



Laura R. Arevalo

February 2, 1939 - January 28, 2026

Laura Arevalo, age 86, a longtime resident of Austin, Texas, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, January 28, 2026, in Austin.

Born on February 2, 1939, in Austin to Felipe Rivera, Sr. and Carmen Dominguez Rivera, Laura grew up surrounded by family and the enduring values of hard work and faith. She often shared vivid memories of her childhood—picking cotton during difficult times and watching her father, a master mason, build their family home on Castro Street. That cinderblock house, nestled among towering pecan trees and backing up to Boggy Creek, became a cherished symbol of family unity and resilience.

In 1956, Laura married Pete Arevalo. Though they later divorced in 1983, together they raised nine children. Laura was a devoted mother whose life revolved around her family. Her children—Patsy Arevalo; Albert Arevalo (Lucille); Annette Arevalo; Lupe Arevalo; Melissa Arevalo; Arthur Arevalo (Cynthia); Priscilla Ybarra (Joe); and Grace Duran (Ernest)—were the center of her world. Her love extended to her 21 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-grandchildren. She was affectionately known as “Grandma” by her grandchildren and “Granny” by her great-grandchildren. She took immense joy in attending their sporting events, graduations, and celebrations.

Laura also leaves behind her beloved sisters Julia Gonzales and Sally Hernandez, along with numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her daughter Melinda Arevalo; her parents

Felipe Rivera, Sr. and Carmen Dominguez Rivera; brothers Mike Rivera and Felipe Rivera, Jr.; and sisters Flora Alba, Martha Foster, Pauline Rivera, and Connie Rangel.

Laura found a second home at the Texas School for the Deaf, where she worked as part of the janitorial staff. Known affectionately as “Miss Laura,” she went above and beyond by learning sign language to communicate with students and staff alike. Her dedication left a lasting impression on the school community.

A woman of deep faith, Laura read her Bible daily and faithfully attended church services every Sunday and Wednesday. She quoted Scripture often and lived out her beliefs through acts of kindness and compassion. Her unwavering spirituality served as a guiding light for those around her.

In her later years, Laura resided at Park Manor Bee Cave. The family extends heartfelt thanks to Director Garth Land and the entire staff for their compassionate care during this time.

The family is also deeply grateful to the many friends and relatives who have offered love, prayers, and support during this difficult period.

May Laura’s memory continue to bring comfort to all who knew her.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Salinas Event Center
1900 E Howard Ln Bldg 5
Pflugerville, TX 78660
(512) 470-0920

Graveside Service

FEB 6. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Onion Creek Memorial Park
11610 Chapel Ln.
Austin, TX 78748

Tribute Wall



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Laura R. Arevalo.*



February 05 at 02:32 PM



“ *EJ, Steph, and the Gil Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura R. Arevalo.*

EJ, Steph, and the Gil Family - February 05 at 02:32 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Laura R. Arevalo.*



February 05 at 02:05 PM



“ *From your Enforcement family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura R. Arevalo.*

From your Enforcement family. - February 05 at 02:05 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Laura R. Arevalo.



February 05 at 12:07 PM



“ Love, Donnie, Rosemary & Hailey Putman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura R. Arevalo.

Love, Donnie, Rosemary & Hailey Putman - February 05 at 12:07 PM



“ Dancing in heaven with her brothers and sisters, daughter other family.



Michelle Thornton - February 04 at 04:56 PM



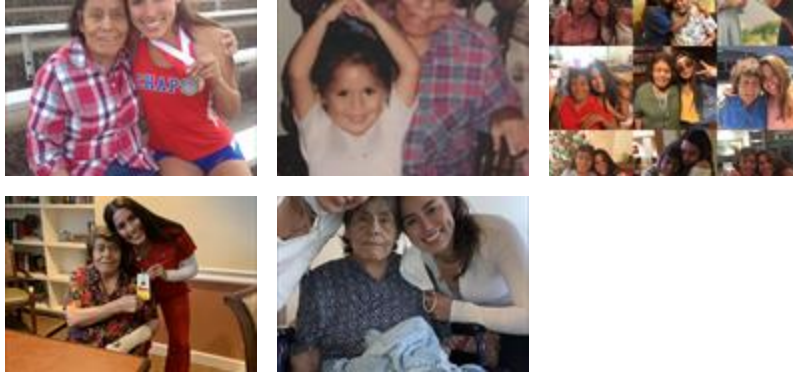
“ Lila & Ray Martinelli purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Laura R. Arevalo.



Lila & Ray Martinelli - February 04 at 01:57 PM

AD

“ Words can not describe the love I have for you. You are my forever sunshine. You built me. I will cherish all of the memories I have with you. I will miss our weekly FaceTime calls. I will miss giving you all the hugs. Thank you for all that you did for my family. You made such an impact on everyone you met. I can't wait to see you again. Please be my guardian angel. I love and miss you so much.



Alexa Duran - February 04 at 01:39 PM

CI

“ Central, North, and South Investigators purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Laura R. Arevalo.



Central, North, and South Investigators - February 04 at 12:49 PM

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“ Central, North, and South Investigators planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Laura R. Arevalo.

Central, North, and South Investigators - February 04 at 12:49 PM

-A

“ - Sheri & Financial Affairs purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Laura R. Arevalo.



- Sheri & Financial Affairs - February 04 at 10:22 AM

LF

“ Love Hernandez Family purchased the *Pink Tribute Spray* for the family of Laura R. Arevalo.



Love Hernandez Family - February 04 at 09:54 AM

RF

“ Rivera family lit a candle in memory of Laura Arevalo



Rivera family - February 04 at 09:44 AM

RG

“ Rivera family (Felipe Jr. & Gloria) purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of Laura R. Arevalo.



Rivera family (Felipe Jr. & Gloria) - February 04 at 09:42 AM

AA

“ Albert A. purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Laura R. Arevalo.



Albert A. - February 04 at 12:20 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Laura R. Arevalo.



February 03 at 10:26 PM

TF

“ The Kinnon Family purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Laura R. Arevalo.



The Kinnon Family - February 03 at 08:34 PM

MA

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Melissa Arevalo - February 03 at 08:15 PM