



Catalina "Cathy" Moran

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Weslaco- Catalina "Cathy" Moran, 53, a cherished family member, devoted business owner, and respected community leader, passed away on May 9, 2025, at DHR Hospice after a courageous three-year battle with cancer.

Born on May 28, 1971, in Elsa, Texas, Cathy was a vibrant and generous spirit whose love and dedication left a lasting impact on everyone she encountered. Cathy was, first and foremost, a devoted single mother whose pride and joy was her only son, Jason. She made sure he was deeply loved, well cared for, and yes-happily spoiled. Wanting Jason to experience friendship and camaraderie, she enrolled him in various extracurricular activities, from T-ball to karate. This commitment meant attending every game and sparring match, often forging connections with other parents along the way. Cathy was his biggest cheerleader, and her naturally outgoing spirit made her presence unmistakable-her enthusiasm often filled the stands, making her a joyful and, at times, unintentionally loud fan. Cathy devoted much of her life to managing the family business, Moran's Leather, where her leadership and personal touch were present in every detail. Determined to lead by example, she returned to college with two clear goals: to show her son the value of education and to strengthen the foundation of the family business. She earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from The University of Texas-Pan American, combining her academic achievements with a heartfelt passion for entrepreneurship. Through tireless dedication and an unwavering commitment to her work, Cathy not only upheld the family legacy but also poured her love into the community she proudly served. Affectionately known as the "cool aunt," Cathy's vibrant personality lit up every room she entered. She was energetic, generous, thoughtful, and warm-hearted-a natural peacekeeper within her family. Cathy had a rare gift for making everyone feel seen, heard, and valued. Whether offering thoughtful advice or a listening ear, her presence brought comfort and clarity. Cathy deeply cherished family traditions and holidays, her favorite being Christmas. Her passion shone through in the elaborate themed decorations she designed each year-a true reflection of her love for decorating and party planning. Cathy shopped year-round to ensure both her home and the family store were beautifully adorned for every season. Her creative spirit extended beyond décor; finding joy in crafting and scrapbooking, preserving memories with the same care and



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detail she brought to every celebration. In her personal life, Cathy found joy in the simple pleasures she shared with those she loved. An avid shopper, she looked forward to black Friday and filled her car with the latest and greatest specials not just for herself, but for family, friends, and most importantly Jason. Her adventurous and spontaneous spirit came alive when she would surprise her nieces and nephews by pulling them out of school early for impromptu outings filled with shopping sprees, movie nights, and memorable meals. Cathy appreciated a good medium rare steak with some A-1 sauce and a glass of sweet tea. Two of her favorite spots were Longhorn Steakhouse and Cheddar's. Cathy also loved to travel. With one beloved son, she often invited a niece or nephew to join her on her adventures, creating cherished memories. Some of her favorite destinations were Six Flags Fiesta Texas in San Antonio for adventure and exhilaration and Abasco, Guanajuato, Mexico, a place close to her heart that she visited often and spoke of fondly. These trips were filled with laughter, bonding, and the kind of joy Cathy effortlessly brought into the lives of others. As an early adopter of technology, Cathy used it as a tool to stay closely connected with her loved ones and her community. She prioritized checking in regularly with family and friends, reflecting her deep care and attentiveness. Always "in the know," Cathy had a special knack for keeping up with the meaningful milestones and the lighthearted happenings of those around her, making her a trusted source for updates and a beloved part of the family grapevine. Cathy was a devoted Catholic who faithfully attended St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church throughout her life. She received all of her sacraments there, grounding her life in faith, love, and service. In her final days, Cathy was at peace, confident in her salvation and the unwavering love of her Lord and Savior. Her faith was a quiet strength that guided her actions and comforted those around her. Cathy's memory will forever be cherished by her family and friends, who will remember her vivacity and kindness. She leaves a legacy that will inspire those who knew and loved her, reminding us of the importance of connection, generosity, and living fully in each moment. Finally, although Cathy was a single mother, she never gave up hope of finding true love. Several years ago, she met Oscar Garza, whose steadfast care and unwavering devotion became a true blessing in her life. For the past three and a half years, he selflessly stood by her side, offering the kind of unconditional support that can only come from a soulmate. Cathy is preceded in death by her nephew, Robert Myles Garcia; her brother-in-law, Joel Torres Jr.; and the father of her son, Marco Antonio "Mark" Hernandez. She is survived by her parents, Rafael Sr. and Aurelia (Osorio) Moran; son, Jason Hernandez; her long-time companion and friend, Oscar Garza; her sisters, Mary Moran (Joel Torres Jr.), Olga Moran, Diana H. Moran (Ignacio Zavala); her brothers, Rafael Moran Jr. (Nancy DeLeon), Aurelio Moran; her nephews and nieces, Jessica M. Torres, Joel Torres III (Italy), Joshua Torres, Nadia A. Garcia, Rudy Garcia, Isaiah J. Garcia (Aurora), Inali Zavala, Izael Zavala, Rafael Moran III, Dante Moran, Avery Moran, Abram Moran (Aylin), Aiden Moran; great-nephews and nieces, Serenity, Joel IV, Luis Jr., Dylan, Robert, Heaven-



