



## Gloria Torres Mata

August 25, 1983 - November 13, 2015

Gloria Mata (also known as Goyita) 32, of Tyler, entered eternal life on Friday, November 13, 2015 in Tyler.

Gloria was down to earth, lover of the simple life, a peacemaker, nurturing, thrifty, and extremely smart (not specifically in that order). She rarely brushed her hair or wore make up but was always flawless with her beautiful curls and baby face. A true natural beauty she was. She found great satisfaction in preparing her young students for their academic future.

She loved to laugh or better yet had inappropriate bursts of laughter. She was the one you could always count on to find the good and positive in everything. Gloria lived for her boys and was absolutely in love with their gorgeous curly hair. She never looked forward to her boys' haircuts.

Her favorite activity was at home movie night with her boys and dogs (Pewee & Manotas), though she would never stay put and finish the movie.

She was born August 25, 1983 in Houston, TX to Hortencia Sosa and Orbelin Torres.

Gloria loved Jesus Christ and praised him at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church. She graduated from University of Texas at Tyler. Gloria had a passion for teaching and taught young students for ten years at Bonner Elementary in Tyler.

Her spirit is carried on by her loving family including her husband Miguel Mata, her boys Antonio & Roberto Mata, her mother Hortencia Sosa, her brothers Orbelin Torres & Pedro Mendez, her sisters Orfelinda Ramirez, Odilia Garza, Anna Lucena & Rocio Molina.

Pallbearers will be Pedro Mendez, Orbelin Torres, Luis Lucena, Erick Molina, Jorge Chavez, & Salvador Garza.

Honorary pallbearer will be Miguel Mata.

Mass for Gloria will be held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at 10:00 AM at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church with priest Luis E. Larrea officiating.

Burial will follow at Evergreen in Tyler under the direction of Stewart Family Funeral Home.

A celebration of her life is scheduled from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, with a Rosary to follow at 7:00 PM on Monday, November 16, 2015 at Stewart Family Funeral Home, 7525 Old Jacksonville Highway, in Tyler.

If desired, memorials may be made to "Rocio Molina" account at Southside Bank.

# Cemetery Details

## Evergreen Cemetery

Tyler,, TX 75701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **16**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home  
7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
Tyler, TX 75703  
(903) 581-2008

## Rosary

NOV **16**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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7525 Old Jacksonville Hwy  
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## Service

NOV **17**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Peter Claver Catholic Church  
615 W. Cochran St.  
Tyler, TX



# Tribute Wall

JE

“ She was very loved by many, she was also a great teacher when I was in elementary. She also helped my mother when we were very poor and would try and teach her English. She is missed by many□



Jackie Estrada - July 04, 2023 at 06:23 PM

AM

“ Gloria was my aunt we all miss her very much

Aymette Mata - June 24, 2020 at 12:41 PM

AN

“ I love you mom this is Antonio Mata

Antonio - January 16, 2020 at 08:54 PM

LM

“ Loretta Martinez lit a candle in memory of Gloria Torres Mata



Loretta Martinez - May 07, 2018 at 07:30 PM

FA

“ I had the honor to work with Gloria at Bonner. She was a new teacher when she came to us, but through the years, she blossomed into an amazing, dedicated, and committed teacher. She was always willing to learn more and go the extra mile. She just loved her students. She was an amazing individual and will be missed.

*Frances Adams*

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**Frances Adams** - November 20, 2015 at 10:08 PM

HC

“ I worked with Gloria at Bonner. She was always a joy and a blessing. She will be missed.



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**Holly Chilek** - November 17, 2015 at 07:35 PM

YM

“ Although no words can really help to ease the loss you bear, just know that you are very close in every thought and prayer. Gloria will be greatly missed but her warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever. We are honored to have known Gloria and we are honored to have called her our co-worker.

*Bonner Elementary PPCD team*

*Jill Zavala*

*Wanda Carter*

*Yolanda Meza*

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**Yolanda Meza** - November 17, 2015 at 07:36 AM

YO

“ Yolanda lit a candle in memory of Gloria Torres Mata



Yolanda - November 17, 2015 at 07:31 AM



“ Health Nut Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria Torres Mata.



