

Mrs. Shirley Jean Martinez

April 22, 1950 - January 22, 2024

Shirley Martinez, a beloved wife, mother, sister, and friend, passed away peacefully on January 22, 2024, at her residence in Whitney, TX. Shirley was born on April 22, 1950, in Long Beach, CA, the second of five children born to the late Frederick Myers and the late Thelma Dutton Myers.

Shirley dedicated her life to her family and the simple joys that brought her happiness. Though she did not obtain a formal degree, she possessed a wisdom and zest for life that surpassed any diploma. After years of hard work, Shirley retired from her role at Parts Unlimited at the age of sixty-seven.

One of Shirley's greatest passions was her love for animals. Her compassionate heart led her to care for countless strays, providing them with a safe and loving home. Her generosity extended beyond the animal kingdom, as she would often be found rummaging through thrift stores, searching for treasures to share with her loved ones.

Shirley had a deep connection to the beach, finding solace in the crashing waves and sandy shores. It was her dream to someday live by the sea, surrounded by the beauty of nature. She found joy in working outside, where she could feel the warmth of the sun on her skin and witness the wonders of the natural world.

She is survived by her husband, Gabriel Martinez, who stood by her side through thick and thin. Shirley's children were her pride and joy, and she leaves behind her children, Rebecca Ontiveros her spouse Tony, Patrick Dudding and his wife Mercy, Dennise Fletcher and her husband Jerry, daughter Bethany Gonzalez and her husband Raul, Stephen Dudding. Also by her grandchildren, Nathan Ontiveros, Johnathan Ontiveros, Jose Dudding, Laura Sanchez, Nicholas Dudding, Brittany Mangum, Jodi Ingle, Ashlyn Ingle; 3 great-grandchildren, Noah, Evangeline and Nirvana.

Shirley's devotion to her family extended beyond her immediate relatives. She leaves behind cherished memories with her sister Linda Cameron, brother Fred Myers, and sister Vicki White. Through their shared experiences and loving support, they built a lifelong connection that will forever be cherished.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, John Myers.

In the spirit of celebrating Shirley's remarkable life, a Funeral Service will be held on January 27, 2024, at 1:00 pm at Guerrero Dean Funeral Home. Prior to the service, a Public Viewing will take place beginning at 11:00 am.

Shirley Martinez will forever be remembered for her kind heart, her love for her family, and her unwavering appreciation for the simple pleasures of life. She will be deeply missed by all who had the privilege of knowing her. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations to be made to the local animal shelter in Shirley's memory.

May her soul find eternal peace, and may her memories forever bring comfort to those she left behind.

Previous Events

Public Viewing

JAN 27. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Guerrero Dean Funeral Home
500 E. Main Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Funeral Service

JAN 27. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Guerrero Dean Funeral Home
500 E. Main Street
Grand Prairie, TX 75050

Tribute Wall

BG

“ Happy heavenly Mother’s Day momma. I sure wish I had more time with you. All of things I wish I could go back and change. The pictures, videos, and all of that I would have done. I guess when u never imagined that ur mom would actually be gone in an instant u don’t think of that. Welp , so many should have , would have, could have!!! But maybe it’s because we are not always meant to prepare for something like that. I think it would have been so much harder if I knew u were going to pass and or in pain and there was nothing I could’ve done to make it better. I miss ur smile, voice, everything about u !!! 🥺 I love you 💕 hope you have the best day today with ur mom!!! Give her some hugs and kisses from us to!!!!



