



Arnelia "Nelly" Baliko

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It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Arnelia “Nelly” Lartigue Baliko, who entered eternal rest on December 27, 2025, in Pearland, Texas, at the age of 91.

Before turning in for the night, Nelly could always be heard gently reminding her family, “Don’t forget to pray!” And when visitors prepared to leave, she never said goodbye—instead, she smiled and said, “See you later, alligator! In a while, crocodile!” These simple words captured the warmth, faith, and lighthearted love she shared so freely.

Born on September 14, 1934, in Brownsville, Texas, Nelly was the beloved daughter of Aurora and Alfredo Gonzalez, both of whom preceded her in death. She was raised alongside her siblings Eunice, Edna, Nar, Alfredo Jr., and Ciro.

After graduating from Brownsville High School in 1954, Nelly married Mike Baliko Sr. (Miklos). Together they raised their children Dawn, David, and the late Michael “Mikey” with devotion and care.

For nearly twenty years, Nelly welcomed neighbors and friends at Ace Hardware, where she worked in sales. Her genuine kindness, humility, and generosity turned everyday errands into meaningful conversations and customers into lifelong friends.

In her quiet moments, Nelly found joy in singing along to Elvis, swaying to any melody that filled the room, and listening to the sermons of Billy Graham. She delighted in yellow roses, butterflies, ladybugs, the ocean, open skies, and warm sunshine. Above all, she cherished time spent laughing with family, sharing jokes, and attending church together.

A lifelong Baptist, Nelly believed that prayer and compassion were the truest expressions of faith. In her memory, the family invites all who knew her to continue going to church, pray often, and extend kindness to the homeless and those less fortunate.



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Nelly's love and legacy live on through her daughter Dawn Clark and son-in-law Raymond Clark, her son David Baliko, and her grandchildren Andrew Padilla and Raychal Clark. She is now reunited in heaven with her husband Miklos, her son Michael John, her parents, and her siblings Eunice, Nar, and Alfredo Jr.

She will be deeply missed for her gentle words, unwavering faith, and the playful farewell she never failed to offer. Until we meet again, Mom—see you later, alligator.

Don't forget to pray.

Pray pray pray!



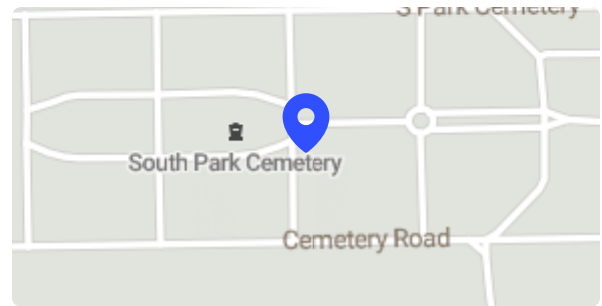
Events

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Visitation

- Wednesday**, December 31, 2025
- 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM CT
- South Park Chapel**
1310 North Main Street, Pearland TX 77581



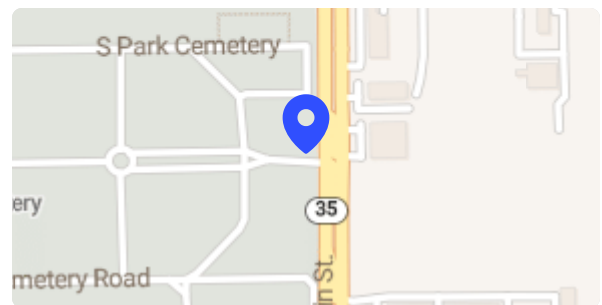
Funeral Service

- Wednesday**, December 31, 2025
- 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM CT
- South Park Chapel**
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Burial

- Wednesday**, December 31, 2025
- 11:00 AM CT
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Tribute Wall

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Connie & Eugene Ethridge sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Baliko family.



December 30 at 11:28 PM



Dawn C. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Arnelia.



December 30 at 8:48 PM



Caroline Cline December 30 at 9:51 PM

Nelly, I wish we got to see you more Everytime we saw you it brought such joy to our entire family. She would always make everyone laugh and was so full of love and always talked about god and made sure we all had Jesus in our hearts. We love you Nelly and I can't wait to see you and Mikey in heaven.Love, Caroline Cline



Mike Rifraf posted:

Nelly this is from Angie. You were always kind sweet and made us laugh. You will be missed. I remember Mikey bringing you up to Thanksgiving to come see us. We all loved you and there's comfort that you will be seeing Eunice my dad Jr Nar and Janice and of course Mikey.

December 30 at 5:39 PM



Tracie B. planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Arnelia.



December 30 at 3:13 PM



Dianna Dotson Johnson planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Arnelia.



December 30 at 9:05 AM



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DJ

Dianna Dotson Johnson sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Baliko family.



December 30 at 9:05 AM

EB

Edna Bournes posted:

My sister Nelly was generous, kind, and loving, she was like a second mother to me, we were 18 years apart, I always thought she was so beautiful, she will be missed but will be reunited with our mother, father, sister Eunice, her eldest son Mikey and my brother Jr and our other brother Nar. Love you Nelly someday I'll see you at the Jordan River ❤️

December 30 at 8:44 AM

RC

Ray Clark posted:

Nelly You will be missed! It was a pleasure to get to know you these last 17 years! I know you have made me a better person with your caring and devotion to God! It was an honor to help care for you when you needed it! "I will not forget to pray! I love you!

December 29 at 8:48 PM

DE

Dolly Escobedo lit a candle in honor of Arnelia.

Thank you for always being so kind to me growing up. I will always cherish my memories with you. Dolly Escobedo



December 29 at 8:23 PM

DC

Dawn Clark posted:

Mom, Oh how I miss you so very much. You were so beautiful, sweet, precious and so funny. My heart hurts. It was an honor to take care of you. I would do it again and again. Thank you for taking me to church when I was little and telling me about Jesus. You are now our beautiful guardian angel. I will see you again one day! You are in my heart forever. Every night you would tell me don't forget to pray! Mom, I won't forget to pray. I love you, I love you, I love you! See you later alligator ☐☐☐

December 29 at 8:17 PM



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Andrew Padilla posted:

Grandma! I miss you very much. I wish I could see you again. I will never forget how you always supported me. It always meant the world to me when you'd compliment me and tell me you how much you loved me. I love you very very much. Forever and always!Your grandson,Andrew

December 29 at 8:05 PM



Doug Williams & Rosie Davis sent a Beautiful Heart Bouquet to the Baliko family.



December 29 at 7:03 PM



Doug Williams & Rosie Davis planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Arnelia.



December 29 at 7:03 PM



David Jackson sent a Sweet Solace Spray to the Baliko family.



December 29 at 4:16 PM



David Jackson planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Arnelia.



December 29 at 4:16 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Arnelia by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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