



Sylvia Barrera

September 9, 1949 - March 4, 2014

Sylvia Ann LaFargue Barrera, 64, completed her journey to Heaven on February 25, 2014 after a 17 month battle with Myelodysplastic Syndrome (MDS), a form of leukemia. She was born to the late Antonio Yanez LaFargue and the late Maria de la Luz Jimenez LaFargue on September 9, 1949 in San Antonio, TX. On May 30, 1970 she was married to her loving and adoring husband Charlie Barrera. For the last 35 years, they have lived in Conroe, TX, where they raised their two beautiful children. Upon graduating Magna Cum Laude from Sam Houston State University with a degree in Education, Sylvia went on to inspire young children as a bilingual kindergarten teacher at Neil Armstrong Elementary School in Conroe, TX. She retired after 20 years of service. Over the past 10 years she was able to achieve her greatest accomplishment of assisting her children with raising five amazing grandchildren. Her example and love will be with them for the rest of their lives. She is preceded in death by her parents Antonio Yanez LaFargue and Maria de la Luz Jimenez LaFargue and her brother Anthony (Tony) LaFargue. Sylvia leaves behind her husband Charlie Barrera; son David Barrera and his wife Juli; daughter Vanessa Barrera Leonard and her husband John; grandchildren Madgalene Rose Barrera, Mackenzie Jude Leonard, Lucy Grace Barrera, Jack Ryan Anthony Leonard, and Benjamin Michael Barrera; sister Mary Dolores Palomera and her husband Tim; sister-in-law Josephine LaFargue; mother-in-law Vera Barrera; brothers-in-law Hugo Barrera and Mike Barr, as well as countless nieces, nephews, and cousins. Visitation and

Rosary will be held at the Sam Houston Memorial Funeral home in Willis, TX on March 3 from 6-8 PM, and the funeral service will be March 4 at 1 PM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Conroe, TX. Sylvia's burial service will be conducted at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in San Antonio, TX on March 5 at 2 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that a donation be made to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, P. O. Box 1000, Dept 142, Memphis, TN 38148. Please reference Sylvia's name, Tribute account # 35469791. This was Sylvia's favorite charity. Condolences may be left at www.shmfh.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sylvia Barrera*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Charlie, David, Vanessa and family, so sorry to hear of Sylvia's passing. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Michelle & Larry Ellis - April 11, 2014 at 10:57 AM



“ *To Sylvia's family:
I taught with Sylvia for many years at Armstrong and always admired her sweet spirit and the love she had for her students. She always produced the most beautiful Cinco de Mayo programs each year in which the students were able to display pride in their customs and traditions. She will be greatly missed.
Marianne Kidd*

Marianne Kidd - March 07, 2014 at 01:40 PM



“ *My deepest condolences on your loss. I remember Sylvia from high school. She was such a nice person. May God bless you and your family.*

Carlos Barrera - March 06, 2014 at 08:31 PM

RG

“ To: The Barrera Family. I am sorry for your lost. There is hope for Sylvia. At John 11:25 where Jesus said: "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who exercises faith in me, even though he dies, will come to life; This Scripture shows that faith in the ransom sacrifice and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Gives hope for our love ones who have fallen asleep in death, they will come to life; To "a new earth that we are awaiting according to his (Jehovah God's) promise in these righteousness is to dwell - 2 Peter 3:13.

Rosemary Gaines - March 05, 2014 at 08:52 AM

LB

“ Dear Charlie and Family,

I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Sylvia. I didn't know her well but I remember the many calls I made to you to remind you of some training or that I needed you to cover an event and I would get Sylvia. She was so kind and pleasant. May God Bless you all during this very sad time.

*Love,
Loretta*

Loretta Blonstein - March 04, 2014 at 04:06 PM

AG

“ Vanessa, David, and Mr. Barrera, I am so sorry to hear about your mom/wife. My heart hurts for you. She was an incredible woman and I admired her greatly. I've always admired the marriage your parents shared, also; a true example of God's design. I am blessed to have known her. Although it has been many years since I have seen any of you, your family has had a lasting impact on my life. Thank you! You are in my prayers.

Alison Taylor Gonzales - March 03, 2014 at 09:28 PM

VL

“ Charlie, David & Family,
It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of your wife and mother. Pray that the good Lord will assuage your pain and bring you comfort and restoration in this time of loss.

Vince & Susan Liscano - March 03, 2014 at 05:09 PM

FL

“ Charlie, David & Juli, Vanessa and John
It is with great sadness Diane and I morn the loss of such a wonderfull friend. Sylvia was such a compassionate and caring person and dear friend and we will miss her very much. Words cannot adaquately express the loss you must feel now, but our fervent prayer is that she rests justified in the arms of the Son of God and is welcomed into that place with the Lord of Hosts, God the Father. We pray you will be consoled with the knowledge she is at peace and that you will find consolation within your family and through your deep faith.
All our Love
Frank and Diane Longo

Frank and Diane Longo - March 03, 2014 at 11:24 AM

AB

“ *I was so sorry to learn about the passing of Mrs. Barerra..I only met her once but my heart goes out to Charlie and David whom I knew well..God Bless and comfort this family..*

alice bonds-kocian - March 03, 2014 at 10:12 AM

NA

“ Our deepest condolences to Sylvia's husband and family. Although my husband and I never met Sylvia, we got to know her through Mary and Tim and of the great love they have for Sylvia and family. God Bless all of you and may God comfort you with His Peace and His Strength.

