



Delfina Cuellar Whitwell

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Delfina Cuellar Whitwell was born on December 23, 1949, to Arthur and Claudia Cuellar.

She passed away peacefully on August 7, 2025.

Born and raised in Dallas, Delfina was part of the El Chico Mexican Restaurant Family. After coming to Longview, Delfina worked for Longview ISD and spent many years working at the Gregg County Courthouse while also spending time as a legal assistant at the Holmes-Moore Law Firm.

Delfina was the proud mother of Matthew Smith and stepmother of Scott Whitwell, and she dearly loved her grandchildren- Rachael, Alexander, Mason, Hadley, and Ada. After marrying Gary Whitwell, she was a beloved fixture at many school events of the schools Gary led. She often said dinner and a show with Gary meant a ball game and a hotdog from the concession stand.

She got to know and help many of Gary's students with words of encouragement and sugar cookies. Delfina was loyal and supportive of her many friends, and she especially loved her church family at Trinity Episcopal Church.

Delfina bravely battled multiple health issues for many years. The family extends their deepest thanks to Lynne Abernathy, Janis Canion, Judy Ingram, and Steve Lindsey for their steadfast love and support of Delfina and to the incredibly caring staff of Hospice of East Texas.

Funeral Services will be at 11:00am, at Trinity Episcopal Church on Saturday, August 16, 2025. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Trinity School of Texas, or East Texas CASA.



Events


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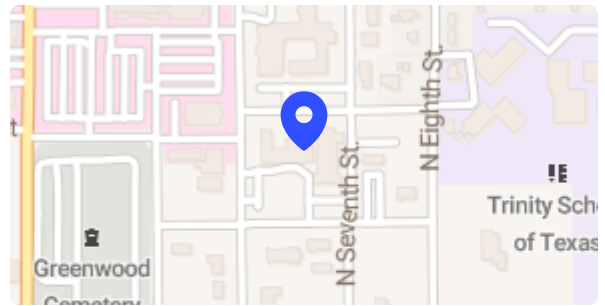
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Funeral Service

 **Saturday**, August 16, 2025

 11:00 AM CT

 **Trinity Episcopal Church**
906 Padon St, Longview Texas 75601





Tribute Wall

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PM

Pat Modisett posted:

It is much sorrow to my heart hearing about the death of my good friend Delfina. She was clearly one of a kind. Dave and I have known her for over 40 years. We watched Matthew grow up from around 3 years old. She was beautiful, smart and a true friend. She will be sorely missed but she is in heaven now, looking down on her family and no longer in pain. Delfina, may you rest in peace.

August 15 at 7:23 PM

QB

Queen Bell posted:

Delfina was loving , funny, caring and loved by everyone. She loved her family deeply. To Gary , Mathew and grandchildren my deepest respect and sadness. Queen Shaw -Bell Longview/ Dallas ,Texas

August 15 at 1:44 PM

BJ

Barbara Jackson posted:

Matthew,So sorry for the loss of your sweet Mother. Prayers for your family.Barbara Jackson

August 15 at 10:13 AM



Anonymous planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Delfina.



August 15 at 7:58 AM

JC

Janis Canion posted:

Delfina was smart, fun, beautiful, and loyal! She cared deeply for others and genuinely enjoyed making their lives better by generously sharing her time and many talents. Gary's devoted care for her during her recent health challenges brought her comfort and reassurance as she bravely confronted those challenges. I will never forget the unfailing help Gary and Delfina provided during Donnie's long illness. We shared many wonderful meals and even travel, and the times were always better and easier for us both because of their friendship. Delfina will be missed.

August 13 at 8:15 AM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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