



Maria Elma Velasquez

December 25, 1946 - June 14, 2025

Maria Elma Velasquez, 78, of Kingsville, Texas passed away on June 14, 2025, in Corpus Christi, Texas.

She was born on December 25, 1946, in Kingsville, Texas to Maximo and Inez Martinez.

She was a devoted and compassionate soul, a retired nurse whose caring nature extended far beyond her years of service. As a loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, she was the heart of her family—steadfast, nurturing, and always there with open arms and a warm meal. Her home was a sanctuary of comfort, laughter, and the kind of cooking that brought everyone to the table and kept them coming back.

Her greatest joy was her family. She adored her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, each one holding a special place in her heart. Her love was generous and unwavering, a constant presence in the lives she touched.

She shared an unbreakable bond with her beloved cousin, Pitsy Gonzalez. More than just family, they were lifelong companions—inseparable in spirit and in life. They leaned on each other through every season, offering love, laughter, and mutual care that endured through the years.

She also found peace and joy near the water. Whether watching the waves or spending time outdoors, the water was where she felt most free and at ease. Her legacy lives on in the hearts of those who knew and loved her.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Melquiades Velasquez Jr.; and one son, Luis Orlando Velasquez.

Survivors include one daughter, Lisa (Steve) Pautzke of Kingsville; two sons, Romeo Raul (Lebby) Velasquez of Kingsville and Miguel Eduardo Velasquez of Kingsville; seven grandchildren, Jenna, Josh, Zac, Alyssa, Jace, Tatiana, and Alex; eighteen great-

grandchildren; numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews; and her beloved fur baby Honey Lou.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. at Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home, with a Rosary at 9:30 a.m.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Martin Catholic Church with Father Alfredo Villarreal officiating.

Burial will follow at Santa Gertrudis Memorial Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Santa Gertrudis Memorial Cemetery

835 W Caesar Ave
Kingsville, TX 78363

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 26. 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home
230 East Ella Avenue
Kingsville, TX 78363
(361) 592-2413

Rosary

JUN 26. 9:30 AM (CT)

Ramirez-Salinas Funeral Home
230 East Ella Avenue
Kingsville, TX 78363
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Funeral Mass

JUN 26. 11:00 AM (CT)

St Martin Catholic Church
715 N 8th St
Kingsville, TX 78363-4515
(361) 592-4602

Tribute Wall

MG

“ One of my most cherished memories of my aunt was how she always made us feel like one of her own. As dad’s younger sister, she was more than just family—she was a constant light in our lives. Her warmth, humor, and unconditional love will always be a part of me. Love you Tia Elma. Say hello to Wela and daddy for me.



Maggie Martinez Garcia - June 25, 2025 at 10:04 PM

LP

“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa Pautzke - June 24, 2025 at 11:05 PM

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“ 9 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa Pautzke - June 24, 2025 at 11:04 PM

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“ 36 files added to the tribute wall



Lisa Pautzke - June 24, 2025 at 12:54 PM

BF

“ Bobby Favela purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Maria Elma Velasquez.



Bobby Favela - June 23, 2025 at 10:40 PM

MF

“ Mary & Chico Favela purchased the *Divine Peace Bouquet* for the family of Maria Elma Velasquez.



Mary & Chico Favela - June 23, 2025 at 10:33 PM

TF

“ The Hibler Family purchased the *Rainbow Of Remembrance* S pray for the family of Maria Elma Velasquez.



The Hibler Family - June 20, 2025 at 04:50 PM

DM

“ Elma was my favorite customer here at Pronto Insurance. I often would get into trouble because we were on the phone longer then should be when she would call and make her payment. She would often laugh and call me Linda. She said Linda was her best friend since childhood, who already has passed herself, she would correct herself and call me by my name, however I didn't mind the Linda reference cause I could hear the smile in her voice for a split second it would take her back. She sometimes would cry cause she deeply missed her husband. She spoke of her grandson whom she loved deeply. And her son Michael for always getting after her for something or another LOL. She knew that she was not going to be here much longer and she was ready with Jesus in her heart. I attached one of my favorite text messages between her and I. My heart is overfilled for having her for the little time I knew her. I am sure she is dancing with her husband in HEAVEN now. BUT I SURE WILL MISS HER EVERY MONTH SHE DOESN'T CALL ME!!!

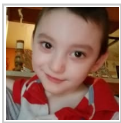


diane moore - June 18, 2025 at 08:28 PM

KM

“ I'm her bayou son she called me. I tried to make a point to call or message her for Mother's Day and her Birthday. She was a very sweet soul. Take your rest Mother, I shall remember you always. Love you, your bayou son. ❤️

Kelvin McKay - June 18, 2025 at 07:23 PM



Kelvin, my brother, Mom loved you so much! She enjoyed cooking for you when you would visit. I remember the last visit you had with her (us). She was so Happy to see you, since we hadn't seen you in a a good while. She would say, "I wonder what my Bayou Son is up to? He hasn't called." She will be watching over you, so you better behave. I love you, Kelvin. Just because Mommy is no longer here, don't be a stranger! We will Forever be Family! 💔

Lisa Stone-Pautzke - June 19, 2025 at 05:15 PM