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**Juan Israel Maduena**, 65, of Beeville died Friday, September 28, 2018 surrounded by his family and friends. Israel Maduena was born January 31, 1953 in Sinaloa, Mexico. Preceded in death by his parents and two brothers. Survivors include his wife, Maria Maduena and one daughter Jennifer Ivette Maduena. He is Remembered by always lending a helping hand to anyone in need and had the ability to fix just about anything. He truly enjoyed drilling water wells where he worked at B&L Water well in Beeville, Tx for 20 years Apart from that he enjoyed most of his days with his animals and his family watching baseball and the Cowboys on Sundays. He was loved by many and will truly be missed as a great father, husband, and friend. Memorial funeral services were held Saturday, October 13th at 1 PM at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses at 731 W. 4th St Sinton Texas.

**Alyce Dean Maley**, left this world to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on January 27, 2016 at her home in Rockport. She was born on November 26, 1931 in Johnson City, Texas to Fields Martin Bradshaw and Jessie Jewel Webb Bradshaw. She was the last of five children in the family. She was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters and a daughter and her parents. Alyce was a star basketball player for the Johnson City Eagles High School girls basketball team. Part of her high school education was spent in Boerne, Texas and she was presented with class rings from both schools. After graduation she wanted to travel and see the world. She worked part time during and after school for Walgreens drugstores in San Antonio. She took a job selling books and encyclopedias traveling all over the country. In 1950 she met and married Derrald Gordon in Boise, Idaho and they had two daughters and a son. They traveled together before coming back to Texas and settling in Corpus Christi because of her experience selling encyclopedias, she secured a job as manager over the book department for Sears-Roebuck in Corpus Christi. Her husband Derrald passed away in 1982. In the spring of 1983 she met and later married John David Maley. They lived in Corpus Christi until his retirement from the Corpus Christi Army Depot in 1993. They sold their home in Corpus Christi and moved to Rockport on the water with their own private pier. Alyce loved to fish, go dancing and play penny-anti poker and she and her husband David spent many hours fishing on their pier. In later years, her health declined so she could no longer enjoy her pastimes. She is survived by her husband, David, a daughter, Ronda Kay (Kenneth) Allen of New Bern, North Carolina, a son Steven C.(Biddie) Gordon of Mission, Texas, 4 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. Visitation began 10:00AM Monday, February 1, 2016 at the Ritchea-Gonzales

Funeral Home for public viewing, and 6:00PM to 8:00PM Monday evening for the family and friends. Funeral services were conducted at the First United Methodist Church in Sinton at 10:00AM Tuesday, February 2, 2016 with Pastor Rosie Gratten officiating. Interment followed at the Sinton Cemetery.

**Audelia Bargas Marin**, 74, loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 1, 2023. Audelia loved gardening, watching the Texas Rangers, making tamales, playing slot machines, watching Wheel of Fortune, praying the rosary daily, attending mass until she couldn't make it to church and then watching it on TV. She is preceded in death by her husband, Jacinto Marin and her parents, Antonio and Elida Cantu Bargas. She is survived by her loving family, her son, Robert Martinez of Shirley, Massachusetts, her daughters, Sandra Martinez of Portland and Lisa Espinosa of Sinton, her sisters, Linda Morin and Estella Anderson of Odem, Marta Marroquin of Corpus Christi and Enedina Aleman of McAllen, her grandchildren, Brooke Martinez, Danielle Martinez, Miguel Pelayo, Nina Rodriguez, Marina Rodriguez, Illiana Rodriguez, Marco Espinosa, Manuel Espinosa and Mateo Espinosa, six great grandchildren and many extended family members and friends. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 5, 2023, from 3 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**Jacinto M. Marin**, 73, passed away on Wednesday, July 10, 2019. He had been employed as a steelworker at ASARCO. He is survived by his wife Audelia Marin of Odem, his son, Robert (Jennifer) Martinez of Boston, MA, his daughters, Sandra (Joe Perez) Martinez of Odem and Lisa Espinoza of Sinton, his brothers, Juan C. Marin of Mathis and Luis Marin of Edroy, his sisters, Elva Lopez, Lupe De Leon and Delia Marin of Edroy, Silvia Fuentes of Corpus Christi, Dora Tijerina of Beeville and Helen Hinojosa of Sinton, 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Friday, July 12, 2019 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Saturday, July 13, 2019 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy with Father Pete Elizardo as celebrant. Interment followed at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**Louis Morin Marin**, 77, passed away on Friday, June 3, 2022, following a long illness. Louis was a loving father, grandfather, brother and friend. He enjoyed dancing, did bean cook offs and especially was a big Dallas Cowboy and Texas Longhorn fan. He was preceded in death by his