Bethany Gonzalez - May 10 at 03:18 AM

BG

“ Well good heavenly morning mom. Well today is ur special day. Happy birthday 🎂🎁🎈🎊🎉 to u.ur the big 76!!!! I miss u like crazy and not a day passes that I’m not reminded of u and I pray that ur so happy and living life to the fullest Mom I know I don’t have to say it, but make sure u let Stephen know ur always with him. It’s days like these when I really worry about him! I know he was ur baby boy and he has fallen into a depression state since u left. And keep on Jose too. This boy is more than a handful at times too. U would of swore that u raised him the way he acts Well I will forever keep collecting sand dollars and keep you in my heart mom . I love u like crazy and miss I even more



Bethany Gonzalez - April 22 at 09:11 AM

BG

“ I miss u ol lady . I wish you were here still. I miss hearing your voice and seeing ur face. I wish you were still here to go sit at the beach and watch the sunset and sunrise with some coffee just like we talked about. I know that you are still here in spirit but wish u were here to hug and just sit around and watch movies with and be couch potatoes. It sucks since you left. We still needed u. I love you 🥺 mom



Bethany Gonzalez - March 01 at 12:06 AM

DF

“ Well tomorrow will be 2 years since you gained your wings. It seems like only yesterday I got that horrible call and then had to call the girls to let them know that the most important person in our life's were gone! I have never cried like I did that day! I would do anything to have you back but I know you are happy and pain free. You are with your parents , with Kimmy and John! I listen to your voicemail often just to hear your voice and hear you tell me you love me! I miss you so much mom! I hope you know just how much you are loved and missed! I asked God often to give you a hug for me. Keep watching over us, we all need you! I love you mom



Dennise Fletcher - January 21 at 09:37 PM

BG

“ Hey mom... so it's another year 2026 !!! I can't believe it's already been almost 2 years!!! God how I miss seeing your smile, hearing ur snores. U are my best friend mom. Words can never express how much u mean to us all. I know that we all love and miss u. And we all have our very own moments with u as well. But today is one for me!! I'm telling myself that I'm going to make 2026 the year!!! I want to be in a house, be stress free, happy, and healthy! I'm putting my goals, wishes, wants and needs in the hands of god! I know that with positive thoughts and prayers and actions I will achieve these !!! I know u are by my side as well. Just keep pushing me when u see me in need okay mom! I miss u so much . I love u lots



Bethany Gonzalez - January 12 at 02:53 PM

BG

“ Welp it's Christmas 🎄 today! I know how much u just loved this day so much. I really wish I could have more time with u. I wish so many things.... I wish I knew that u were gonna leave this world when u did . I would have never let u go!! I broke that day!



I never thought in a million years u would ever really go! But u sure did... what I would've given to hold u one more time, to be there more with u and for u. My life forever changed that day because u left this world without a good bye. But I guess u knew that we would have not been able to cope with seeing u in any pain and worse if u were suffering and there wasn't any thing we could do.

I miss u mom u are and will forever be my best friend in this life. I love u and will always keep u with me in my heart, memories, and thoughts and even thru the lives we have created . I love u ol lady and will still be close to u every time my feet touch the sand and see and hear the waves. More so when I get good shells and some great sand dollar pieces.. keep drinking ur coffee and keep showing us we are still with u as well

bethany gonzalez - December 25, 2025 at 08:13 PM

BZ

“ Welp u sure seem to be on my mind a lot lately! I mean I think of daily but sometimes it can be a simple phase or remark and I think of u!

I sure am missing u.

I wish my phone would ring and hear ur voice. But I guess I will have to settle for voicemail recordings for now.

I'm just sitting in my office crying like a baby .

Mom I miss u so damn much it hurts.

I wish I never left ur house that day and just stayed!!! I hate that I wasn't there beside u .

I pray that your passing was painless and u went straight to heaven. That mammy and everyone up there was so excited to see u. Now I know how u felt about losing mammy. Cuz this hurts just as much as now as it did the day I got that call!! I felt so helpless

I hope that we can continue to make u proud of us all. I know u are but still... do me favor and visit me in my dreams so I can see that face, hear that voice, and just for that time feel ur warmth! I love u mom and miss u



bethany gonzal z - October 27, 2025 at 06:14 PM

DF

“ Mom, there's not a single day that goes by that I don't wish I could go back to January 19, 2024. That's the last time I got to see your smiling face. The last day I got to joke around with you. The last day I got a hug and a nose

kiss. I miss you more and more everyday. This never gets easier.

