



Dolores E. Silva

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Dolores E. Silva, 87, of Aurora, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, at home surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on September 15, 1938, in Carrizo Springs, Texas, the daughter of Benito Esquivel and Hortencia Ramirez. On April 26, 1957, Dolores was united in marriage to the late Juan Manuel Silva, Sr. Together they shared 39 wonderful years, building a home filled with love, faith, and family.

Guided by her strong faith, Dolores raised her family with the values of love, devotion, and unity. She lived as an example of God's mission, and through her strength and grace, she became the heart of the family. Known affectionately as Doña Dolores, she was a longtime member of New Song Community Church in Aurora (formerly San Pablo Church).

Family was at the very heart of Dolores' life. She truly adored her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren—her greatest joy came from simply being in their presence. Her face would light up when the little ones filled the room, and she thrived on the laughter, energy, and love of her family. She poured her heart into making every holiday and gathering special, creating

treasured traditions that will be passed down for generations.

Dolores found joy in the simple yet meaningful things in life: cooking for her family, creating personalized pumpkins, nativity sets, and ornaments that became cherished keepsakes. She had a passion for gardening and loved reading romantic novels. In her later years, she especially enjoyed Hallmark movies, always with popcorn and a sweet treat in hand.

She is survived by her four children: Mary Jane Rodriguez, Juan Manuel Silva Jr. (Luz), Judy Salazar (Elias), and Edward Silva (Dora); 15 grandchildren: Amy Navar (Andy), Amber Hooper (Mike), Adriana "Woody" Navar, Francisco Orozco, Jaime Flores, Eddie Silva Jr (Kati), Andrew Orozco (Adrianna), Jesse Rodriguez (Alyssa), Ryann Zapata (Angel), Alex Rodriguez (Nallely), Allyson Fragoso (Samuel), Marisa, Lori, Johnnie and Christy Silva; 18 great-grandchildren: Mikey & Ethan Hooper, Yuvia & Lily Castellanos, Gabriella Tews, Jayden Gamble, A.J., Alyvia & Alexandria Orozco, Frankie Jr. & Keilani Orozco, Amelia & Alessia Zapata, Penelope & Ezekiel Silva, Jasper Wisniewski, Dominic & Aiden Rodriguez, and two great-grandchildren soon to be welcomed into the family.

Those blessed to know Dolores will always remember her compassion, her unwavering commitment to family, and the warmth of her smile and laughter. She now joins in heaven her beloved husband, Juan Manuel, and her daughter, Cynthia Flores (Jose), who preceded her in death. May she find peace and everlasting love in the presence of our Lord.

Her legacy of faith, love, and family will live on through all who were blessed to know her.

Services:

Visitation will be held at New Song Community Church in Aurora on Monday,

September 29, 2025, from 3:00–8:00 p.m., with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. Funeral Mass will take place at New Song Community Church on Tuesday, September 30, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. with burial to follow.

Cemetery Details

Lincoln Memorial Park

675 Route 30
Aurora, IL 60503

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

New Song Community Church
2858 Hafenrichter Rd
Aurora, IL 60503

Funeral Service

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ It is an honor and a blessing to have meet Dolores, she was a second grandmother to me and my children. I have many memories of her. May her spirit and light live on through her family. May The peace and love of The Lord surround your family during this time

Lindsey Cook

Lindsey Cook - September 29, 2025 at 08:33 PM



SS

“ Nuestro mas sentido pésame y pronta resignación, que los recuerdos y el amor de mi Tía Lolita nos brinden consuelo y fuerza en estos momentos. Siempre recuerdo a nuestra tía con mucho cariño y gratitud por todo lo que nos brindó. Su recuerdo vivirá por siempre en nuestros corazones, fuerte abrazo a toda la familia ! Checo Silva

Sergio Silva - September 29, 2025 at 04:49 PM



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“ I was so heartbroken to hear about my Tia's passing. She was such a kind and loving presence in our family, and I will always treasure the memories we shared. Please know that I'm keeping you all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. If there's anything I can do to support you, I'm here.

Maria D Navarro - September 29, 2025 at 01:37 PM





“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dolores E. Silva.*



September 29, 2025 at 09:56 AM



“ *Nic Gomez purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Dolores E. Silva.*



Nic Gomez - September 29, 2025 at 04:38 AM



“ *Pedimos a Dios por el Alma de nuestra Querida Tía Lolita , nos unimos en oración por su eterno descanso y el consuelo para sus hijos , nietos y demás familiares les enviamos un abrazo fraterno*



Nora y Jorge Rangel

Jorge Rangel - September 29, 2025 at 01:57 AM

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“ Queridos Primos les enviamos nuestras condolencias por la partida de su Amada Madre , nuestra querida Tía Lolita, la cual siempre tendrá un lugar muy especial en nuestros corazones , recuerdos hermosos e inolvidables de nuestra infancia junto a ella.



-Isabel , Fernando, Sergio y Nora Silva Alemán

Nora Silva - September 29, 2025 at 12:31 AM

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“ Chuck & Tammy Sherer purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Dolores E. Silva.



Chuck & Tammy Sherer - September 27, 2025 at 02:29 PM

MP

“ Minga P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dolores E. Silva.

Minga P. - September 26, 2025 at 08:20 PM