November 17, 2015 at 06:49 AM

MH

“ My deepest condolences to all the Torres- Mata family. Gloria was an exceptional person and teacher I had the pleasure of knowing her through two of my daughters whom had her as their teacher at Bonner. May she rest in peace. Hernandez Family



Maricela Hernandez - November 16, 2015 at 08:19 PM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Gloria Torres Mata.



November 16, 2015 at 05:28 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Torres Mata.*



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November 16, 2015 at 04:54 PM



“ *I am glad I had the time to know you. The first time I saw your smile was an everlasting memory. I loved seeing you in the hall way every morning. You brought joy to my heart. I am honored to have known you and to be called your co-worker. May God bless your family.*

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**Debbie Mireles** - November 16, 2015 at 03:44 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Torres Mata.*



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November 16, 2015 at 02:54 PM



“ *Heavenly Heights Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Torres Mata.*



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November 16, 2015 at 02:41 PM

BH

“ *Bain, Files, Jarrett, Bain & Harrison purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gloria Torres Mata.*



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**Bain, Files, Jarrett, Bain & Harrison** - November 16, 2015 at 12:49 PM

SM

“ *You will be missed from everyone that knows you. You was a beautiful person inside and out. Seeing you smile walking down the hallways at Bonner always made me smile. I am honored to have known you.*

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**Sally Mesta** - November 16, 2015 at 12:39 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Gloria Torres Mata.*



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November 16, 2015 at 12:31 PM

BE

“ *Bonner Elementary purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Gloria Torres Mata.*



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**Bonner Elementary** - November 16, 2015 at 12:00 PM



“ *Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Gloria Torres Mata.*



November 16, 2015 at 10:39 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Gloria Torres Mata.*



November 16, 2015 at 02:28 AM



“ *Anna L. purchased the Bountiful Memories Casket Spray for the family of Gloria Torres Mata.*



**Anna L.** - November 16, 2015 at 12:45 AM



“ *Anna L. purchased the Divine Light for the family of Gloria Torres Mata.*



**Anna L.** - November 16, 2015 at 12:37 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gloria Torres Mata.*



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November 15, 2015 at 10:19 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of knowing Gloria when I taught at Bonner Elementary. She was always such a delight to colleagues and her students. She will forever leave a legacy through all she touched, and especially her two children. May God comfort her many friends and family in this time of sorrow. One sweet day, we shall all meet again.*

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**Amy Lucus-Rice** - November 15, 2015 at 08:01 PM



“ *Gloria's beautiful smile, her compassionate heart, and that wonderful laugh--oh, that laugh--made this world a better place. She touched lives and hearts, and she will be sorely missed. It was a gift and an honor to work with her. My deepest condolences to her family--you are in my thoughts and on my heart.*

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**Jana Ezernack** - November 15, 2015 at 07:50 PM

CM

“ *Gloria was a shining star wherever she was. I met her the day she was hired at Bonner. She was always smiling and had such a sweet kind spirit always ready to assist someone. She had an infectious laugh that would brighten even the dullest moment. I pray God's peace and comfort for her family.*



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**Camille Moore** - November 15, 2015 at 07:48 PM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Gloria Torres Mata.*



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November 15, 2015 at 04:37 PM

FP

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult*



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**familia fabos pulido** - November 15, 2015 at 04:37 PM



“ *Our deepest condolences to Gloria's family. She will forever be remembered for her kind heart and infectious laughter. It was a pleasure to have known her. She won't be forgotten, for I am confident that her spirit will live on through her two handsome boys.*



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**La Golondrina** - November 15, 2015 at 04:12 PM



“ *Gloria u will be miss, u were such a nice person from the day I meet u.*



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**gwen gitchuway** - November 15, 2015 at 10:14 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences go out to the family of a beautiful and amazing woman. I consider it an honor to have known and worked with Gloria. She was a wonderful teacher who touched the lives of students and teachers alike. God bless your family.*

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**Elaine Walker** - November 15, 2015 at 09:13 AM



“ *I count it a blessing to have known Gloria. She was a beautiful young woman with a loving, caring spirit. Her commitment to her students made her shine as an educator. I pray that God will bless her family and keep them in his loving care.*

*Wendy Wagley*

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**Wendy Wagley** - November 15, 2015 at 06:59 AM

KB

“ *Gloria will be greatly missed but her warmth, kindness, and gentle spirit will be remembered forever.*

*Karen Brashear*

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**karen brashear** - November 14, 2015 at 11:01 PM