We went through your stuff in the garage and it didn't feel right to me. I felt like I was violating your privacy. That's your stuff and everything that meant the world to you. I didn't want to take anything. It belongs to you. I love you mom. Keep watching over us!



Dennise A Fletcher - May 27, 2025 at 01:07 PM

BG

“ Before this day ends I want to tell u happy heavenly Mother’s Day momma!!! God knows how much we love you and miss you everyday!!! I wish you were still to squeeze tight and hold... those famous nose kisses... mom I know you already know just how special you are to us. I love u and miss u



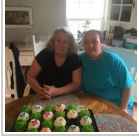
Bethany Gonzalez - May 11, 2025 at 08:09 PM

BG

“ Hey mom... welp in just 2 more days is ur birthday!!! I sure miss you 😞 I wish you were here to just sit on the sofa and watch a movie till we pass out. What I wouldn’t do to spend more time with you. Crazy how I honestly couldn’t ever imagine u not being here. And now all we are blessed with is all of our memories together. I wish I could call you for words of comfort and support. I pray u are so happy at living ur best heavenly life. Super jealous of everyone who is there with you. Mom u are and will always be my best friend. I miss and love u momma. Happy birthday up there....



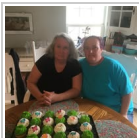
Bethany Gonzalez - April 21, 2025 at 12:04 AM



“ Mom today is the 1 year of ur passing and it just feels so weird that you aren't here but I know you are at peace and so happy up there with everyone up there. I miss hearing your voice and seeing your smile and every single day I miss you 😞 never really understood why people would say I'm ready to go but now I get it. Because when you lose someone so close to you all u want is to be able to be with them and oh my goodness when that day comes for me I'm gonna run as fast as I can to u I love you 💕 until that day comes please keep sharing those 🐚 shells and sand dollars



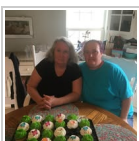
Bethany Gonzalez - January 22, 2025 at 09:35 PM



“ Happy new years momma!!! Bitter sweet I guess. Another first with out u here I miss you so much and love ❤️ you more than words ds can express. In exactly 3 weeks will mark yet another first. My year without u! But I know u are always with us. I love u mom and we will always have an angel to look up to the sky to talk to...



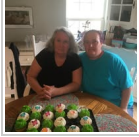
Bethany Gonzalez - January 01, 2025 at 01:32 AM



“ Welp it's Christmas Eve!!! Tomorrow is the day... but don't even feel like it at all! Nothing has been the same since you've been gone! And in less than a month it will officially be an entire year. I miss hearing your voice, seeing your face, just the phone calls about nothing. I love u mom



Bethany Gonzalez - December 24, 2024 at 05:02 PM



“ Mom I wish this was a text that u would get and could reply to. I sure do miss u old lady. What I would do for more time with you. Life really sucks without u and I really hate that I have to go on living life without u in to call u and tell u things or how u would call and say” hello , it’s ur mother I’m just checking on u! “ I know I carry u with me but I just miss u so much I love u



Bethany Gonzalez - December 23, 2024 at 12:30 AM

DF

“ I miss you so much mom. I know things happen for a reason and it's God's plan. We may not understand his plan but I know I will see you again. Until then I know you are with me and with all of us kids in everything we do. I love you so much.



Dennise A Fletcher - September 09, 2024 at 11:51 AM



“ Today marks the seventh month since you have gained your wings and are up above looking down upon us all. I miss you more than the world will ever know. I wish u were here to call to talk to and see u and feel your love. I will always keep you in my heart and mind forever I love u so much and we will get our beach house soon lady then u can sit with me and drink coffee together

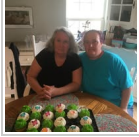


Bethany Gonzalez - August 22, 2024 at 01:52 PM

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“ There are so many days I just want to call you. I was on my way last Tuesday to get my oil changed and since it's a little bit of a drive I always called you but this time it was a quiet drive. I miss hearing you call Zoey my sister and how she would cuddle up to you when you were on the phone with me. I miss you telling me about all the stupid things that man was doing and there was a lot. I miss being able to vent to you about my coworkers. I'm blessed because I do have 2 awesome sisters I'm able to talk to. I know you're watching over us all and you see our break downs because you are an amazing mom and it's hard on all of us not having you here. We now have an amazing guardian angel. I love you so much mom. I hope you know how much you are loved because we all know how much you love us

