



Monica Gonzales

July 7, 1967 - June 28, 2025

Together and forever, we celebrate Monica Darden-Gonzales. She was born July 7, 1967, and passed away Saturday, June 28, 2025.

Monica was raised in San Antonio, TX in an adventurous and loving family. Early in her life she met her soulmate, Gerard Gonzales. As they grew up together, Monica introduced him to things like fishing and camping, just as her father had taught her. Over time the sport became an activity they both found comfort, nostalgia, happiness, patience, and peace in.

Married on Valentine's Day of 1994, Monica and Gerard expanded their family and love by welcoming Brittany, Marshall, Dillon, and Fantasia to this world.

Following in the path of her upbringing, Monica also taught her children how to cook, camp, explore, showed them games, and took them fishing at Goose Island.

She loved supporting her kids on anything they found their footing in. Throughout her life, Monica would gain some enduring nicknames because of this. She went by "Coach Pinky" from her time participating in her children's sports and "Big Mamma" as she brought joy, a sense of home, and comfort to those around her.

Monica's passion for baking and cooking would strengthen the more her family and community did. From teams and classmates of her children, to friends and neighbors, Monica was in the kitchen creating recipes for all to enjoy. She would even bake goods for her local postal workers or favorite baristas especially if they knew how to make her favorite beverage just right.

Monica dreamed of one day opening a restaurant, or more of a food truck so that she would be able to drive around for the perfect spot, open up shop, and cast a fishing line while she took orders.

Monica enjoyed time with her family joining in the random jokes, rap battles, or games they would make up on the spot. She loved returning to her childhood home with her kids so they too could celebrate, visit loved ones, and join in on the wholesome grand events held there.

Monica became a grandmother in 2020 when her granddaughter Kavery was born to her son Dillon and his fiancé Nazaray Fuentes. Monica loved every bit of this new role they've given her. She even learned how to translate baby goo's and gah's so she could speak with Kavery as soon as she was born and as often as she could.

Monica leaves behind her loving husband of 31 years, Gerard Gonzales. She leaves her four children, Brittany Darden-Gonzales (31), Marshall Gonzales (30), Dillon Gonzales (28), Fantasia Gonzales (27). She leaves her granddaughter Kavery Gonzales (5). Monica leaves her mother Irene Darden, stepmother Wanda Darden, and her father Paul Darden Sr. She leaves her siblings Paul Darden Jr., Tabatha Allen, Stacie Marshall, and Karla Bell. Monica too leaves her in-law siblings Maria Fifer, Edna Morales, John Gonzales, Lucy Gann. She leaves behind her nieces, nephews, and cousins. She leaves behind her friends. She also leaves behind her dogs, Bella and Xena Gonzales.

While Monica leaves so many of us to move on to the next life, we know those who have gone before her will welcome her with open arms and comfort. They may even have her back to baking already, but for them this time and fishing as much as she wants. We know her lost pets Storm, Buster, Brownie, and Thunderball, are also waiting to cuddle with her again.

Losing Monica “Big Mamma” Gonzales is a life altering change for us.

We want to continue to celebrate her life, honor her love for family connections, and find peace in knowing she’s one with nature where she loved to get away to at any chance she could.

We will continue to see Monica’s spirit in the light of the moon on the lake she loved to look up at. In the random pink items, the universe shows us, like the pink cars we may see while driving around knowing she wanted each one just because it was simply pink. We will have her spirit with us when out fishing, especially if the line gets caught.

We will miss Monica and her impact on our life is so grand that forgetting her wouldn't even be an option. She knows we love her, and we know she loved us and will cherish the memories of the numerous ways she showed her love and support.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

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

Rosary

JUL 10. 6:00 PM (CT)

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18630 Kuykendahl Road
Spring, TX 77379
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Funeral Services will conclude at the end of the Rosary

Funeral Mass

JUL 11. 3:00 PM (CT)

Christ The Good Shepherd
18511 Klein Church Road
Spring, TX 77379
<https://cgscddogh.org/>

Tribute Wall

MF

“ I will forever miss my friend Moni aka Big Momma. She was the most amazing woman and the kindest spirit I have ever met. I loved sending her goodies when she lived closer to town and I could have amazon deliver them and always said she had to hide them before her kids and husband got to them. LOL! We will miss the Christmas cards and birthday cards that she sent to everyone of us at Asurion. I will cherish the items she made me and sent to me, but most of all I will miss her snapchats and her physical friendship. The world is a little sad and lost right now without Big Momma in it. I still have all her texts she sent me and I will never delete them. She really is one of the best people I ever had the pleasure of not just being a coworker, but also my friend and I will truly miss her.

Melissa Friend-McClure - July 14, 2025 at 08:47 PM



“ Thank you for sharing your stories about Monica (Big Mamma) Gonzales. We have always known that she affected many people whom she came in contact with or became close friends with. Why we feel the emptiness in our lives, we know that no matter what the emptiness does not stop with just us her family but reaches further out from just us. We can all take this emptiness and fill it with all the love and happiness she shared with everyone she ever touched and reached. Thank you to everyone who came forward and who are still searching for the words and thank you to Addison Funeral Home for everything they have done for us.

Gerard Gonzales - July 13, 2025 at 07:16 AM

MA

“ This is Matt, Big Momma’s assistant Gremlin keeper. I’ve been thinking of what to say, and words just don’t seem adequate to express the sadness I’ve been feeling since Moni left us for a better place. She was the kindest, sweetest person who had nothing but love for everyone and could always make me smile. This world is not as bright (or funny) without her in it. May her memory be a blessing that brings comfort and peace for Gerard and the rest of her family and friends.