parents, Juan C. Marin and Dora Morin and his siblings, Dominga Villarreal, Jacinto Marin, Maria Garces, and Esperanza Barrientes. He is survived by his loving family, his sons, Mark (Leslie) Marin of Corpus Christi and Jesse Marin of Odem, his daughter, Jennifer (David Doria) Marin of Corpus Christi, his brother, Juan (Aurora) Marin of Mathis, his sisters, Elva (Domingo) Lopez, Delia (Oscar Garza) and Lupe (Robert) De Leon of Edroy, Sylvia Fuentes of Corpus Christi, Helen (Steven) Hinojosa of Odem and Dora (Paul) Tijerina of Beeville, four grandchildren, Mia Marin, Julian Avalos, Deasia Doria and Libiny Doria and his great granddaughter, Melody Cortez, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, June 7, 2022, from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Wednesday, June 8, 2022, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy with Father George as celebrant. Interment will follow at Edroy Cemetery in Edroy.

**Lilia Lopez Marines**, 86, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 following a sudden illness. She was born in Roma, Texas and had been a lifelong resident of Corpus Christi. She was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her oldest sister, Graciela Flores. She is survived by her loving family, her son, Luis Omar Marines of Corpus Christi, her daughters, Aurora Johnson and Cecilia Guerra of Corpus Christi, her sister, Eva Vera of Roma, Texas, (5) grandchildren and (14) great grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Sunday, March 26, 2017 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00AM Monday, March 27, 2017 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton. Interment followed at Rose Hill Cemetery in Corpus Christi.

**Aladino O. "Nino" Martinez**, 67, a special Angel in the Martinez family, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 24, 2019. Nino was well known and loved by all and was also known as Shaggy. He was a big fan of Tejano and Mariachi music and he loved to eat. When he was young the doctors said he would not live past eight years old but he outlived the doctors. He is preceded in death by his parents Domingo and Teofila Martinez, his brothers, Arturo, Alfredo, Amador, Abel and Alfonso, his sisters, Adela Chapa and Aurora Trevino. He is survived by his loving family, his brother, Andres (Dominga) Martinez of Sinton and his sister, Amelia (Bill) Sorrell of Kilgore, numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation began at 3 PM Sunday, January 27, 2019 with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Monday, January 28, 2019 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Antonia Martinez**, 74, was a loving and kindhearted wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandma. At any time she was also a mother to her children's friends. She loved giving her time at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Edroy, where she taught CCD and was a member of the Guadalupanas. She was born on March 27, 1945. She is preceded in death by her husband Roberto, her parents, Domingo and Estanislada Vargas, her sisters Manuela Lopez and Jesusa Gonzales, her brothers, Simon Vargas, Carmel Vargas, Juan Vargas, and Lupe Vargas. She is survived by her daughters, Rosa Ramos (Joe), Gracie Obregon (David) and San Juana Torres (Baldemar), her sons, Robert Martinez, Jr., Gregorio Martinez, Ricardo Martinez (Rosa), Gavriel Martinez (Kristina) and Carmel Martinez (Patricia), her sisters, Antonia Soto (Richard) and Margarita Gonzales (Guadalupe), 26 grandchildren, and 10 great-children. Visitation was held from 1 PM to 9 PM with a rosary being recited at 7 PM Sunday, August 25, 2019 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Monday, August 26, 2019 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment followed in the Edroy Cemetery. The family would like to give special thanks to Celina Baldarramos, Maria Monreal, and Deann Rodriguez.

**Delia Martinez**, 94, loving mother, grandmother, sister and friend passed away on Sunday, January 9, 2022. Delia worked very hard for her kids. She was preceded in death by her parents, Sisto and Victoria Nino, her brothers, Paul and Rudy Nino, and her grandchild Danielle Marroquin. She is survived by her loving family, her sons, Michael Martinez of Austin and Richard (Dee Dee) Martinez of Pflugerville, her daughters, Delia (Rudy) Arredondo of Sinton, Anna Duenez of San Marcos, Hilda (Cipriano) Morin and Gloria Esquivel of Odem and Sylvia Martinez of Austin, her sisters, Elia Botello of Odem and Juanita Torres of San Marcos, 18 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren, 3 great great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Visitation will be held from 2 PM to 9 PM on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Friday, January 14, 2022 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel in Sinton. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem. The family requests that masks be worn at the visitation and at the funeral service.