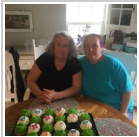
Dennise A Fletcher - August 14, 2024 at 08:25 AM



“ Well it’s been 6 months since you had to leave us here. I still wish I could flip my phone over and see your name come up on my phone. But in reality I know it’s not gonna happen. I miss u so much mom that not a day goes by that I don’t think of u and miss u more and more. I really wish u were still here for the rest of eternity. As selfish as it is I just wish u were here. I hope I continue to make you proud of me and that you stay with me. I still have not had that moment where I slip up and say let me call my mom let me go ell mom. Hell I think everyone else has had dreams of you. Not gonna lie I wish I did too. But I tell myself that you will come to me when I need you to and when it’s the right time. I love you more than anything in this world or up above! I pray you are always with me and by my side. Never goodbye mom but see you when it’s time to . Until that day comes I love u and one favor mom, watch over Stephen and help him find happiness and peace and love in his life. Help him to cope with your passing and to find a job he loves to make him feel better about his life and just be with him mom please... love you forever and always



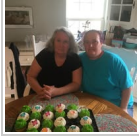
Bethany Gonzalez - July 24, 2024 at 08:09 PM



“ Hey mom, well tomorrow marks 5 months since u have gone to be at peace. I miss hearing your voice when u would call me all throughout the day. Or sharing those tic tok videos. Or even pics of you and your fur pups! God how I just wish I had known I would have stayed. I feel so lost sometimes and all I want to do is sit and cry because I can’t call u to hear ur words of comfort. You will always be my best friend lady. I love u sweet angel. Come see me in some dreams so I can feel close to u



Bethany Gonzalez - June 21, 2024 at 12:23 PM



“ Hey mom.... Just felt the need to talk to u !
Send u a lil message. I sure do wish u were
here on this earth! I sure could use a call from
u or a text. Hell I would settle for a butt dial!
It's almost 5 months since u left.



I swear I thought I had a dream of us . But so mad because I'm not
sure and If so can't remember what it was about... I just long for a
call, text , visit just to see or feel u what I wouldn't give... I still walk
the beach every time just to find shells and talk to u . It helps me
feel closer to u. I hope that ur having so much fun catching up with
everyone up there. I saw my first hummingbird here outside and it
literally just stayed in one spot as if letting me know ur here... I was
so touched because there are no feeders or such to have any
hummingbirds around. So I knew it was u!!! I miss u lady. Keep
sending me signals that ur with me. They help me get through my
day! I love u and just miss ya!!!

Bethany Gonzalez - June 13, 2024 at 10:12 PM

DF

“ Been thinking about you a lot lately. I wanted to call you this
morning, well every morning but more this morning. I listen to your
voicemail so I can hear your voice. It still doesn't feel real. You are
so missed and loved mom. I keep going back to that Friday when
you were so excited about being normal again and making plans on
future adventures to thrift stores and trips to Grand Prairie. The girls
even talked about is getting together and surprising you with a
sleepover. It sucks you not being here. I don't think I will ever be the
same. A piece of me is missing. I'm not whole. I love you mom.

Dennise Fletcher - May 19, 2024 at 10:49 AM

DF

“ I miss you so much mom. I love you too the heavens and back. Until we see each other again, save some hugs and nose kisses for me.