Matt - July 11, 2025 at 02:46 PM

JH

“ Big Mamma

You truly broke my heart with this love. I have never met anyone as kind and loving as you. Over the years we have shared so many memories. I could tell you anything and everything without any judgment from you. You always gave me your best advice. I will miss the phone calls from you and Gerard and the reverend 🙏🙏
🙏 I have so many pictures, cards, and memories over the years. You were such a loving, kind, and compassionate person. You were our ACE queen at work and always brought positivity and love to everyone one you met. You were my sister and friend. I’m lost without you. You will never be forgotten. Gerard, Brittany, Marshal, Dillon, Fantasia, and Kavery I’m praying for you guys, you all meant so much to Moni. May God provide you all comfort amid your sorrow. I love you guys and pray that the love and memories you all have of her will get all of you through this tough time.

Jessica Hughes - July 11, 2025 at 05:17 AM

FF

“ From Tammy and fish purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Monica Gonzales.



From Tammy and fish - July 10, 2025 at 05:58 PM

TM

“ The Bishop Family, Anitra, Zac, & Marci purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Monica Gonzales.



The Bishop Family, Anitra, Zac, & Marci - July 10, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of Monica Gonzales.



July 10, 2025 at 01:40 PM

SS

“ Moni—

I will always remember the first time I met you (virtually). We attended class together for our license, and you lit up the room the moment you spoke. From your inspirational messages to your thoughtful reminders of our friendship—even when we couldn't talk every day—you always made an impact.

Our shared love for farm life and all the animals will forever be a daily reminder of you.

Rest in peace—you will be deeply missed.

Sherry Slone - July 10, 2025 at 10:04 AM

MW

“ Moni—

You touched so many peoples lives, and everyone that knows you knows you were an exceptional person. You went by many names but I'm lucky to have called you a friend. You were genuine, generous and kind 100% of the time while being unapologetically you. Out of all the great things about you, my favorite is your ability to connect with people! You had a gift for retaining info-kids names/ages, bdays, anniversaries, ACE, or fur baby name+ health ailments—you recalled it all!

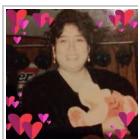
Each time I eat a brookie, see a gremlin gif, order a planner or try to unsuccessfully recall an address I jotted down sloppily, I will think of you! Rest in peace, Moni!

Meredith Walker - July 10, 2025 at 12:16 AM

MB

“ Sweet Moni. I never got the privilege to meet you in person, but you left an everlasting impression on my life. Your positivity was overwhelming and always could brighten my day. You loved my children like your own grand babies. Thank you for letting me be just a tiny part of your life. We will miss you so much, until we meet again, love Morgan, Beau and little Sawyer.

Morgan Brock - July 09, 2025 at 11:26 PM



“ I will miss our talks and my teasing with you every week. I have saved the voice messages that you left me. We go way back since grade school. My heart is hurting and broken but I know that you are in a better place with mom, dad , Joe and Alfonso. Love you so deeply and will miss you so much. ❤️❤️❤️

Edna Morales - July 09, 2025 at 09:39 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Monica Gonzales.



July 09, 2025 at 05:20 PM

TS

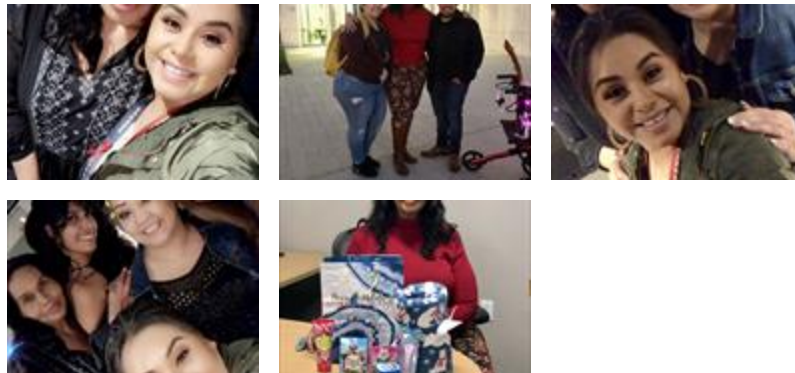
“ Tina Araujo and Daina Sarafin purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Monica Gonzales.



Tina Araujo and Daina Sarafin - July 09, 2025 at 04:53 PM

RO

“ *Big Momma aka Asurion Fairy* ☐ *Thank you for always sending me words of encouragement. You will forever be in my heart! And I'll forever cherish every memory with you. ❤️*

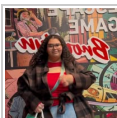


Roxy - July 09, 2025 at 03:14 PM

JJ

Awwww man my heart is broken she was the queen of kindness

Jacqi James - July 09, 2025 at 06:27 PM



Thank you for sharing more pictures of our mommy 💕 - Fantasia

Fantasia Honey-Marie - July 09, 2025 at 10:22 PM

RD

“ *Roxy, Edith, Yesenia & Darlene purchased the La vender Reflections Spray for the family of Monica Gonzales.*



Roxy, Edith, Yesenia & Darlene - July 09, 2025 at 02:45 PM

BB

“ *My heart aches knowing Big Momma has passed away. Working with her at Asurion for several years, she was often the highlight of my day. As the Asurion Fairy (yet she would never admit it), she brought goodies and joy to many in the office before Covid chased us from the office. I always saved all my Almond Joy bars for her so she would always have her favorite.*

Bob Baker - July 07, 2025 at 08:21 PM