



Hilaria "Lala" Benavidez

October 21, 1933 - March 14, 2019

Hilaria "Lala" Coy Benavidez, 85, of El Campo, passed away on Thursday, March 14, 2019. She was surrounded by her family when she passed.

Lala was born to Juan and Maria Hanson Coy on October 21, 1933 in St. Paul, Texas. She is also the grand-daughter of the late Texas Ranger Captain William M. Hanson and a descendent of the late Texas Ranger Antonio Clemente Coy.

Lala graduated from El Campo High School in 1955 and worked part-time for Zlotnik's clothing store in El Campo. On June 7, 1959, Lala married her sweetheart Roy Perez Benavidez at St. Robert Bellarmine's Catholic Church. While Roy was on active duty in the US Army, they lived in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Fort Devins, Massachusetts, Fort Riley, Kansas and Fort Sam Houston, Texas. When Roy retired from the US Army in September of 1976, they returned to El Campo to raise their three children.

Lala enjoyed cooking, gardening, playing horseshoes, croquet and bingo. Most of all she enjoyed spending time with all her grandchildren. She taught them the joys of playing board games, jacks, puzzles, cards, dominoes, and Mexican bingo. Her slumber parties with the grand kids were always fun and the highlight of their childhood. She took pride in being a grandmother and forever creating memories with them.

Lala is survived by her three children Denise (Stan) Prochazka, Yvette (Rene) Garcia and Noel (Andrea) Benavidez all of El Campo and eight grandchildren; Ben, Andrew, and Joe Prochazka; Ryan and Morgan Garcia; Matthew, Jordan and Nicholas Benavidez. She is also survived by her older sister Demetria "Dee" Cisneros of Indio, California. She is preceded in death by her husband Roy; and siblings Guadalupe "Lupe" Coy, Herminia "Minnie" Coy, Henriqueta "Queta" Saucedo, Matilda "Mata" Arredondo, Manuel Coy, Joe Coy, Maria Coy, Amelia Coy, Lionel Coy and Romeo Coy, Sr.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Tuesday, March 19 at Triska Funeral Home with Rosary recited at 6 p.m. Funeral Mass begins 10 a.m. Wednesday, March 20 at St. Robert's Catholic Church. Graveside services begin 9:30 a.m. Thursday, March 21 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio.

Pallbearers will be Abel Coy of Baytown, Roel Coy of Baytown, Bart Arredondo of El Campo, Ricky Benavidez of Lake Jackson, David Benavidez of Richmond and Daniel Benavidez of Pearland.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in memory of Lala Benavidez to Houston Hospice of El Campo, St. Robert Bellarmine's Catholic Church Endowment Fund or the Roy P. Benavidez Scholarship Fund at El Campo High School.

Triska Funeral Home, El Campo, 979-543-3681

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 19. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Triska Funeral Home
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Rosary

MAR 19. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

MAR 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Robert's Catholic Church
512 Tegner St
El Campo, TX 77437

Graveside Service

MAR 21. 9:30 AM (CT)

Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery
1520 Harry Wurzbach Rd.
San Antonio, TX 78209

Tribute Wall

SC

“Of all my aunts, Tia Lala reminded me most of my mother, her older sister. Tia Lala was a kind woman who always treated her nieces and nephews with kindness and love. Though we didn't spend nearly enough time together with her, Uncle Roy, Denise, Noel, and Yvette, I felt a closeness because of our blood relation and because of the lifestyles that we lived--military.

I want to share a poem in regards to my aunt's passing. These words are comforting to me when I think about people whom I know and care about leaving this world.

Holy Sonnets: Death, be not proud

BY JOHN DONNE

*Death, be not proud, though some have called thee
Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so;
For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow
Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me.
From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be,
Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow,
And soonest our best men with thee do go,
Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery.
Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men,
And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell,
And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well
And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then?
One short sleep past, we wake eternally
And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.*

Rest in Peace, Tia Lala.

Samuel Cisneros - March 22, 2019 at 05:37 PM

TB

“ I'll will miss my beautiful friend in this life. Her journey to Heaven was filled with many pitfalls which she handled with grace and strength. God welcomed her with open arms reflecting a life well lived. Her reunion with so much family was surely joyous for all with much singing and dancing. Family left here will be comforted by their faith in the Holy Father's mercy and goodness. Prayers lifted up for you who will miss her until we meet again.

Toodie Brady - March 21, 2019 at 01:20 PM



She is now reunited again with her husband...

Fernando Adventius - August 03, 2019 at 11:16 PM

DM

“ *Lala, your gentle smile and quiet grace are something I will always remember. Thank you for everything you brought and meant in my growing up. God be with you, say 'hi' to everyone we know and remember fondly. Diana Miranda Reyna a.k.a. Diris*

D Miranda - March 20, 2019 at 11:42 PM

CM

“ A special message to Denise, Yvette and Noel from Catherine Marcha-Bisson and the Marcha family. We are all very sorry to learn of Lala's passing. My Dad Amador in SA Tx contacted me as I live in France. Your parents were very special friends to my parents, going back to Ft Bragg, NC. To this day I have fond tender memories of how Lala was a kind, gentle, patient and loving woman. As we children grew older and our military families moved about, she never forgot my Bday and would reach out regularly to me/us - she made me feel "special" by her gestures towards me. I like to imagine her now with my Mom Carmen up in heaven catchiing up over a cup of coffee. May she rest now, along with your Dad Roy <3. We wish you all strength during this difficult time and send our sincere love across the miles.

