



Dora Teresa Martinez

November 23, 1940 - March 27, 2019

Dora Teresa Martinez passed away peacefully in Houston on March 27, 2019 of pancreatic cancer at the age of 78. She was born in Mexico City on November 23, 1940 to Pedro Guillermo Sanchez-Mejorada and Dora Elena Corral.

Dora married Oscar F. Martinez on November 18, 1961 in Monterrey Mexico. They were happily married for 57-years. At the age of 42, she immigrated to Houston, Texas with her husband and children.

Dora loved the beauty of nature, always looking for a special moment brought to her by animals, birds, the romance of a sunset or the promise of a sunrise. She took her love of nature to her homes, always building remarkable oases in her gardens with a magical green touch. In her ideal day, she would take a long walk down the beach, build a sand castle with her children or grandchildren, enjoy the crashing waves and feast on fabulous food. Dora loved to travel and was fluent in Spanish, English and French. She dabbled in Italian.

Dora was a remarkable hostess, always welcoming her guests with her delightful cooking. She was a tireless employee in her various jobs, most recently as office manager of a dental office. She brought order to her life and the life of those around her. She befriended many in her retirement community

of Eagle's Trace, challenging many of them with "Dora's Water Aerobics". She leaves behind walls filled with the art she created throughout her life, imprints of her radiant smile, joyful laughter and too many memories to list. Simply said, Dora touched thousands of lives and was loved by all.

She is preceded in death by her father and mother. Dora is survived by her husband, Oscar F. Martinez, her son Oscar Andres Martinez, her daughter, Dora Beatriz Patout and her daughter's husband, Rivers Aristide Patout IV. She is also survived by her loving grandchildren, Gabriel, Nathan and Peter Martinez and Rivers V and Claire Patout. Dora is also survived by her brother Pedro Andres Sanchez-Mejorada, his wife, Maria Teresa Muñoz, loving cousins and numerous nephews and nieces.

The Martinez family will be present to receive friends on Sunday, March 31, 2019 from 6:00 until 8:00 pm with a Rosary at 7:00 pm at Dettling Funeral Home, 14094 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77079. A Funeral Mass will take place Monday, April 1, 2019 at 10:30 am at St. John Vianney Catholic Church, 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail, Houston, Texas 77079. A reception will follow Holy Mass on the church campus. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation in Dora's memory to the Lustgarten Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research at <https://www.lustgarten.org/>.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Dettling Funeral Home
14094 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-2121
david@dettlingfuneral.com

Rosary

MAR 31. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

APR 1. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Reception

APR 1 (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dora Teresa Martinez*

October 08, 2023 at 10:52 AM



“ *Dora Teresa Martinez*

October 06, 2023 at 01:12 AM



“ *Dora Teresa Martinez*

October 05, 2023 at 09:45 AM



“ *Dora Teresa Martinez*

October 05, 2023 at 01:54 AM



“ *Dora was one of my first water aerobic teachers at the Weekly YMCA. I always enjoyed the lessons and enjoyed talking to both Dora and her husband, Oscar. She was a warm and friendly person and I thoroughly enjoyed the conversations we had. I thought she had one of the most beautiful smiles I ever saw. I am so sorry to hear that she passed away--the world is a lesser place without her. My deepest condolences to Oscar and the other members of Dora's family. Dora will be missed.*

Sandra Rackley - May 14, 2019 at 01:04 PM



“ Mom loved the beach, especially with her grandsons.

A mamá le encantaba la playa, sobretodo con sus nietos.



Oscar Martinez - April 16, 2019 at 09:29 PM



“ We who knew Dora at Family YMCA only received the notice of her passing this week. I’m sorry we missed the service. Dora was everything you said she was in the obit. We have very happy memories and will miss her. We regret not keeping in better contact when they moved to Eagles Trace. Love and best wishes to Oscar and family. Les and Hazel

Les and Hazel Switzer - April 12, 2019 at 08:52 PM



Thank you so much for your kind words, Les and Hazel

Oscar Martinez - April 16, 2019 at 09:29 PM



“ We loved Dora at the YMCA water aerobics group, just learning of her passing. She brought joy to many of us and was a significant part of our health and wellness for years while she taught us. May she rest in peace. Keeping her, Oscar and the family in our prayers.



Nazy Meighan - April 10, 2019 at 10:57 PM



Dora's smile and loving warm personality will be missed by many. So glad to have known her. Oscar, my thoughts and prayers are with you.
Lynda Haulenbeek (water aerobics at the Y)

Lynda - April 10, 2019 at 11:20 PM



Thank you so much for your kind comment. Mom was a wonderful woman and her energy filled every pool she ever touched. She was so proud that she taught her grandkids how to swim!
Sincerely, Oscar III

Oscar Martinez - April 16, 2019 at 09:35 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Dora Teresa Martinez.*



March 30, 2019 at 03:12 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Dora Teresa Martinez.*



March 30, 2019 at 02:00 PM



“ 64 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Detting Funeral Home - March 29, 2019 at 02:22 PM



“ *Glorious Grace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *Dora Teresa Martinez*.



March 28, 2019 at 10:57 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket* was purchased for the family of *Dora Teresa Martinez*.



March 28, 2019 at 10:18 PM



“ 55 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Dettling Funeral Home - March 28, 2019 at 05:21 PM

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Con mucho cariño reciban mi abrazo de consuelo a toda la familia y mis oraciones por el descanso eterno de Dora.

Rossi Rodriguez Contreras - March 29, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ 43 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Dettling Funeral Home - March 28, 2019 at 02:32 PM