**Domingo Martinez**, 66, passed away on Tuesday, January 16, 2018. He was a hard worker and had a passion for music and dancing. He was a loyal Cowboys fan. He is survived by his sons, Alex (Katrina) Martinez of Odem, Martin (Nelda) Martinez and Domingo (Missy) Martinez, Jr. of Corpus Christi and Romeo Rojas of Robstown, his daughters, Maria Martinez and Brenda

Garza of Robstown, Cindy (Rudy) Uribe and Marta (Grey Castillo) Martinez of Taft and Laura (Jose Alvarez) Martinez of Portland, his brothers, Soilo Martinez of Corpus Christi and Juan Martinez of Odem, his sisters, Angie Jasso, Isabel Santellana, and Lupe Martinez of Odem, Antonia Ortiz of Taft and Dolores Rocha of Austin, 39 grandchildren. A prayer service was held at 7 PM Friday, January 19, 2018 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 10 AM Saturday, January 20, 2018 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

Peacefully and surrounded by her family, **Felicita (Faye) M. Martinez** went to be with our Lord on Sunday, January 9, 2022 at the age of 91. She is preceded in death by her husband, Malaquias Martinez, her children, Robert (Antonia) Martinez, Juan (Lulu) Martinez, Ruben (Isabel) Martinez, Sylvia Fregoso, Javier Martinez, and her parents, Jesus and Eugenia Marin, Sr. She was diligent in her work during her time migrating, cleaning houses, and working at the senior citizen center in Edroy. But above all, she was a devoted mother and a devout Catholic. To have received "The Blessing" from her was to feel her love. She will be lovingly remembered by her sister, Lupe Marroquin, her children, Virginia Montoya, Ernestine (Jesse) Cruz, Alfredo (Rosy) Martinez, Antonio (Teri) Martinez, Mariaelma (Alfonso) Araiza, Jose Luis Martinez, Arturo (Frances) Martinez, and Olgalydia (Gary) Martinez-Kiefer, 40 grandchildren, 88 great-grandchildren, and 54 great great-grandchildren. A visitation will be held at 2 PM, Tuesday, January 11, 2022, with a holy rosary recited at 7 PM at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM, Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy with Father Paul Hesse as celebrant. Interment will follow at Edroy Cemetery in Edroy.

**Freddie Santellana Martinez**, 58, loving husband, father, son, brother, uncle and friend passed away on Wednesday, November 9, 2021. Freddie had been employed as a farmer, loved music but especially loved all his family. He is survived by his wife, Annette Aguirre Torres of Beeville, his sons, Frank Martinez, Tony Martinez and Alonzo Martinez of Odem and Freddy Martinez of Sinton, his daughters, Analiza Martinez of Odem and Savannah Martinez of Beeville, his mother mother, Olivia S. Perales of Odem, his brother, Joel Perales of Odem, his sisters, Elizabeth Ortiz and Celinda Ermis of Odem and Yolanda Villarreal of Tulsa, Oklahoma, 14 grandchildren and numerous other relatives and friends. A prayer service will be held at 7 PM Thursday, November 11, 2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday, November 12, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in

Odem with Father George as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem. The family requests that masks be worn at the visitation and the mass.

**Jose Martinez, Jr.**, 74, loving father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and friend passed away on Saturday, June 17, 2023. Jose loved fishing and spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Eulalia Lira Martinez, Sr. He is survived by his wife, Elva Martinez of Odem, his sons, Joseph (Dolores) Martinez, Seffey Martinez and David (Destinee) Martinez of Odem, his daughter, Lorraine Martinez of Sinton, his brother, Ricky (Vera) Martinez of Odem, his sisters, Diana Solis of Calallen and Vicky (Abel) Elizardo of Odem, 10 grandchildren and one great grandchild. A visitation will be held on Monday, June 26, 2023, from 1 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11:30 AM, Tuesday, June 27, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father George as celebrant. Interment will follow at 1 PM at Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery in Corpus Christi with full military honors.

**Juan Martinez**, 70, passed away on Tuesday, November 7, 2019. He was born on September 26, 1949 in Edroy, Texas to Malaquias and Felicita Martinez. He was preceded in death by his wife, Luz Martinez. He was a loving father and lived life his way to the fullest. He is survived by his sons, Juan J. Martinez of Edroy and David M. Martinez of Hidalgo, his daughter, Sylvia M. Castro of Corpus Christi, his mother, Felicita "Faye" Martinez of Edroy, his brothers, Alfredo Martinez of Odem, Antonio Martinez, Jose Luis Martinez and Arturo Martinez of Edroy, his sisters, Virginia Montoya of Sinton, Ernestina Cruz of Michigan, Maria Elena Araiza of Corpus Christi and Olga Lydia Kiefer of Odem, 4 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Monday, November 11, 2019 from 12 PM to 9 PM with a rosary being recited at 7 PM at RitcheaGonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment will follow at Edroy Cemetery.

