



Italia Ariden Pena

February 8, 2011 - March 27, 2025

Italia Ariden Pena, age 14, of Odessa, Texas, passed away peacefully at her home on March 27, 2025, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on February 8, 2011, to Nayelli Pena, Italia was a beautiful light in the lives of everyone who knew her. She was known for her infectious giggles and a smile that could brighten any room. Her joy was pure and effortless, leaving a lasting impression on all who met her.

Despite enduring many medical challenges and surgeries, Italia displayed a fierce strength and resilience that inspired everyone around her. Her spirit remained joyful and radiant through it all. Her beloved cat, Nala Pena, was always by her side, a source of comfort and love.

Italia leaves behind a legacy of laughter, happiness, and strength. She made every room feel warmer and more joyful just by being there.

She is survived by her loving parents, Nayelli and Jose Pena of Odessa, TX; her four siblings, Adriel Pena, Ilai Pena, Emily Pena, and Jose Luis Pena; grandparents, Martha Pena and Arnulfo Pena, and Moises Tavarez and Rita Tavarez.

A viewing will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Funeral services will take place on Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at 10:00 AM, with burial to follow immediately at American Heritage Cemetery.

Italia's joyful spirit and beautiful laughter will forever remain in the hearts of her family and friends. She will be dearly missed but never forgotten.

Previous Events

Viewing

APR 1. 2:00 PM (CT)

American Heritage Funeral Home
4100 N FM 1788
Midland, TX 79707
(432) 563-9767
info@thehealingstartshere.com
<https://thehealingstartshere.com>

Funeral Service

APR 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ *It is a privilege to share this time as we remember and celebrate the life of your loved one. During this time of grief, we wish you comfort and peace.*

Hospice of Midland

Sandy Sandate - April 07, 2025 at 10:37 AM

AL

“ *Im going to miss you my Italia dressing. Love you baby girl.*



Abigail Leyva - April 02, 2025 at 03:35 PM

CR

“ *We love you tallia bug!*

Walk with Jesus. We miss you baby girl



Christa Ramos - April 02, 2025 at 09:28 AM

NY

“ Nurse Payne & staff at Wilson and Young purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Italia Ariden Pena.



Nurse Payne & staff at Wilson and Young - April 01, 2025 at 04:27 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Italia Ariden Pena.



April 01, 2025 at 12:56 PM



“ Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Italia Ariden Pena.



April 01, 2025 at 01:02 AM

FA

“ Family Villela Anguiano planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Italia Ariden Pena.

Family Villela Anguiano - April 01, 2025 at 12:20 AM

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“ *Family Villela Anguiano purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Italia Ariden Pena.*



Family Villela Anguiano - April 01, 2025 at 12:20 AM

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“ *Angel y Maria (Chelo) Rodriguez purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of Italia Ariden Pena.*



Angel y Maria (Chelo) Rodriguez - March 31, 2025 at 11:55 PM

DF

“ *De parte de Chuy Leyva y familia purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Italia Ariden Pena.*



De parte de Chuy Leyva y familia - March 31, 2025 at 11:47 PM

CP

“ *Carlos P. purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Italia Ariden Pena.*



Carlos P. - March 31, 2025 at 11:25 PM

YO

“ Yara O. purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Italia Ariden Pena.



Yara O. - March 31, 2025 at 08:51 PM

GH

“ Greg and Zelda Hollingshead purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Italia Ariden Pena.



Greg and Zelda Hollingshead - March 31, 2025 at 06:17 PM