



## Rose Mary Lopez

April 16, 1943 - August 23, 2022

Funeral services for Rose Mary Lopez, 79 of Giddings, will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, September 2, 2022 at St. Margaret Catholic Church in Giddings with Father Miguel Duarte officiating. Burial will follow in the Giddings City Cemetery. Visitation will be held on Thursday, September 1, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. and on Friday, September 2, 2022 from 7:00 a.m. until 8:00 a.m. at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Giddings. The family will be present Thursday evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. with a Rosary being recited at 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Rose Mary Lopez was born in Pasadena, Texas on Friday, April 16, 1943, to the parents of Ruperto Zavala Gutierrez and Matiana Rangel Gutierrez at their home delivered by her grandmother, her dad's mom. Rosie as she was later nicknamed was the third oldest of 9 children having 4 sisters and 4 brothers. Rosie grew up in at that time a small city called Pasadena which is located outside of Houston, Texas.

Rosie was a graduate of Pasadena High School class of 1962 and during her education excelled in Art and Homemaking. Having a large family with only her father providing income she had to learn how to work at an early age. Rosie would clean homes, do laundry, ironing, cooking & sewing to help bring income to the home. Little did she know this would be the foundation for the future to come.

Rosie met the love of her life, Jose Lopez, and married on February 10, 1965, starting a family having 2 sons and 1 daughter of their own. Later when tragedy happened in her sister Mary's family, Rosie & Jose quickly stepped in adopting Mary's two children expanding the family to 3 sons & 2 daughters. The family of seven meant Rosie had to become creative in ways to keep her children in line and care for them along with her husband. Together they raised their family in Houston, Texas until moving to Giddings in 1983. Rosie dedicated her life to her family attending to their needs and teaching them how to survive in life.

Rosie had an extraordinarily strong Catholic faith which started as a young girl. The family did not attend church on a regular basis until one was finally built close by, Guardian Angel Catholic Church, where they then attended weekly. This was where she started her religious education, joined the choir, and attended a youth group. This education was the foundation she built on her entire life, instilling in her children, and later becoming a Director of Religious Education after moving to Giddings and joining the Altar Society at St. Margaret's. In her spare time, she would take care of the altar making sure all the cloths were clean, making new ones and even making baptismal bibs. Rosie also was a lector at church and loved helping in every way.

Cooking, dancing, and sewing were her passions, after her children were grown, she took on a job at a local boat factory cutting and sewing patterns for the boat seats. Mom was afraid of the water, never learned how to swim even after a couple of years in swimming class in high school. She did not mind making the seats for the boats, because she knew she would never try them out. Later she took a job as a cook at the local high school and quickly made her way up to head cook. The students ate well those years, and the staff also loved her cooking. Rosie also volunteered at the Rejuvenation Thrift Store in Giddings once a month to help provide an inexpensive place for people to

shop.

Gatherings at the home were always in the kitchen at the big round table with the lazy Suzan in the middle full of delicious food. It was an honor for her to teach her children and grandchildren how to cook, but even more rewarding for her to see you eat, get full and then bring out the desserts. If you ever left hungry it was your own fault, not from the lack of her offering to feed you. She was a perfectionist in the kitchen always tweaking the recipe, so what you thought was delicious next time would be delicioso!

Rosie retired early from the school to attend to her husband Jose when he became ill. She was his caretaker for the last ten years of his life and was devastated with his death. She too became ill with cancer and then later with dementia, having a fall breaking her wrist made 24 hour care a necessity. She then resided at a local nursing home & was there until she had a stroke spiraling her health downward. The final care came from her children taking turns around the clock tending to her every need. She left this world surrounded by her children, their spouses, grandchildren, their spouses, great grandchildren, friends, neighbors all singing the "Divine Mercy" with nothing but love. Tears of sorrow and joy were expressed as she headed to her destination to meet her maker, rejoin her husband Jose and all the family who have gone before her.

Rosie is preceded in death by her parents Ruperto & Matiana Gutierrez, her sister Mary Gutierrez, her brother Jesse Gutierrez, her brother-in-law Gary Chauvin, her sister Georgia Gonzalez, her brother-in-law Daniel Gonzalez, her nephew Gilbert Gonzalez, her sister-in-law Lupe Gutierrez, her great grandchild Perpetua Grace Lopez, her husband Jose Lopez.

She is survived by her children and their spouses, Joseph & Stephanie Lopez

of Giddings, Jesse & Ramona Lopez of Colorado, Joel & Sandra Lopez of Giddings, Patricia Ann & Randy Kelley of Giddings, and Rosanne Lopez & Robert "Bobby" Carl Tillery Jr. of Lexington.

