

Mary Helen DeLaGarza

Mary Helen DeLaGarza, 88, passed away peacefully with family by her side on February 22, 2014 at Prestonwood Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Plano, TX. She was born on July 29, 1925 in McAllen, TX to Antonio and Juanita Gutierrez. Mary Helen moved to Dallas in 1949 where she completed Cosmetology School and began a thriving 50 year career as a hair stylist at Neiman Marcus. Mary Helen married Jesse DeLaGarza in 1951, and they were married for 53 years. She was known for her strong, brave spirit and lived life with vigor and passion, putting her children and grandchildren first in her life.

Mary Helen is survived by her brother, Lupe Gutierrez; children, Jesus DeLaGarza (Debbie), Carlos DeLaGarza (Courtney) and Christina Perron (Michael); and her eight grandchildren, Madeleine, Isabella, Jacob, Grayson, Alexa, Tim, Tony and Angela. Mary Helen was preceded in death by her husband, Jesse DeLaGarza; brother, Joe; sisters, Rose, Josephine, Meme and Julia.

The family would like to thank those at the Prestonwood Rehabilitation and Nursing Center in Plano, TX, as well as Hospice Plus, who lovingly cared for her until the end.

The family of Mary Helen DeLaGarza wish to thank you for your kind expressions of sympathy and many acts of kindness during this difficult time.

You are invited to visit with the family at brunch, which will be served in the St. Monica Family Center after the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the following organizations:

*The Salon Professional Academy Dallas
c/o Scholarship for Mary Helen DeLaGarza
2440 South Stemmons Freeway, Ste B, Lewisville, TX 75067
www.thesalonprofessionalacademy.com*

*Alzheimer's Association of Dallas
www.alz.org/greaterdallas*

*If a donation is made, please send a notification to the following:
Christina Perron, 6608 Oakmont Ct. Plano, TX 75093*

" A Better Place "

By Julian Raymond, Glen Campbell

*I've tried and I've failed Lord, I've won and I have lost
I've lived and I've loved, oh such times, at such cost
One thing I know, the world is good to me
A better place awaits you, you see.
Some days I'm so confused, Lord my past gets in my way
I need the ones that I love most to hold me more each day.
Oooh, a better place.*

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St. Monica Parish Community.*

Funeral Mass For Mary Helen DeLaGarza



July 29, 1925 - February 22, 2014

February 26, 2014

INTRODUCTORY RITES

May the Father of mercies, the God of all consolation, be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

In the waters of Baptism, Mary Helen died with Christ and rose with him to new life. May she now share with him eternal glory.

ENTRANCE SONG *10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Singers: Travis Jones & Rachel Beaudine Violinist: Myriam Tsang

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who have set a limit to this present life, so as to open up an entry into eternity, we humbly beseech you, that by the grace of your mercy you may command the name of your servant Mary Helen to be inscribed in the book of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING *Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9*

Courtney DeLaGarza

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will provide for all peoples. On this mountain he will destroy the veil that veils all peoples, the web that is woven over all nations; he will destroy death forever. The Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces; the reproach of his people he will remove from the whole earth; for the Lord has spoken. On that day it will be said:

“Behold our God, to whom we looked to save us! This is the Lord for whom we looked; let us rejoice and be glad that he has saved us!”

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *Psalm 27*

Courtney DeLaGarza

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom should I fear:

The Lord is my life’s refuge;
of whom should I be afraid?

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

One thing I ask of the Lord; this I seek:
To dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
That I may gaze on the loveliness of the Lord
and contemplate his temple.

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

Hear, O Lord, the sound of my call;
have pity on me, and answer me.
Your presence, O Lord, I seek.
Hide not your face from me.

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the Lord
in the land of the living.
Wait for the Lord with courage;
be stouthearted, and wait for the Lord.

I believe that I shall see the good things of the Lord in the land of the living.

SECOND READING

II Timothy 2:8-13

Malena Varel

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved:

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David: such is my Gospel, for which I am suffering, even to the point of chains, like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore, I bear with everything for the sake of those who are chosen, so that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, together with eternal glory. This saying is trustworthy: If we have died with him we shall also live with him; if we persevere we shall also reign with him. But if we deny him he will deny us. If we are unfaithful he remains faithful, for he cannot deny himself.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

John 14:1-6

HOMILY

Fr. Alfonse Nazzaro

COMMUNION SONG

It is Well

GRANDCHILDREN MEMORIES

*Madeleine DeLaGarza, Isabella Perron,
Jacob DeLaGarza, Grayson DeLaGarza,
Alexa DeLaGarza, Tim DeLaGarza,
Tony DeLaGarza & Angela Blaylock*

EULOGY

Rev. Michael Perron

VIDEO

Mom’s Life

PRAYERS OF FINAL COMMENDATION

Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister. May our farewell express our affection for her; may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her again when the love of Christ, which conquers all things, destroys even death itself.

Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord.

Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

May Christ, who called you, take you to himself;

May angels lead you to the bosom of Abraham.

Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

Receive her soul and present her to God the Most High.

Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Mary Helen, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with him on the last day. We give you thanks for the blessings which you bestowed upon Mary Helen in this life; they are a sign to us of your goodness and of our fellowship with the saints in Christ.

Merciful Lord, turn toward us and listen to our prayers: open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with assurances of faith, until we all meet in Christ and are with you and with our sister forever. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CLOSING SONG

You Raise Me Up