



## Margaret L. Olivares

April 17, 1946 - June 11, 2025

Margaret Olivares completed her earthly journey and entered heaven on Wednesday, June 11, 2025. She passed away peacefully at her home in Montgomery, Texas, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born April 17, 1946, in Robstown, Texas, Margaret grew up in a family of migrant farmers. She graduated from Del Valle High School in Austin in 1965. Following high school she began working for the Internal Revenue Service in Austin, later becoming one of the first female Managers in her field.

On March 8, 1969, Margaret married Alfonso Olivares in Austin. Together they built a life rooted in faith, love, and service, spending most of their years in the Greater Houston area and later Montgomery. They were married for 52 years before Alfonso's sudden passing in July of 2020.

A lifelong woman of faith, Margaret was a pillar in every church she attended. She served as a Bible study leader and bilingual prison chaplain in Conroe, ministering to others with grace and compassion. As a member of North Shore Church, she was involved in the ladies sewing ministry and prayer group. She was also an active member of The Bentwater Ladies Organization.

She is survived by her daughter, Erika Sumner and son-in-law Randy Sumner; her son, Curtis Olivares; and her beloved grandchildren: Reid, Chloe, and

Skylar Sumner, and Raquel and Sophie Olivares. She also leaves behind her brothers: Esequiel, Benjamin, Tony, and Elias and his wife Norma Lucio; her brother-in-law, Ramiro Olivares; and her sisters-in-law: Ignacia Olivares, Eva and her husband Daniel Leija, and Noemi Castillo along with numerous other extended family members.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Loida, Diamantina, Glafira, and Eunice; and her brothers, Eliseo, Daniel, Samuel, and Eleazar and numerous other family members.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 17, at Houston National Cemetery. A memorial service to honor her life will take place Saturday, August 2, 2025 at North Shore Church.

In lieu of flowers, Margaret requested that charitable gifts be made to support the education of her grandchildren, of whom she was especially proud.

# Cemetery Details

## Houston National Cemetery

10410 Veterans Memorial Dr  
Houston, TX 77038  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.asp>

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 17. 2:00 PM - 2:15 PM (CT)

Houston National Cemetery  
10410 Veterans Memorial Dr  
Houston, TX 77038  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.asp>

## Memorial Celebration

AUG 2 (CT)

North Shore Church  
18501 W FM 1097  
Montgomery, TX 77356

# Tribute Wall

VG

“ As a child I remember when my father and Aunt Margaret were together there was always laughter and family stories shared with such details that it was as if I were there too. I didn't really get to know my Aunt until adulthood and my move to Houston 14 years ago and I am grateful I had an opportunity to share our faith and phone chats when I really needed to be reminded of God's abundant love. I know her and my father are sitting up in heaven laughing and swapping those family stories.

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**Vanessa Galvan** - July 31, 2025 at 03:37 AM

EL

“ Margaret was my sister I was closest in age to, she was 6 years older than me. One of my most cherished memories is that Margaret had a big heart. As soon as she started working she made sure we had new clothes on the first day of school. My favorite all time shirt was one she bought me to wear the first day of 4th grade.

As adults, my fondest memory is the road trip we took to San Miguel de Allende. We laughed, talked and reminisced childhood stories and experiences.

Sis, I will miss you but I am thankful you are not in pain anymore.  
Your little brother, Eli

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**Eli** - June 17, 2025 at 10:06 PM

ES

“ *Our mom was a blessing to us. She was strong, witty and Godly. Her faith and trust in our Lord Jesus is what made her who she is and provides us comfort in her absence. I will miss our walks, talks and shopping trips together. I am grateful to have been blessed with such a loving mom. Glad she is with our Heavenly Father and my late father Al who has been awaiting her arrival since July of 2020.*

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**Erika Olivares Sumner** - June 16, 2025 at 08:59 PM