



Melba Rodriguez

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With profound sadness, we announce the passing of Melba Rodriguez, our loving and devoted mother, grandmother, sister, and friend to many. She passed away in her home surrounded by loved ones on July 9, 2022. She was born on July 19, 1949 in Raymondville, Texas to Jose and Carlota Castaneda. Melba married her love at first sight, Robert Rodriguez, in January 1975 who preceded her in death in July 2019. Melba knew Robert would be her husband the moment she saw his picture and after being diagnosed with stage 4 metastatic pancreatic cancer her silver lining was that soon she would be reunited with her true love again. She is survived by her two children Timothy Rodriguez and Stephanie Hill; and five grandchildren; Makayla Rodriguez, Shelby Rodriguez-Edwards, Elyana Hill, Mila Rodriguez, and Brian (Cash) Rodriguez; siblings Anita Castaneda, Minerva Pool, Margarita Clark, Danny Castaneda, Javier Castaneda, Jaime Castaneda, David Castaneda, and Gilbert Castaneda. She is preceded in death by her parents Jose and Carlota Castaneda; husband Robert Rodriguez; brother Jose Castaneda.

Melba dedicated over 40 years of her life to students as a bilingual teacher at Fort Worth,

Tatum, and Longview ISD. She touched the lives of many students throughout her time as an

educator and loved her profession even after her retirement. She was the most reliable and

caring person towards the people in her life and would shower everyone with unconditional love

and compassion. She had the greenest thumb and was capable of making any plant flourish in

her presence, never failed to win a scratch off ticket, and was the queen of the game



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network, always solving the puzzles before the actual contestants. We will spend everyday

missing her laugh, smile, and loving heart until we are reunited with her again.

We would like to thank the Tatum Medical Clinic healthcare team for all of their wonderful care

and support. Family and friends are invited to St. Mary's Catholic Church in Longview, TX with

Father Dower at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 14, 2022. Burial to follow at Danville Cemetery in


Kilgore, TX.




Events

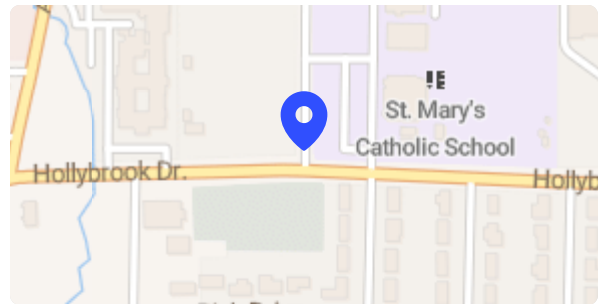
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Rosary


 **Thursday**, July 14, 2022


 10:00 AM CT

 **St. Mary's Catholic Church**
2108 Ridgewood, Longview TX

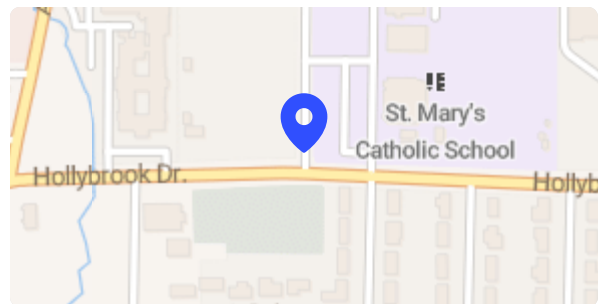


Mass of Christian Burial

 **Thursday**, July 14, 2022

 10:30 AM CT

 **St. Mary's Catholic Church**
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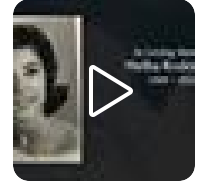


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Rader Funeral Home shared a **Video**.



July 13 at 9:23 AM



Santos Valverde July 14 at 10:52 AM

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Patricia Pelham July 13 at 1:28 PM

I am truly sorry to hear this, Melba was one of the sweetest women I've ever known. My deepest sympathy and condolences to the family.



Anonymous sent a Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet to the Rodriguez family.



July 13 at 2:41 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Light to the Rodriguez family.



July 13 at 8:42 AM



Anonymous sent an Enchanted Cottage to the Rodriguez family.



July 13 at 7:57 AM



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Anonymous sent an Arrive in Style to the Rodriguez family.

July 12 at 10:06 AM



Anonymous sent a Large Basket Garden to the Rodriguez family.

July 12 at 9:19 AM





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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Melba by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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