Olivia Gonzales. As migrant farm workers, they traveled following the next harvest picking cotton in Texas, potatoes in Idaho, apples in Washington among many others. She attended over 17 schools and was always behind in school. At 18, she met Santos Gonzales at a Mexican dance in Watsonville, California while he was in the Navy and stationed in Monterey. They fell in love and were married on November 15, 1960. Education was always important to Eleanor. She finished high school and graduated from Watsonville High School in 1963 alongside her brother, Bill and sister, Sylvia. The couple had five daughters and moved to Texas where Eleanor worked and retired as Housekeeping

Supervisor at Richards Memorial Hospital in Rockdale. Her greatest joys were nurturing her daughters and supporting her husband of 63 years. All the “Gonzales Girls” were in band and on the track team. Rural hospitals had difficulty staying open prompting Eleanor to save the hospital. She hosted fundraisers to raise money including selling raffle tickets, BBQ chicken dinners and hosting a wrestling event where her daughter was a main attraction. Eleanor chaired the United Way fundraiser for the hospital. Her philanthropic heart was recognized by the United Way as she had 100% participation from employees for the first time in its history.

Eleanor’s hobbies included painting using the techniques of Bob Ross. She painted over 150 works of art and donated her paintings to numerous charity events and fundraisers. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Rockdale and Holy Family Catholic Church in Lexington upon moving to Tanglewood. She was a member of La Escuelita in Rockdale and helped it get off the ground. She enjoyed sewing, canning vegetables, making homemade flour tortillas, gardening and traveling to the casino to play the slot machines. She was a loving wife and worked alongside Santos in their businesses including S&E Rentals, Gonzo’s Tamales, and the Tanglewood Grocery store. She loved spending time with family, teaching others to paint, and watching Mexican movies.

Eleanor’s demeanor was always positive. She was a woman of great faith and courage. She found the best in people, never met a stranger and looked out for everyone else. While in her late 40’s, she was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS). She always said, “I’m going to beat MS, it’s not going to beat me.” She did not allow MS to get in the way of her daily life or the things that were dear to her heart. She accepted each phase of the disease with dignity.

She is preceded in death by her parents, sister Sylvia and husband Santos. Survivors are her five daughters, Diana Gonzales Worthen (Shannon) of

Springdale, AR; Lydia Gonzales Andrade (Moises) of Kilgore, TX; Helen Flores (Lupe) of Temple, TX; Maria Tovar of Rockdale, TX; and Linda Gonzales-Onofre (Alejandro) of Longview, TX; five brothers, Bill Gonzales (Jova) of Watsonville, CA; Chris Gonzales (Blanca) of Hollister, CA; Richard Gonzales (Christina) of Watsonville, CA; Ruben Gonzales (Pam) of Las Vegas, NV; Hector Gonzales of Rockdale, TX and sister, Linda Braun of Rockdale, TX; 16 grandchildren, Veronica Green (Willie); Steven Flores (Karen); Elizabeth Shafer (Will); Jennifer Wells; Reed Woodbridge; Comilino "Reno" Yanes (Jessica); Christopher "Critter" Yanes (Jackie); Laticia Olivarez (Carlos); Connie Flores; Santos Gonzales (Selene); Laura Worthen (Pascal); Eleanor Essary (Samuel); Lindsey Magedoff; Alejandro Onofre Jr. (Vanessa); Antonio Onofre (Carter); Nicolas Onofre; 29 great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

Pallbearers include Steven Flores, Connie Flores, Christopher "Critter" Yanes, Laura Worthen, Alejandro Onofre Jr. and Zavion Burgess. Honorary pallbearers are Bill Gonzales, Chris Gonzales, Richard Gonzales, Ruben Gonzales, Reyes "Ray" Gonzales and Rudy Gutierrez.

Contributions may be made in memory of Eleanor Gonzales to:

Holy Family Catholic Church CCD Classes, P.O. Box 541, Lexington, TX 78947

National MS Society, P.O. Box 91891, Washington, D.C. 20090-1891

The family would like to thank Gentiva Hospice, and Morada Temple nurses and staff for the great care given to Eleanor. Special thanks to Pam, Matt, Scott, Lou and her personal caregiver, Loretta Brown.