Catherine Marcha-Bisson - March 20, 2019 at 08:09 PM

RG

“ Ruben Gonzalez purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Hilaria "Lala" Benavidez.



Ruben Gonzalez - March 19, 2019 at 09:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Hilaria "Lala" Benavidez.



March 19, 2019 at 01:54 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hilaria "Lala" Benavidez.



March 18, 2019 at 10:01 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hilaria "Lala" Benavidez.



March 18, 2019 at 07:08 PM



“ Deepest sympathy to the Benavidez Family in the loss of their mother, grandmother and sister.

Paul & Vickie Holub



Vickie Holub - March 18, 2019 at 12:03 PM



“ To The Benavidez Family: Sincere condolences for the loss of your Mom. May your God forever be with her, your Dad and your family.

*Ranger Sgt R. E. Foti
RVN 9/68-6/70
SOA #672-GA*

Robert Foti - March 17, 2019 at 08:58 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Hilaria "Lala" Benavidez.



March 17, 2019 at 01:08 PM



“ Linda Kram sent a virtual gift in memory of Hilaria "Lala" Benavidez



Linda Kram - March 17, 2019 at 02:34 AM

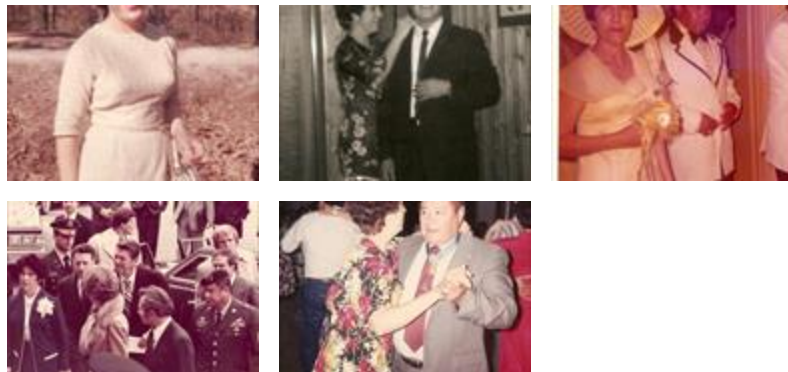


My prayers are with you & your family. May your Mother Rest In Peace with your Dad. So sorry for your loss. Love, Linda & Ken

Linda Kram - March 17, 2019 at 02:37 AM



“ 14 files added to the album Memories Album



Noel Benavidez - March 16, 2019 at 05:48 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Hilaria "Lala" Benavidez.*



March 16, 2019 at 05:01 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Hilaria "Lala" Benavidez.*



March 16, 2019 at 03:06 PM



“ *Tom and Irene Carter and Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Hilaria "Lala" Benavidez.*



Tom and Irene Carter and Family - March 16, 2019 at 02:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Hilaria "Lala" Benavidez.*



March 16, 2019 at 01:43 PM

EC

“ Elaine Cook lit a candle in memory of Hilaria "Lala" Benavidez



Elaine Cook - March 16, 2019 at 12:29 AM

II

Our most sincere condolences to all the family . We live in South Dakota and unable to attend Lala's Services but our prayers and thoughts are with you. Isa Urrea Izaguirre

isa U Izaguirre - March 16, 2019 at 03:33 AM

DP

Thank you!

Denise Prochazka - March 16, 2019 at 11:08 AM

EB

Sending prayers for all from Heath, Emily, Chloe, and Connor Bush

Emily Bush - March 19, 2019 at 03:07 PM

IG

“ Prayers for all from the Gauna family.

Isaac Gauna - March 15, 2019 at 10:12 PM

RQ

“ Mrs. B, the memories I have of you are priceless. Eternal rest and happiness.

Rebecca Quintero - March 15, 2019 at 09:11 PM

JD

“ *Hilaria Benavidez was extremely gracious in loaning the Medal of Honor that her husband, Roy Benavidez, earned for his heroic actions in Vietnam in 1968 to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library for their display on American heroes. Everyone at the Reagan Library and Reagan Foundation send their thoughts and prayers to the Benavidez Family during this very difficult time.*

Joanne Drake - March 15, 2019 at 07:29 PM

DP

Thank you. We felt that it is only natural to have Dad's Medal placed on view at the library that honors a great and very nice man.

Denise Prochazka - March 15, 2019 at 08:24 PM

NB

Joanna, thank you for your kind words.

Noel Benavidez - March 15, 2019 at 11:29 PM

GJ

As a nephew...I have many fond memories of Aunt Lala & Uncle Roy...my Love to Noel, Denise & Yvette and families...Gene Benavidez Jr.

GENE BENAVIDEZ JR. - March 16, 2019 at 09:42 AM

EB

My condolences to all the Benavidez family. It's often been said, behind every great man is an even greater woman... from hearing the stories of your family, and the love your father had for your mom, I know this to be true. I can imagine the two of them embracing in heaven and reflecting proudly upon all of you for the lives you've lived, and the Legacy you've upheld. Rest In Peace Lala...

eric blehm - March 16, 2019 at 04:27 PM

DP

Thanks Eric. She really enjoyed visiting with you.

Denise Prochazka - March 16, 2019 at 07:03 PM