**Juan Martinez, Jr.**, 48, a longtime resident of Odem, Texas made his way to heaven on Friday, the 3rd of February 2017 at 6:28PM surrounded by family and friends. Juan was born December 20, 1968 in Sinton, Texas to Juan and Lydia Martinez. He is preceded in death by his maternal and paternal grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles. He is survived by his wife, Paula Martinez of Odem, his parents, Juan and Lydia Martinez of Odem, his daughter, Jaime Martinez of Indiana, three grandchildren, three cats, Boots, Mitten and Sky, his sisters, Nancy Santellana (Mark Santellana) of Odem, Lorie Garcia (Simon Garcia) of Garland, Alexandra Martinez (Juan

Delgado, Jr.), Irene Martinez (Robert Cazarez) and Amanda Martinez (Joe Martinez, Jr.) all of Odem. Also many nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews. Visitation was held from 1:30PM to 9:00PM on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home and from 9:00AM to 9:00PM Wednesday, February 8, 2017 with a rosary being recited at 7:00PM. Funeral services were held at 9:00AM Thursday, February 9, 2017 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home before being laid to rest at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**Juan Gomez Martinez**, age 68, of Odem, Texas passed away on Wednesday, June 27, 2018 surrounded by family and friends. He was born to Solio and Isabel Martinez on January 15, 1950. He lived life to the fullest every day with his loving wife and family. He enjoyed doing mechanic work, scratching his lottery tickets and taking care of his three grandchildren, Jayden, Caleb and Julie that he loved as his own. He was preceded in death by his parents, his in-laws, four brothers, one sister and his son Juan Martinez, Jr. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Lidia, his five daughters, Nancy (Mark) and Amanda (Joe) of Odem, Lorie (Simon) of Dallas, Alexandria (Juan) and Irene (Abel) of Corpus Christi, 20 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, five sisters and one brother, as well as many nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Sunday, July 1, 2018 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Monday, July 2, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment followed at the San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**Juanita R. Martinez**, 99, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, January 23, 2019. She was a lifelong resident of Sinton and was a good loving mother. She is preceded in death by her husband Dionicio Martinez, two sons, Alonzo and Gonzalo, one daughter, Oralia, three grandsons, Freddy Martinez, Omar Martinez and Hector Garza, Jr. and one granddaughter, Gracie Castillo. She is survived by her sons, Lyonso Martinez of Corpus Christi, Ociel Martinez of Sinton and Nestor Martinez of Davenport, Iowa, one daughter, Esther Garza of Sinton, three brothers and five sisters, 28 grandchildren, 34 great grandchildren, 17 great great grandchildren, 15 great, great, great grandchildren and 5 great, great, great, great grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Thursday, January 24, 2019 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Friday, January 25, 2019 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Juanita Ramirez Martinez**, 65, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend passed away Saturday, August 27, 2022. She was born on September 18, 1956, in

Sinton, Texas to Santiago and Luz Ramirez Martinez. She loved giving, helping in the church at Christmas time and spending time with her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her son, Raymond Esparza, III and her husband, Mario Martinez. She is survived by her loving family, her daughters, Ida (Joseph) Denton and Ileen (Jaime) De Los Santos of Sinton, her brother, Richard Martinez of San Antonio, her sisters, Yolanda Castillo, Cruz Cancino and Maria Louisa Rico of Sinton, 17 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A memorial service will be held at 9 AM Sunday, September 4, 2022, at Grace Church, 215 Sodville Road in Sinton.

**Leonarda Sara Martinez** died January 25, 2016. She was 88. She is preceded in death by her husband, Aurelio Martinez, Sr. and two sons, Roberto Martinez Sr. and Hector Martinez, Sr. Survivors include her daughters, Jesusa Martinez, Elma Ortiz (Ramiro), Irma Martinez all from Edroy, Tx. Erica Martinez and Diana Cantu (Toby) from Corpus Christi ,TX. Her sons Aurelio Martinez Jr. (Amelia) and Ruben Martinez (Irma) from Odem, TX , Arturo Martinez (Eloisa) from Victoria, TX, Gustavo Martinez, Sr. (Sylvia) from Sinton, TX; Her brother Jose Luis Arrezola (Mary) from Corpus Christi, TX; 25 Grandchildren, 43 Great-Grandchildren and 5 Great-Great Grandchildren. A prayer service was conducted on Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7:00PM at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel in Sinton. Funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 27, 2016 at 10:00AM at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel in Sinton with Jose Abad officiating. Interment followed in the San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**Lidia Martinez**, 87, passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2020. She was a homemaker and a loving mother and grandmother. She is preceded in death by her husband Rafael Martinez. She is survived by her sons, Ramiro Martinez of Arkansas, Richard Martinez of Smithville and Rafael Martinez of Sinton, her daughters, Ilma Hill of Taft, Irene Marler of Victoria and Ida Butler of Sinton, 12 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. A rosary and a blessing will be held at 10 AM Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with Father Yul Ibay officiating. Interment will follow at Sinton Cemetery.

**Mary Alice Moreno Martinez**, 61, went to be with the Lord on Friday, April 29, 2022. Mary Alice was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She was born on July 13, 1960 in Sinton, Texas to Manuel and Dora Zuniga Moreno. She loved and enjoyed being a sponsor and mom for the Sinton High School Band for 28 years and enjoyed going on their band field trips. She also enjoyed working the concession stand on Friday night games. She will be truly missed. She is survived by her husband, Jessie Martinez of Sinton, her daughters, Monica



Castillo of Portland and Stacey Salinas of Sinton, her brothers, Adolfo Galvan of Sinton and Manuel Moreno of Corpus Christi, her sisters, Gloria Buckner of Iowa, Mary Soto and Margie Moreno of San Antonio, Gloria Martinez, Mary Jane Perez, Alice Ebanes and Rita Rodriguez of Houston, her grandchildren, Steve, Jr., Marc, Adrian, Arianna, A.J., Mathew, Kimberly, Emily, Marcy, Miguel, Jr., Daniela and Julie, her great granddaughter, Aria Rose. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Sunday, May 1, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Monday, May 2, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant.