Dennise A Fletcher - April 30, 2024 at 01:15 PM



“ God I miss u soooooooo much lady. I never thought u would or could ever not be here. Life just seems so different since u have gone. I would rather spend my free time walking the beach feeling that sand on my feet, listening to the waves and looking for ur sand dollars! I find peace and comfort there. I imagine u and I sitting on a porch sipping on some coffee just looking out at the water. I always take u with me. And I know u are there !!! I love u sooo much and hope ur day is more than u could have ever dreamt of. Love u and miss u mom happy birthday



Bethany Gonzalez - April 22, 2024 at 08:45 AM

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“ Rebecca Ontiveros lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Martinez

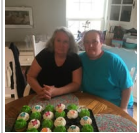


Rebecca Ontiveros - April 03, 2024 at 10:35 PM

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*Mom,
Today is just really rough for me. Your birthday is coming up and Mother's Day around the corner. I have been strong up until today. I need you mom! Just give me a hug while I sleep so I can sleep in peace. I love you so much.*

Rebecca Ontiveros - April 03, 2024 at 10:38 PM



“*Hey mom I know that u can see and hear us all when we are talking to u.i sure do miss u mom. Everything is just different now without u here. Can't call u to tell things, can't just surprise u by showing up at the house.*

Walmart shopping hits different too cuz everytime I see pioneer stuff I wanna buy it for u but ur not here. I hope that u are up there loving all over it fur babies, ur mom and dad and John and everyone else up there. Life sure sucks with out u here old lady . God it hurts knowing that too.... Mom I just miss u . This is first Easter without u here. I miss morning coffee and just being near u!!!! There's so much I should have said and done and wish I could've. I love u so much mom ur my best friend for the rest of my life see u again one day



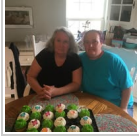
Bethany Gonzalez - March 31, 2024 at 12:14 PM

DF

“*It's days like this that I wish I could call you or surprise you with a French vanilla ice coffee from Sonic. I miss you talking to me about what's going on at the house and calling Zoey my sister. I miss those nose kisses and those hugs. I wish I could hug you and never let go. I love you so much mom and can't wait to see you again.*



Dennise Fletcher - March 24, 2024 at 03:20 PM



“ Well , it still doesn't feel real to me at all and I honestly don't think it ever will for me. I miss you more than life it's self! I miss just chilling on the sofa watching tv with u . Or doing things for u so u didn't have to worry about things. Boy it sure sucks here now that ur gone. I hate that I wish you were here instead of there. And that's just me being selfish but I know ur where u deserve to be with ur mom, dad, brother and everyone else. Even cinnamon too. I miss u lady u are forever my best friend. I love u up there for the rest of my life



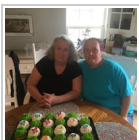
Bethany Gonzalez - February 29, 2024 at 11:30 PM



“ Missing u 😭 mom I hope u know just how much u meant to us all and that u are proud of us for coming together and making u proud. I love u and miss u so much. Had my time with u on the beach on Sunday and got me some sand dollar pieces. U will now be my sea gal



Bethany Gonzalez - February 22, 2024 at 09:12 AM



“ Happy Valentine's Day mom. Normally I would bring u gifts and a card for this day. But now all I can do is talk to u in spirit. This will never get easy for me. You are my best friend and I could always relate to u no matter what. Like I was ur mini version. I wish u were here to hold and just see ur face ! So many things I wish we could have done together and said to each other. But I guess it's like that for everyone when u lose someone. I just never could have imagined u would not be here on day. I love u so much mom . Miss u every single day



Bethany Gonzalez - February 14, 2024 at 09:50 AM

DF

“ *Dennise Fletcher lit a candle in memory of Mrs. Shirley Jean Martinez*



dennise fletcher - February 06, 2024 at 05:22 PM

BE

“ *4 files added to the album Mom*



Becky - January 26, 2024 at 09:42 PM



“ *31 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - January 26, 2024 at 06:06 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Guerrero - Dean Funeral Home - January 25, 2024 at 03:26 PM

DF

“ As I sit here at my desk at work I think about our morning talks. They were short conversations but they meant the world to me, I would give anything to have those back, to hear your voice again ,to have one more nose kiss. I love you so much mom and will miss you every second of everyday. Until we see each other again give Kimmy ,Mammy ,and John a hug for me.

Dennise Fletcher - January 24, 2024 at 10:58 PM