

## Obituary

Julianna "Judy" Torres, born on June 19, 1944, in Lubbock, Texas, to Milton and Mikayla Morales, passed away peacefully on October 23, 2025, in Waco, Texas, surrounded by her loved ones.

Judy lived a life devoted to family, faith, and service. She dedicated her early years to caring for her home and children, creating a warm and welcoming environment where love and laughter were always present. Professionally, she served as a counselor for MHMR, where her compassion and understanding touched countless lives. Her nurturing spirit extended beyond her work and home—she was known for her generosity, kindness, and willingness to help anyone in need.

Judy's love for cooking inspired her to open her own catering business, Judy's Kitchen, which she proudly operated for eight years. Her delicious meals and open-door hospitality brought people together and created cherished memories for family, friends, and community members alike.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Milton and Mikayla Morales; her sister, Stella Contreras; her daughters, Yvonne Zollicoffer and Melissa Resendez; and her son, Robert Torres.

Judy is survived by her devoted husband of 64 years, Eliazar L. Torres Sr.; her son, Eliazar L. Torres III, and his wife, Anna; her son-in-law, William Zollicoffer; and her beloved grandchildren: Tony Garcia, Chris Castillo Jr., Christa Castillo, Lexie Zollicoffer, Ariana Zollicoffer, Julianna Resendez, Rudy Resendez, Robert Resendez, Vanessa Esquivel, Ashley Torres, and Omar Santiago; and brother-in-law, Phillip Luna and wife, Margaret. She also leaves behind many great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild, nieces and nephews who will carry her memory forward with love and pride.

Judy's legacy of compassion, strength, and generosity will continue to live on in the hearts of all who knew her. Her life was a testament to the power of kindness and the beauty of a heart that never stopped giving.

## Celebrating the Life of



Julianna Morales Torres  
"Judy"

June 19, 1944 ~ October 23, 2025

Services entrusted to

**Waco Memorial**  
Funeral Home, Cemetery & Creations  
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# *Julianna Morales Torres*

*Celebration of life*  
3:00 pm, Monday, October 27, 2025

Waco Memorial Funeral Home

Waco, Texas

*Officiating*

Luke Stokes

Her door was always open wide, A haven where love would  
abide. The scent of cooking filled the air, Warmth and  
kindness everywhere.

Hands that served, a heart so true, Each meal a gift, each  
smile anew. She gave her time, her gentle grace, Left love's  
soft light in every place.

Though now she rests, her spirit stays, In laughter shared  
and sunny days. A mother's love, a grandma's care, Forever  
felt, forever there.

*Reception to follow after service*  
Waco Memorial Funeral Home Reception Hall