**Maria "Mary" Louisa Munoz Martinez**, 75, loving wife, mother, sister, aunt and friend went to be with the Lord on Monday, September 13, 2021. Mary was born on June 27, 1945 in Beeville, Texas to Juan Pablo and Augustina Munoz. Mary enjoyed painting, arts and crafts and being a member of the Guadalupanas of Sacred Heart Catholic Church where she was a faithful member. She is preceded in death by her parents and her sister, Virginia "Vickie" Candela. She is survived by her loving family, her husband, Enrique "Ricky" Martinez, Sr. of Odem, her son, Enrique Martinez, Jr. of Odem, her brother, Richard (Janie) Munoz of Beeville, her daughter-in-law, Yvette Castillo of Corpus Christi, other family and friends. The visitation will be held Sunday, September 19, 2021 from 3 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Monday, September 20, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father George as celebrant. Interment will follow at Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery. The family requests that masks be worn at the visitation and at the mass.

**Nicolasa "Nico" C. Martinez** also lovingly known as "Nana", was born to Julian and Amada Castillo on December 6, 1934, in Robstown, Texas. Nico would fondly reminisce of her childhood when she and her younger siblings, cousins, and friends would play in, "el barrio". In 1954 she married Estevan E. Martinez in Calallen, Tx surrounded by their friends and family; the early years of their marriage were spent as migrant workers all throughout west Texas. In 1958 they agreed to settle down in Edroy, Tx to raise their family. Together Nicolasa and Estevan had four children. Nicolasa was a dedicated member of Primera Iglesia Bautista el Calvario for 59 years; in her time there she served as a Sunday school teacher, a vacation bible school leader, a member of the Union Femenil women's mission, youth counselor, church treasurer, and various other positions. Later in life Hermana Nico became a parent, friend, confidant, mentor, and prayer warrior for those in need. Nicolasa C. Martinez passed away peacefully on August 5, 2022, in Karnes City, Tx surrounded by her children. She is preceded in

death by her parents Julian and Amada Castillo, her son Adrian Martinez, daughter Diana Martinez, grandson Adrian Lee Martinez, her brothers Julian and Jose Castillo and son-in-law Robert Longoria. She is also preceded by her husband of 52 years Estevan E. Martinez, and her great-granddaughter Rebecca Reese Ramirez. She is survived by her brothers Anecleto Castillo, Victor Castillo and one sister Ysaura Salomon; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Her children, Ramiro and Josie Martinez, of Karnes City, Tx, Estevan and Irma Martinez of El Paso, Tx, Dorothy Martinez of Edroy, Tx and Andre Martinez of Corpus Christi, Tx. She is also survived by, “all of her kids”: LeahAnn and Derek Salinas, Aaron and Marina Martinez, Carolina Silva, Christy Silva, Stefphanie and Larry Saldana, Estevan Martinez, Matthew and Lauren Martinez, Victoria Jaramillo, Daniel J. Martinez, Alexis and George Fiegel, Karina and Roger Ramirez, Adrianna and Jose Mariscal. Great grandchildren Derek T. and Samantha Salinas, Brianna and Noah Eadie, Evan Salinas, Jasmine Hernandez, Violet Hernandez, William Fiegel, Kay Fiegel, Lorina Munoz, Estephany Martinez, Adrian Martinez, Tatum Martinez, Ezequiel Saldana, Marlene Saldana, Alex Macias, Theodore Ramirez, Olivia Martinez, Kataleia Mariscal, Macy Martinez, Amarilys Mariscal, River Martinez, Persephone Saldana, Lincoln Ramirez and great-great grandchildren Rylie Eadie, Henry Eadie, Damian Gutierrez, and Colby Gutierrez. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, beginning at 3:00 pm at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton, Tx. The family would like to invite those that have a special memory or story to share to join them at 6pm; a memorial service will follow beginning at 7pm. Wednesday August 10, 2022 a special viewing will be held from 8:00 am-9:45 am followed by a celebration of life to be held at 10 AM at Primera Iglesia Bautista el Calvario in Edroy, Tx officiated by Rev. Phillip Salomon of Garland, TX; followed by a graveside service at the Edroy Cemetery, Edroy.

