

Maria Gonzales Vega peacefully returned home on August 3rd, 2021. She parted this world on her own terms, displaying courage and dignity, surrounded by her husband, children and grandchildren.



Maria was the fifth of fifteen children, born to Enrique and Maria Gonzales in San Antonio, TX.

Maria valued education and self-improvement, a trait she instilled in her children. Although her circumstances prevented her from graduating high school, she would later return to school and earn her diploma at age 38.

Reading was one of her favorite pastimes. When her eyesight failed in later years, she turned to large print texts and then audiobooks to get her reading fix. She even took up the pen from time to time.

In 1973 Maria met Domingo Vega. What started as a friendship, blossomed into a romance that lasted more than 47 years. Together, the couple raised four children and welcomed seven grandchildren.



Above all, family was most important to Maria. She enjoyed spending time with her children, grandchildren, siblings, nieces, nephews, cousins and her many adoptees. The Vega home hosted birthdays, weddings, graduations, and holidays. Maria's quick wit and big laugh were the life of these events. She could be found trading good-natured barbs, telling an off-colored joke or taking the occasional shot of Crown.



It was Maria's big heart that set her apart. Whether it was fundraising, caring for kids, or delivering a dose of tough love, Maria gave all that she had. She loved big and protected those she loved passionately. There is no doubt that she continues to watch her loved ones from a place where she is no longer in pain and is at peace.

She is survived by her husband Domingo Vega; her children Michelle May (Steven May), Melissa McKinney (Heather McKinney), Domingo Vega, Jr. (Jennifer Vega), and Michael Vega (Yvette Renteria); grandchildren Nathan May, Jenica Vega, Jacob May, Deenah Vega, Mateo



McKinney, Xochitl Vega and Savannah Vega; six sisters and one brother. She is preceded in death by her father Enrique Gonzales, mother Maria Solis Gonzales and brothers Javier, Freddy, Adam, Henry and Steven, and her sister Juanita.

Services for Maria will be held at St. Vincent De Paul Catholic Church -Parish Center on August 11, 2021 at 10 AM with a reception to follow at the Knights of Columbus on Ray Ellison Drive. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to The American Kidney Fund or Texas Kidney Health Care.

