

Cortez, Mercedes 'Mercy' (Minjarez)

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Mercedes Cortez

Mass of Christian burial for Mercedes 'Mercy' (Minjarez) Cortez, 81, of Bridgeport, will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 27, at St. John the Baptizer Catholic Church in Bridgeport, officiated by Father Reehan Antony and son-in-law Carl Tuley. Burial will follow at Eastside Cemetery in Bridgeport, where family and friends will gather to release balloons. Visitation is 4 to 6 p.m. Friday at Hudson & Torres Family Funeral Home in Bridgeport, followed by rosary at 7.

Mercy was born Sept. 1, 1939, in Bronte, to Pilar L. Garcia and Santos (Minjarez) Garcia. She married Raymond Santivanez Cortez, Sr. on April 4, 1961.

Those left behind to cherish her memory are children Michelle Denney and husband, Rick, of Chico, Kody Vera of Bridgeport, Delores Vega of Lubbock, Sylvia Chavez of Plainview, Debbie Tuley and husband, Carl, of Decatur, Linda Matthews of Decatur, Michael Cortez and wife, Nanette, of Fort Worth, Mark Cortez and wife, Tina, of

Bridgeport, Tommy Cortez of Bridgeport, Raymond Cortez Jr. of Ocala, Fla., Larry C. Sellers of San Antonio and Jerry C. Sellers and wife, Brenda, of Little Rock, Ark.; siblings Alex Garcia, Joy Garcia, Lily Cantu, Mollie Garcia, Ervey Garcia, Susie Rodriguez, Arturo Gloria, Thomas Gloria and Simon Soto; 27 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Mercy was preceded in death by her parents, Pilar and Santos Garcia; husband Raymond S. Cortez, Sr.; and siblings Eddie Garcia, Louisa Pena, Willie Ramirez, Mary Reyes, Margarita Guerra and Danny Gloria.

She was a blessing. Her memory a treasure, she is loved beyond words and missed beyond measure.

Sleep with the angels, Mom.

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