**Richard Vargas Martinez**, 51 years old, was called home to Our Lord on May 21, 2022. Resident of Odem, Texas he was a part of the 1989 graduating class at OEISD. Richard was a man with a big heart who loved spending time with his family, enjoyed barbecuing, and making his famous charro beans. He enjoyed going fishing and watching his favorite football team: San Francisco 49ers while enjoying a few bud lights. Richard never hesitated to help others and always put family first. Richard is preceded in death by his parents Roberto and Antonia Martinez, his brother Roberto Martinez Jr., and his grandmother Felicita Martinez. Richard is survived by his wife, Rosa Elaine Martinez, his children Natalia Martinez, Richard Martinez, Amileah Martinez, and Francisco Lira-Martinez. His stepchildren Stephanie Guerrero, Larrissa Guerrero, and Priscilla Beltran. Grandchildren Anisah Gonzales, Celeste Guerrero, and Giselle Guerrero. Siblings: Rosa (Joe) Ramos, Gregorio (Melinda) Martinez, Gracie (David) Obregon,

Gabriel (Kristina) Martinez, Janie (Baldemar) Torres, Carmel (Patricia) Martinez; numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will begin at 3 PM on Sunday, May 29, 2022, at Ritchea Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton, Texas. Rosary to be recited at 7:00PM the same evening. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:00AM on Monday, May 30, 2022, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Edroy, Texas. Interment will follow in the Edroy cemetery in Edroy.

**Robert Martinez, Jr.**, a beloved father to two stepsons, Carlos Cavazos and Joseph Cavazos, and two daughters, and brother to seven siblings, died on Saturday, August 21, 2021 of Covid. He will be remembered for always having a joke to tell when times got rough. A known sports fanatic and amazing dancer, who loved his family and lived for his daughters, Abigail and Emily Rose Martinez. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Thursday, August 26, 2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton. Graveside services will be held at Edroy Cemetery in Edroy with Father George officiating. Interment will follow. The family requests that masks be worn.

**Roberto Martinez, Sr.**, 71, loving husband, father, grandfather, son, and brother, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 following a short illness. Roberto was employed as a heavy equipment operator for K. F. Hunt until his retirement. He loved fishing as much as he loved his Dallas Cowboys. He worked all his life to provide for his family. He is survived by his loving wife Antonia Martinez of Edroy. His sons Roberto Martinez Jr. of Edroy, Gregorio Martinez and Carmel Martinez (Patricia) Martinez of Odem, Ricardo (Rosa Cantu) Martinez of Sinton and Gavriel (Kristina) Martinez of Odessa. His daughters Rosa (Joe) Ramos and Graciela (David) Obregon of Odem, San Juana (Balde) Torres of Krum. His Mother Felicita (Faye) Martinez of Edroy. His Brothers Alfredo Martinez of Odem, Juan Martinez, Antonio Martinez, Jose Luis Martinez, and Arturo Martinez of Edroy. His Sisters Virginia Montoya of Sinton, Ernestina Cruz of Michigan, Maria Elma Araiza of Corpus Christi and Olga Lydia Kiefer of Odem. 26 Grandchildren 9 Great Grandchildren. Visitation was held from 1 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11 AM Saturday, November 17, 2018 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment followed at the Edroy Cemetery. The family wishes to thank Roberto's providers Celina Baldarramos and Maria Monreal for their kind and loving care of Roberto.

**Ruben Marin Martinez**, 66, loving father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend went to be with the Lord on Thursday, April 6, 2017 following a sudden illness. Ruben was a very

humble and caring man who was loved by everyone. He adored his grandchildren. He is survived by his loving family, his son, Michael Martinez of Houston, his daughter, Linda Martinez of Odem, his mother, Felicita "Faye" Martinez of Edroy, his brothers, Roberto Martinez of Odem, Juan Martinez of Edroy, Alfredo Martinez of Odem, Antonio Martinez, Jose Luis Martinez and Arturo Martinez of Edroy, his sisters, Virginia Montoya of Sinton, Ernestina Cruz of Charlotte, Michigan, Maria Elma Araiza of Corpus Christi and Olga Lydia Kiefer of Odem, five grandchildren and his loving companion, Guadalupe Luna and family. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Sunday, April 9, 2017 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00AM, Monday, April 10, 2017 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment followed at Edroy Cemetery.

**Roger Luis McCune**, 57, passed away on Wednesday, February 20, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Sharon McCune of Taft, his sons, John Dearing and Zackary Dearing of San Marcos, his daughters, Jessica Williams of Rockport and Samantha Dearing of San Marcos, his brothers, Victor McCune of Taft, Bert McCune of Austin and Robert Jenkins of San Antonio and his sister, Linda Ivey of Corpus Christi. Services were held at 10 AM Saturday, February 23, 2019 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home.