# Cemetery Details

## Giddings City Cemetery (Section G)

900 West Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Previous Events

## Public Visitation

SEP 4. 7:00 AM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Giddings  
3950 East Austin St.  
Giddings, TX 78942  
(979) 542-3113  
phillipsluckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Family Present for Visitation

SEP 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Rosary

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SEP 4. 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Church Service

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SEP 5. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Catholic Church  
526 S. Grimes  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Eleanor Gonzales*



**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - September 03, 2025 at 04:26 PM

CC

*Dear Gonzales family,  
We are so sorry for the loss of your beloved Mother. As friends of Dianna, we have been aware of her struggle with M.S. May she continue to pray for you from heaven. God Bless you all.*

*Love,  
Cathy and Jim Crouch*

**Cathy Crouch** - September 06, 2025 at 03:00 PM

FC

*Querida familia Gonzales,  
Dios les llene de Paz y Fuerza en este tiempo tan dificil. Su mamita fue de gran ejemplo para todos, sus esfuerzos, sus logros y sobre todo el gran amor que tenia aun con todas las pruebas en su vida. Fue de gran ejemplo para mi vida y siempre la recordaremos de todo corazon. Ya no sufre mas, Ahora se encuentra alegre, since dolor y a lado de su amor mas grande! ❤️ 🌹*

*les llevamos en oracion,  
Frank y Nellie Cordova.*

**Frank & Nellie Cordova** - September 08, 2025 at 11:45 PM

DC

“ *Dr. Margaret Clark purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Eleanor Gonzales.*



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**Dr. Margaret Clark** - September 04, 2025 at 09:54 AM

MB

“ *Mr. Ebenezer and Dr. Freddie Bowles purchased the Pretty Please for the family of Eleanor Gonzales.*



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**Mr. Ebenezer and Dr. Freddie Bowles** - September 04, 2025 at 12:32 AM

FB

“ *From OneCommunity Staff and Board. purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Eleanor Gonzales.*

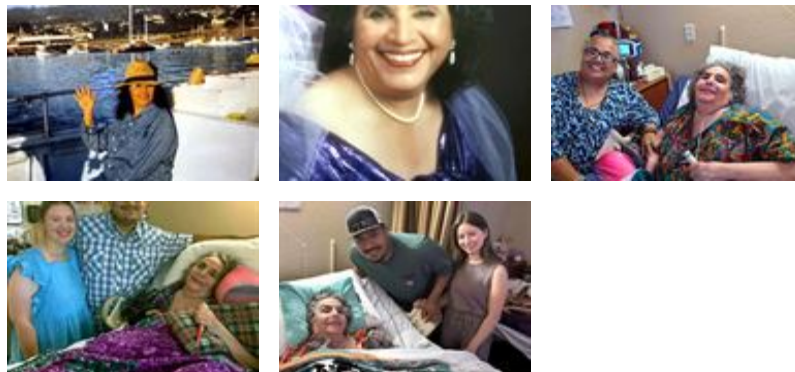


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**From OneCommunity Staff and Board.** - September 03, 2025 at 11:42 PM



“ 76 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - September 03, 2025 at 04:19 PM



“ *Dear Gonzales Girls,*

*Our hearts go out to you in this time of loss.  
Your mother's beauty, grace, and kindness touched everyone who knew her, just as your father's strength and warmth did. Together, they left a legacy of love that will always shine through each of you. Please know she will be deeply missed, and that our family holds you close in thought and prayer.*

*With love and sympathy,  
Rudy, Helen, and the Gutierrez Girls*

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**Jessica Ward** - September 03, 2025 at 02:17 PM

RF

“ Rudy and Helen Gutierrez and Family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Eleanor Gonzales.



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**Rudy and Helen Gutierrez and Family** - September 03, 2025 at 02:11 PM

GH

“ Gene & Joyce Holmes purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Eleanor Gonzales.



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**Gene & Joyce Holmes** - September 01, 2025 at 08:53 AM

GH

“ Gene & Joyce Holmes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eleanor Gonzales.

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**Gene & Joyce Holmes** - September 01, 2025 at 08:53 AM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Eleanor Gonzales.



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August 30, 2025 at 04:28 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eleanor Gonzales.

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Eleanor Gonzales.



August 29, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Eleanor Gonzales.

August 29, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ Diana, your DKG sisters were so sad to hear of the passing of your mother. Much love to you and your family. Delta Kappa Gamma, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

**Carolyn Brooks** - August 28, 2025 at 11:15 AM

MS

“ To Diana, Lydia, Helen, Maria & Linda & families: my condolences in the loss of your amazing mother. I always had such an admiration for how she never allowed her illness to keep her from being happy or from serving others. Her beautiful smile alone was a sign of her loyal faith entrusting God to look after her. Now, your parents are together once again as they always seemed to be performing countless acts of generosity & kindness for those in need. You will continue feeling their love all the days of your life. "Blessed are those who mourn for they shall be comforted." Mathew 5:4

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**Mary Ann Sudduth** - August 28, 2025 at 04:19 AM