Norma & Luciano Arredondo - March 02, 2014 at 02:55 PM



“ *In Memoriam*

Sylvia Barrera 1949-2014

When I am gone, release me, let me go. You must not tie yourself to me with tears. Just be happy that we had so many years.

I thank you for the love each have shown, but now it's time I traveled alone.

So grieve a while for me, if grieve you must, then let your grief be comforted by trust.

It's only for a while that we must part, so bless the memories within your heart...

Though you can't see nor feel me, I'll be near, and if you listen with your heart, you'll hear my love around you, soft and clear...

So if you need me, call, and I will come... I won't be far away, for life goes on...

Sentimos mucho el fallecimiento de Sylvia. Palabras no pueden llenar el vacío que ustedes sienten en este momento.

Les damos nuestro más sentido pésame...

Namaste...

*Tony Kohlmann y Familia
Spring, Texas*

March 02, 2014 at 02:41 PM

PB

“ *Our sincere condolences to you your family. Hope to see you soon. Paul iii and family as well Dubelza and Delilah send their condolences.*

Paul and Raquel Buitron - March 01, 2014 at 09:07 PM

MG

“ *Sylvia was a lovely lady and wonderful teacher. I taught with her at Armstrong and enjoyed our friendship. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Blessings to you!*

Mavalene Green - March 01, 2014 at 10:06 AM

SF

“ *Charlie, David & Juli, Vanessa and John, I will truly miss Sylvia. She had such a kind and sweet demeanor, and I remember the joy she would have on her face when she laughed. She was such a steady presence in my life growing up, and I am so thankful for that. You all have been and will continue to be in our prayers. May The Lord comfort and strengthen you.*

Love,

Stacey and Dan French

Stacey French - February 28, 2014 at 10:51 PM

JC

“ Charlie,
I continue to pray that you and your wonderful family find peace and understanding in God's will. I hope that in time, He shows you that the joy, devotion, and love Sylvia brought to your family is far greater than the pain you feel now. Blessings to you all, and may God hold you in the palm of His hand as you mourn the loss of your love, Sylvia.

Julie Cowan - February 28, 2014 at 09:41 PM

JC

“ *We pray you'll all be blessed with the Lord's comfort and the love of family and friends at this difficult time. Words really can't express what a wonderful and special woman Sylvia was. Sylvia's first priority was to always be a loving and devoted wife to Charlie, mother to David and Vanessa, and grandmother to her five beloved little ones.*

We first met Sylvia in 1980, just prior to moving to Conroe. We raised our children together and shared a special bond. Over the years we've been fortunate to collect thousands of lovely memories of fun and happy times spent with Sylvia and her dear family....such as the Christmas Eves, New Year Eves, birthdays, swim meets, graduations, as well as the marriages of all our children. Sylvia truly cared about others and was always quick to share her affection and prayers. Our lives have been blessed and enriched by her loving and loyal friendship. We will miss her tremendously, but feel so very fortunate to have had her sweet presence in our lives for so many years!

Jim and Kathryn Crawford - February 28, 2014 at 04:19 PM

WV

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with each of you!*

Wendi Vann - February 28, 2014 at 02:04 PM

CH

“ *Our Deepest Condolences Charlie to you and Family. May you be surrounded by everlasting love, faith , family and friends .*
Cathi and Ron Hill

Cathi and Ron Hill - February 28, 2014 at 12:35 PM

RD

“ *Charlie, David, Vanessa, I can not begin to tell you how sad it makes us to hear of Sylvia's passing. What a wonderful, kind, and gentle soul.*

Ross Dupuis - February 28, 2014 at 10:01 AM

JG

“ *Dear Charlie,*
So sorry to hear about your Wife's passing, but you know I have strong faith in a wonderful afterlife, where families can be together forever.
Hope that helps comfort you.
We have had great experiences together through the years. Flying and playing tennis!
Best wishes and condolences from Renee and me.
Jim Green, Heber City, Utah

Jim Green - February 27, 2014 at 11:36 PM

CC

“ *Dear Charlie, David and Vanessa*
We are so sorry for your. Sylvia was such a wonderful and kind woman. God is with you in your sorrow as he was with you in your joy. May your memories and faith bring you comfort.
Keith and Cynthia Curtis

Cynthia Curtis - February 27, 2014 at 03:28 PM

BJ

“ Charlie, David, Vanessa, and all your wonderful Family...We are so saddened at the all too soon passing of Sylvia. She was so strong in her love for and pride in each of You. May the Lord bless and comfort You in the days ahead. We are so glad that we knew her as a wonderful Friend...

Brad & Mary Lynn Jordan - February 26, 2014 at 07:01 PM

MH

“ Sylvia was a great friend and will be missed dearly. David, she was so proud of the fine man you have become and loved Julie like her own daughter. Vanessa, your mom often commented on what a great mom you were and so glad you had John in your life. Charlie, you were the love of her life and often said how lucky she was to have you for a husband. She loved having date nights with you. Grandkids, your grandmother always had great stories about all of the cute things you did, I hope you will continue to make her proud. I met Sylvia in the fall of 1978 as we moved into "the neighborhood" and began a great lifetime friendship..My hope for you is the memories of Sylvia will bring you comfort.
May God comfort and Bless you
Mary Ann

Mary Ann Hale - February 26, 2014 at 06:54 PM