**Elizabeth Sue Elsik McDaniel**, 88, of Sinton, Texas, was called home by our Lord on March 14, 2022. Sue was born September 24, 1933, in Kingsville, Texas to Lula Parmley and Frank John Elsik. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, William Franklin (Bill) McDaniel, her parents, and her brother, F. J. Elsik. Sue and Bill were high school sweethearts at Henrietta M. King High School in Kingsville, Texas. They married on September 18, 1954 and were both graduates of Texas A& I University. Sue was an accounting major and administrative assistant to the University President. She was also a member of Beta Gamma sorority and the Wesley Foundation. Bill and Sue moved to Sinton in 1957 and started a family. Sue taught various grade levels within Sinton I.S.D., with teaching office education in the high school as her favorite. She was a strong Christian and instilled those values in her family. They joined the First United Methodist Church upon moving to Sinton. Throughout their lives they remained faithful and dedicated members. Sue was active in United Methodist Women and served the church in many capacities over the past 65 years. Sue loved hunting and fishing with Bill, gardening, cooking, volunteering, and spending time at the Elsik beach property on Baffin Bay. But she especially loved her role as "Granny" to her seven grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. Sue was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, and friend. She and Bill had a special relationship, and these two high school sweethearts are now reunited.

Sue is survived by her sister, Jean Elsik Prejean of Kingsville; her daughter Laurie Collins (Chris) of Houston, daughter Leslie Martin (Bob) of Plano, and son Patrick McDaniel (Stephanie) of Sinton; grandchildren, Allie Martin Floyd (Walter), Trey Martin (Rachel), Rachel Collins Kronzer (Corey), Amanda Collins, Wesley McDaniel, Matthew Collins, and Nolan McDaniel; and her great-granddaughter, Reese Anne Floyd. A reception honoring and celebrating Sue's life will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church in Sinton, Texas on Saturday, April 2, 2022. Friends are invited to join the family in the Fellowship Hall from 11:30 to 1 PM. Honoring Sue's wishes, a private family memorial service will be held at another time. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First United Methodist Church of Sinton, Texas.

**William Franklin (Bill) McDaniel**, 83, went to be with his Lord on March 15, 2016 with his family at his side. Bill was born September 9, 1932 in Kingsville, Texas to Thomas Luther McDaniel and Adeline Falvella McDaniel. He and his older brother were raised by their mother and stepfather, Frank Slezinsky, Jr. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Thomas Lee McDaniel, nephew Thomas Neil McDaniel and sister-in-law Billye Loyce McDaniel. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Sue; daughter Laurie Collins and husband Chris of Houston, daughter Leslie Martin and husband Bob of Plano and son Patrick McDaniel and wife Stephanie of Sinton; seven grandchildren: Allie Martin of Austin, Trey Martin of Dallas, Rachel Collins, Amanda Collins and Matt Collins all of Houston, Wesley McDaniel and Nolan McDaniel of Sinton, nephew Jack McDaniel, niece Katy McDaniel and sister-in-law Jean Prejean all of Kingsville; cousins and many friends. During his early school years, Bill was known as "Billy Frank". Following graduation from Henrietta M. King High School, he served in the United States Air Force for four years. On September 18, 1954 he married Elizabeth Sue Elsik, his high school sweetheart. Theirs was a special relationship that will surely reach beyond this temporary separation. After his discharge from the military, Bill attended Texas A & I College where he received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture and a Master of Science in Education. In 1957 he was hired as a science teacher in Sinton. He served the students and teachers of Sinton ISD for 35 years as a teacher, counselor, principal and assistant superintendent. Following his retirement from SISD he enjoyed a career in real estate. Bill was a "people person" and his friendliness and sense of integrity contributed to successful careers in both education and real estate. He was a dedicated member of the First United Methodist Church of Sinton where he served in many capacities. He was also a long-time member of the Sinton Kiwanis Club. Being a loyal Sinton Pirate fan was a joy. He loved hunting, fishing, construction, ranching, his church and his friends. But most of all, he loved his family and was a

devoted husband, father and grandfather. He will be dearly missed. The family would like to thank the staff of Angel Bright Hospice and Visiting Angels for their loving care during his last days. A memorial service of celebration was held at the First United Methodist Church of Sinton on Saturday, March 19 at 11:00AM with Pastor Rosie Grattan officiating. Memorials may be made to Sinton FUMC or to a charity of choice.

**Charles Kirk McGowan**, age 75, loving son, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather of Sinton, Texas passed away April 27, 2024. Born and raised in Corpus Christi, Kirk enjoyed fishing, playing golf, and spending time with family. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Marie McGowan, sister, Sharon Hill and daughter, Amy Kate McGowan. Kirk is survived by his loving wife, Tracy, daughter, Erin (Bobby), sons, Noah (Dana) and Adam, grandchildren, Mollie (Michael), Patrick (Briana), Rory, Andrew (Katieann), Jacob, and Oliver, great grandchildren, Dillan, Kate, Lily and Liam, brothers, John (Linda) and Jeff (Jane), and numerous nieces and nephews. Kirk will be greatly missed and remembered lovingly. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024, from 3:00 P to 8:00 PM with a remembrance and prayer service beginning at 6:30 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home.