She is also survived by her honorary daughters, Elfride Mercedes Stockl of Giddings and Marilyn Denise "Doe" Ester of Houston; brothers, Ruperto "Roy" Gutierrez Jr. & Wife Louisa of Kingsville, Bene Gutierrez & wife Dora of Baytown, and Rogelio Gutierrez of Houston; sisters, Janie Chauvin of Kingsville and Esther Rodriguez & husband David of Deer Park; her 19 grandchildren, Brennen Lee Kelley & wife Amber of California, Daniel Ward Pillow of Houston, Chase Randall Kelley & wife Tania of San Antonio, Christopher Joel Lopez & wife Lacy of New Mexico, Esteban Serapio Jose Lopez & wife Cecelia of Giddings, Naomi Elaina Lopez of Katy, Natasha Elaine Gallardo & husband Xavier of Monahans, Ryan Wesley Kelley of North Carolina, Cheyenne Kelley Rimes & husband Eric of College Station, Anjelica Rose Akin & husband Devan of Giddings, Jackie Lynn Wade II of Spring, Daniel Jesse Lopez of Colorado, Reagene Anne "Genie" Wade & fiance Robert Carl Tillery III of Lexington, Nathan Paul Lopez of Colorado, Samuel Moses Lopez of Colorado, Colette Benet McClure of Austin, David Noel Lopez of Colorado, Gwendalynn Carysarose Lopez of Giddings, and Benjamin Joseph Lopez of Giddings; her 23 great grandchildren, Kiersten Marie Lopez of New Mexico, Joel Francisco Rivera of Giddings, Donovan Joseph Lopez of Colorado, Brayden Nikhyl Kelley of San Antonio, Aubrey Faith Rodgers of Monahans, Ariana Naomi Webb of Katy, Nathan Giovannie Lopez of Colorado, Kaylee Mae Lopez of New Mexico, Cambrie Grace Akin of Giddings, Xephenia Rose Lopez of Giddings, Ryleigh Hope Akin of Giddings, Aidric Damon Rimes of College Station, Kyrie Damon Rimes of College Station, Calliope Rue Lopez of Giddings, Dustin Hunter Akin of Giddings, Winter Rose Kelley of California, Robert Carl Tillery IV of Lexington, Iliana Sofia Gallardo of Monahans, Jack Charles McClure of Austin, Ishod William Wade of Spring, Serenity Lilliana Lopez of Colorado, and Aniya Lily Lopez of

Colorado, as well as numerous nieces & nephews, other relatives, and many friends.

Serving as pallbearers will be Christopher Joel Lopez, Esteban Serapio Jose Lopez, Jackie Lynn Wade II, Chase Randall Kelley, Benjamin Joseph Lopez, and Joel Francisco Rivera. Honorary pallbearers are Eric Damon Rimes & Devan Scott Akin.

Memorials may be made to the St. Margaret Altar Society of Giddings, Rejuvenation of Giddings, or charitable organization of one's choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Giddings City Cemetery (Section G)

900 West Austin Street  
Giddings, TX 78942

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 1. 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 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Rosary

SEP 1. 6:00 PM (CT)

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## Visitation

SEP 2. 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (CT)

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## Funeral Service

SEP 2. 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 Rose Mary Lopez*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - August 31, 2022 at 04:24 PM

TG

“ *I have so many wonderful childhood memories of Rosie, who helped to take care of me and my two sisters when we were small. This was about 1962 to 1965, when she married Jose. My sister and I went to see her in Giddings several years ago, and she was just the same as I remembered, with that wonderful smile, always ready to laugh. We loved her always! We were Sydney, Lisa, and Terry Green.*

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**Terry Green-Witty** - May 31, 2024 at 04:39 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Rose Mary Lopez.*



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September 01, 2022 at 06:02 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Rose Mary Lopez.* ”



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September 01, 2022 at 10:56 AM

ES

“Rosie had many titles, mom, wife, aunt, sister, grandmother, great-grandmother, friend, and "Special Mom" among others. To me, she was my "Special Mom". My family and her family met when I was 15 years old and we share so many unforgettable memories together. My parents, Jose, and Rosie, played Dominoes together on a regular basis, she helped me with my homework since my English was practically non-existent at that time, we played badminton on the street while she was pregnant with Rosanne and got to hold my very first baby, Rosanne. I remember going over for breakfast on a regular basis on weekends when Jose made his famous dish which we affectionately named "Diarrhea". When I came back to the United States and wanted to start my own life, they took me in to live with them for a while and helped me find my first job. We adopted each other as family, bonded by a love for each other that is immeasurable. Over the years, we saw the family grow through weddings and more babies & making more memories. We also went through great sadness and many tears through the loss of Jose, my parents, brother, and several other family members in both of our families.

