



## Catherine Olivares

November 12, 1937 - November 23, 2022

Catherine Mary Olivares, age 85, passed away on November 23, 2022, in Houston, Texas. A beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and friend, she was with her children when she passed peacefully. She is preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Margaret Power, her brothers Thomas, Edward, and Gerald Power, and by her sisters Ellen Gough and Margaret Langer. She is also preceded in death by her husband Victor Garza Olivares and by her first husband, LtC. Chester Lee Meaux. She is survived by her sister Jane Rogers and by her brothers John and Michael Power. She is also survived by her four children, David Meaux, Beverly Cole, Colleen Cessna and Charles "Chuck" Meaux, and by her stepsons Lawrence, Rene and Ricardo Olivares. Catherine was blessed with ten grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Catherine was born November 12th, 1937, in St. Johns, Newfoundland, Canada, to Thomas and Margaret Power. Known as "Molly" to her friends and family in Newfoundland, she was educated in the St. Patrick's all girl Catholic school in St. Johns. At a young age, Catherine was recognized for her talent as a singer and as an artist. At age 7 she made a recording at a local music studio with her sister Nellie where they sang the popular Irish pop song "A Mothers Love is a Blessing". Catherine was also self-taught on piano and organ. A very outgoing young lady, Catherine loved to draw, dance, and sing, had a keen eye for style and grace, and also had a green thumb.

Catherine caught the attention of a young American Air Force serviceman, Chester "Chet" Meaux, who was stationed at the local U.S. airbase in

St.Johns. Catherine and Chet were married and gave birth to their first son, David, in St.Johns. However, within a few short weeks, her new husband was transferred back to the states. With new baby in tow, Catherine left her home and family in Canada and assumed the life of an American military wife. She was blessed with three additional children, Beverly, Colleen, and Chuck, all born on various air bases around the U.S.

The stress of military life, overseas tours and the Vietnam war proved too much to bear, and Catherine and Chet's marriage ultimately ended. In San Antonio, Texas, near an air base, she met her beloved life partner and second husband, Victor Olivares. Her life would change significantly to one of greater stability and predictability. Catherine and Victor would eventually move to Houston where they spent the next 45 years together in happy marriage until Victor's unfortunate passing in 2018.

Catherine's ultimate devotion and dedication was to her children and grandchildren. She gave her children many years and many memories of family holidays, filled with the smell of gourmet home cooking, a house decorated with her arts and crafts, and one filled with lots of love. There was no prettier garden than in Mom's back yard. She set the ultimate example of what it meant to be 'Good'. We will miss her always.

Although You're Gone

By: Shannon Walker

Although you're gone, I'm not alone,

And never shall I be,

For the precious memories of the bond we shared

Will never depart from me.

Our love surpassed the ups and downs

And helped us along the way,

And that same love will give me strength

To manage this loss each day.

On my mind and in my heart,

Mom, you shall forever be,  
For just as much as I am a part of you,  
You are a part of me!

Adaptation from 'The Magic of a Grandmother'

Author Unknown

There's magic in a Nanny's touch,  
and sunshine in her smile.

There's love in everything she does  
to make our lives worthwhile.

We can find both hope and courage

Just by looking in her eyes.

Her laughter is a source of joy,

her words are warm and wise.

There is a kindness and compassion

to be found in her embrace,

and shining down from Heaven above

we see the glow of Nanny's face.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **30**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Addison Funeral Home  
18630 Kuykendahl Road  
Spring, TX 77379  
(281) 350-0998  
addisonfh@yahoo.com  
<https://addisonfuneralhomes.com>

## Funeral Service

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18630 Kuykendahl Road  
Spring, TX 77379  
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## Burial

NOV **30**. 1:30 PM (CT)

Houston National Cemetery  
10410 Veterans Memorial Dr.  
Houston, TX 77038  
(281) 447-8686  
<https://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/houston.asp>

# Tribute Wall

MC

“ I remember Nanny being one of my most favorite people growing up. I remember making a baby snowman while visiting in North Carolina, and her humming when she cooked. I remember I memorized a map on how to get to her house as soon as I turned 16 so I could visit her whenever I had a weekend off. I was always in awe of her garden and all the decorations she made. This picture was such a highlight because it was a happy evening full of love and laughter and family. I will miss you dearly Nanny.



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**Melissa Cole** - November 29, 2022 at 09:13 PM

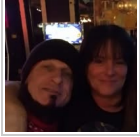
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**David** - November 29, 2022 at 07:54 PM



“ David has been one of my best friends for over 40 years. Molly always welcomed me into her home with love & graciousness. I am a military brat & I remember so many conversations filled with laughter as we compared stories. She always treated me as one of her own & was always there for us. One of the saddest things one has to go through is to bury a mother. Cherish your memories and remember that your entire family is in our thoughts & prayers. May you be surrounded with comforting angels & feel God's continuous love. Love always, Mike, Vikki & the Hardiman family.

Vikki Lynn - November 29, 2022 at 07:08 PM

DA

thank you for that Vikki and Mike. Back at you! ;-)

David - November 29, 2022 at 07:50 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Catherine Olivares.



November 29, 2022 at 01:29 PM

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Rene Olivares - November 29, 2022 at 07:12 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Catherine Olivares.*



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November 28, 2022 at 08:02 PM



“ *My heart is with you all. When I think of her, the word 'elegant' always comes to my mind. Such an elegant and lovely lady.*

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**Lisa Brown** - November 28, 2022 at 07:06 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Catherine Olivares.*



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November 28, 2022 at 03:57 PM



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**David Meaux** - November 28, 2022 at 11:20 AM

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“ To Beverly, David, Coleen & Chuck - Our sincere condolences. We all have beautiful memories of your dear mother. From Marie Patino, Diane & Roland, Alicia Patino & Family. God bless you all.



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**Alicia Patino** - November 28, 2022 at 10:31 AM

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“ The Power family purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Catherine Olivares.



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**The Power family** - November 27, 2022 at 02:53 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Catherine Olivares.



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November 26, 2022 at 03:08 PM

JB

“ RIP Mollie 🙏

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**Joan Powers Bell** - November 26, 2022 at 07:51 AM

BF

“ *Beverly and all of the Cole family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Catherine Olivares.*



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**Beverly and all of the Cole family** - November 26, 2022 at  
02:29 AM