



## Olivia Gaona Benavides

May 15, 1945 - April 1, 2022

Olivia G. Benavides, 76, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loved ones on April 1, 2022. Olivia was born on May 15, 1945 in Durango, Mexico, and immigrated to the United States when she was six years old. She was a devoted and loving mother and grandmother. Her most enjoyable moments were spending time with her children and grandchildren, traveling, and celebrating holidays with her loved ones. Before she retired in 2012 to take care of her youngest grandson, she was a dedicated preschool educator who cared for her students as if they were her own.

Olivia was preceded in death by her parents, Amalia and Gustavo Gaona. She is survived by her three children, Fernando (Irene) Benavides III, Gustavo (Melissa) Benavides, and Linda Benavides; and five grandchildren. She is also survived by her ex-husband, Fernando Benavides Jr, with whom she remained on good terms.

The family would like to thank our extended family and friends for their love and support. We would also like to thank her primary care physician, Dr. Jose Burbano de Lara, and her oncologist at MD Anderson, Dr. Frank V. Fossella, for the years of dedicated care and compassion.

In remembrance of Olivia, the family asks that anyone choosing to make a memorial contribution, consider donating to MD Anderson Cancer Center,

Department of Thoracic-Head & Neck Medical Oncology.  
The family will hold a Catholic funeral mass at a later date.

# Tribute Wall

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“ I met “Viva” in college through an ex boyfriend’s friendship w/her children. I have fond memories of time spent w/her and children at gatherings at their Westside EP home. I especially was fond of daughter Linda, whom I lost touch with. My deepest condolences to her children! May Viva’s memory be for a blessing.



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**Anessa (Abraham) Kennard** - September 12, 2023 at 07:00 AM

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“ Adamma Anyaehie-Griffith (Widener) purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Olivia Gaona Benavides.



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**Adamma Anyaehie-Griffith (Widener)** - April 28, 2022 at 12:45 PM