*The Lopez family is a Christian family and the very definition of the word "family", all of them with great big, loving hearts.*

*I am deeply saddened by the loss you and your family are going through and would like to offer my most Heartfelt Condolences. May God bless and comfort you and your family during this time of grief and give you much needed strength.*

*Rest in Peace dear Rosie, Mom, and may God keep you in His care.*

*There are no goodbyes. Wherever you'll be, you'll be in my heart.*

*With all of my love - Elfi*

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**Elfriede Stockl** - September 01, 2022 at 08:41 AM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Rose Mary Lopez.*

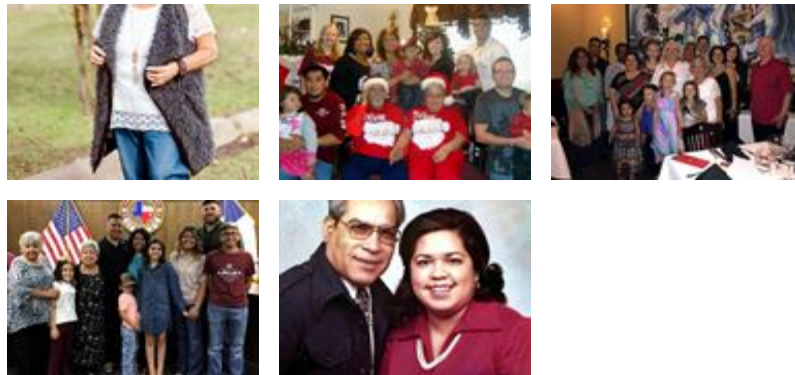


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August 31, 2022 at 10:54 PM



“ *77 files added to the album LifeTributes*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - August 31, 2022 at 04:14 PM

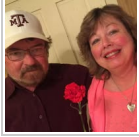


“ *From Gloria Ann, Mary & Aunt Gloria purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rose Mary Lopez.*



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**From Gloria Ann, Mary & Aunt Gloria** - August 30, 2022 at 09:27 AM



“ So sorry for your loss.

*Love, David, Carol and Christopher Schulz*



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**David Alfred Schulz** - August 29, 2022 at 02:07 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Rose Mary Lopez.*



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August 29, 2022 at 12:35 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rose Mary Lopez.*



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August 29, 2022 at 04:23 AM



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rose Mary Lopez.*



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August 27, 2022 at 12:07 AM

PO

“ To define Motherhood is to know Rosie and in simple words love and prayers was present in the home and around the table but walking through the door you felt like family with her entire family. Knowing this family since 1972, I know she raised her sons to be fathers like their Father. Her daughters had a role model like no other. The last few years were difficult due to illness but not once did these children forget to bring her with them. God Be with each of you.

Pat Oldham - August 26, 2022 at 07:48 PM

RL

Thank You Ms. Pat you were such a special friend to mama and the family. Always so sweet and caring. Such a blessing to have you in her life. Love you 🥰

Rosanne Lopez - August 28, 2022 at 01:45 PM

JL

Pat, thank you for your kind words. Mom was blessed to have you as a friend in her life. Love you.

Joseph Lopez - August 28, 2022 at 08:53 PM

CS

“ Cheryl Friedrich Iselt Sanders lit a candle in memory of Rose Mary Lopez



Cheryl Friedrich Iselt Sanders - August 25, 2022 at 07:32 PM

RS

“ You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Rebecca Sherrill - August 25, 2022 at 07:10 PM

ML

“ I was so happy to see Mrs. Lopez last year. I hadn't seen her in years. Always with that beautiful smile. Rest in peace Mrs. Lopez.

Mary Lozano - August 25, 2022 at 06:15 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Rose Mary Lopez.



August 24, 2022 at 08:33 PM

CN

“ Our sincere sympathy to the entire Lopez family. Rosie was the first person to welcome me to St. Margaret's 35 years ago! She was a kind, smart, beautiful, and wonderful friend. Her smile lit up the room and we've been missing it so much already. She and Joe raised a great Christian family and her legacy will live on through them. She was an inspiration and we feel blessed having been a part of her life. May God bless and guide each of you through this difficult time. You have our deepest sympathy.  
~ Terry and Cindy Namken



Cindy Namken - August 24, 2022 at 07:40 AM