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Hilda Pena Castro was born in Catarina, Texas on August 22, 1934 to Eloy and Hilaria Pena. They later moved to Ft Worth and she graduated from Technical High School.

She married Tomas Castro in 1958 and together they traveled the country and world courtesy of the US Army. They moved their young family to Atlanta, GA in 1972. Hilda had a long career with Porex Technologies in Fairburn, GA where she held various positions but ultimately retired as their Human Resource Director.

As an Army spouse, Hilda lived in various places with three young children where she managed the household on her own over his various deployments. She came from a large Mexican American family and was the second oldest of nine which prepared her for managing the Castro household in various cities with little support on her own. She was known for her readiness to travel worldwide, her tenacity, feisty spirit, independence, compassion and her ability to tackle any obstacle that came her way. She loved her original family unit and the family she created fiercely.

In her later years, she made her home in Sharpsburg, GA. She found her final happy place, her yard, where she planted flowers and plants that kept her busy. Her family also thoroughly enjoyed her native Mexican meals.

Hilda left this earth peacefully on October 21 at the age of 91. She is preceded in death by her parents, her son Mike Castro and siblings Eloy Jr, Carlos, Laura Vasquez & Luis. She is survived by her son Steven, her daughter Carrie Scruggs (James), siblings Hector, Yolanda Garces, Minnie, Sylvia Cruz (Ronnie), her granddaughters Tannah Overall (Jonathan), Jennah Vogel (Paul), Alyssa Scruggs and her great granddaughter Shea Vogel.

Hilda's wishes were to have a private ceremony with family after her death.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory can be made to Joining Hearts.

Tribute Wall

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“ I am so sad to hear this and love Hilda. She was a mentor, a friend and a work mom to me. I cherished our time together. We shared so many laughs and good memories. She was always there for me. She was a spit fire but I admired it. Very large part of my life that I am so grateful for. Love you Hilda!

Sandra Pulliam - October 24, 2025 at 08:07 AM

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*Such a wonderful person, boy did she love her grand kids!
Heaven has gotten a gem*

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