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lei, and Emma. Cathy's visitation will be held on Thursday, May 15, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM at McCaleb Funeral Home in Weslaco, Texas, with a Holy Rosary at 7 PM. A Mass will be celebrated at St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church on Friday, May 16, 2025, at 10:00 AM, with burial to follow at Sacred Park Cemetery in Mercedes, Texas. Please join us in sporting your favorite cowboy boots in honor of Cathy's life. Serving as pallbearers will be her beloved nephews, Izael Zavala, Joel Torres III, Josh Torres, Rafael III Moran, Dante Moran, and Rudy Garcia. As we reflect on Cathy's bright spirit and lasting impact, we know her memory will live on in our hearts.



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Anonymous shared a **Video**.



August 7 at 4:23 PM



Roman Nieto posted:

Thoughts and prayers to the family of Cathy Moran. She was a wonderful student and an amazing person.

May 17 at 3:56 PM



Vangie posted:

My condolences to Mary and her family! May she rest in peace! 🙏

May 17 at 3:56 PM



Hurtado Family posted:

Hurtado Family has purchased Designer's Choice for Catalina "Cathy" Moran

May 16 at 11:18 AM



Records Processing Center posted:

Records Processing Center has purchased Peace Lily for Catalina "Cathy" Moran

May 15 at 12:40 PM



Lori (Izaguirre) Johnson posted:

I'm saddened to receive this news. You were always so sweet and funny. My condolences to your son and family. I pray you have peace now and rest. You will truly be missed.

May 15 at 8:51 AM



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AR

Arcy R posted:

My SINCERE CONDOLENCES to Mr and Mrs Moran and family.Cathy a beautiful young lady!!Rest in peace

May 14 at 3:14 PM

AF

Aurora & Oscar Flores posted:

Cathy, a vibrant and energetic young lady, May the Lord grant you eternal rest. Our most sincere condolences and prayers for the family ðŸ™¸ðŸŒ¹

May 12 at 9:43 PM

DC

Delma Cancino posted:

Cathy you will be missed, go and Rest in Peace with our Lord. You did your job and very well done. I will remember you always. Condolences to all the family, Prayers going out to all of them.

May 12 at 6:17 PM

EM

Elizabeth Martinez posted:

Cathy will be so missed! She was a kind and generous friend. I will miss her at Moran's and will always remember her easy going laughter. Rest in peace my little friend.

May 12 at 2:15 PM

MF

Mr & Mrs Pedro Puente Jr And Family posted:

"Our Sincere Heart Felt Condolences" She Will Forever Be Dearly Missed. May She Rest In Peace.

May 12 at 12:00 PM

LA

Lauren posted:

First thing I thought of her was being the "cool aunt" and in the short amount of time I was able to spend with her, she was indeed the "cool aunt" . I'm glad I was able to meet this kind person in a time of life when I needed her. Sending love and hugs to the Moran family for this devastating loss.

May 11 at 5:13 PM



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May 10 at 10:50 PM



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August 7 at 4:23 PM





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Join us in honoring Catalina "Cathy" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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