**Ian Logan McGrath**, 20, went to be with the Lord on Monday, February 22, 2016. Ian was born on May 30, 1995 in Portsmouth, Virginia. He graduated from Sinton High School in 2013 and had been employed as a library assistant at Sinton Public Library. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather Santiago Serna. He is survived by his loving family, his parents, Jason and Betty Jane McGrath of Sinton, his brother, Aaron Tyler McGrath of Sinton, his maternal grandmother, Ernestina Serna of Sinton, his paternal grandparents, Jeff and Carol McGrath of Poughkeepsie, New York, numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Friday, February 26, 2016 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services were held at 10:00AM Saturday, February 27, 2016 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel.

**Dominga Medina**, age 80, died on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, in Corpus Christi, Tx. Dominga was born September 16, 1940, to Domingo and Desposoria Gonzalez of Alice, Tx. She was an avid reader of The Bible Watchtower and Awake Magazine. She was a faithful servant of Jehovah and died faithfully and peacefully in her sleep. Dominga was a Jehovah's Witness and loved her Portland, Texas Congregation where she attended faithfully. She always made her friends laugh with her funny stories and comments. Dominga leaves behind her children: Hilda (Albert) Ortiz, Valdemar Jr. (Patty) Alaniz, Elizabeth (Bart) Ortiz, 8

grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren. Also one brother, Jesse Sr. (Viola) Gonzalez, and numerous nephews and nieces. All whom she loved dearly. Dominga (MOM) worshipped Jehovah, the God of Wisdom, Justice, Power, and Love. She had great faith in Jesus Christ, Acts, 4:12, and appreciated God's purpose regarding the Earth, Genesis, 1:28. Her favorite scripture was, Isaiah 41:10-11: "So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God, I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish." A visitation will be held Tuesday, March 30, 2021, from 2 PM to 9 PM with a prayer service being held at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Wednesday, March 31, 2021, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Lamas Memorial Park in Taft. The family would like to thank Leslie and Carmentha, the RNS who took care of their Mom and made it possible for her to rest in peace. The family will forever be grateful.

**Jose C. Medina**, 88, died August 9, 2017. He was 88. A rosary will be recited at 7PM August 10, 2017 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 2PM August 11, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**Laura Flores Medina**, age 48, passed away peacefully in the arms of the Lord surrounded by her 5 children, and family on December 10, 2023. Laura, also known by her family as "Lolis", was born September 28, 1975, in Taft, Texas. Her late father, Santiago Flores, and living mother, Angie Guerrero Flores, raised her in Odem where she and her sisters, Sandra Flores and Lisa Flores, all graduated. She enjoyed crabbing, getting her nails done, and spending time with her kids. Laura married Alberto Medina and shared 5 children, Britney (Rosemary), Gina, Samarra, Jose, and Draven Medina. Those who knew Laura knew she was devoted to being a mother to her loving children. She leaves behind to cherish her memory, her mother, her sisters, 5 children and daughter in law, and immediate family whom she loved so. As Laura was loved by many, we would like to thank everyone who supported us through this tough time and will bring her to her final resting spot. We will remember and miss her as she is finally reunited with our loved ones in heaven. A visitation will be held on Friday, December 22, 2023, from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Saturday, December 23, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father George as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**Viviana Lopez Mendez**, 99, loving sister and aunt went to be with the Lord on Monday, June 13, 2022. Viviana was very active in her church and had been a member of the Guadalupanas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Rodrigo Mendez, her parents, Blas and Francisca Lopez, her brothers, Fidel Lopez and Antonio Lopez, her sisters, Fidela Lopez and Vita Cruz. She is survived by her loving family, her brother, Carmel Lopez of Sinton and her sister, Francisca Lopez De Leon of Sinton and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 15, 2022, from 1 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at RitcheaGonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Thursday, June 16, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic in Sinton with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

**Jeannette Elisabeth Mick** of Sinton, Texas passed away on January 15, 2022. She was 86. Jeannette was born April 21, 1935 to Dave C. Rachal and Irene (Sullivan) Rachal. She graduated from Incarnate Word Academy, Corpus Christi in 1953. After graduation, she was employed by the Corpus Christi State National Bank. She married Robert Mick of Sinton in 1957 and began her life long career of devoted wife and mother. She was employed for 20 years at the San Patricio County Appraisal District. She was proud of her pioneering ancestry, which included Rachal, Sullivan, Bluntzer, Galagher, and Odem families. She is preceded in death by her parents, sisters, Jo Ann Tumlinson and Rachel K. Taylor of Houston. Jeannette is survived by her son, William D. Mick of Sinton, daughters, Michele A. Mick of San Antonio, Renee E. Murphy (Jeff) of St. Cloud, Mn., and Shannon K. Hendley (Stacy) of Refugio, Tx, brother-in-law, James P. Taylor of Houston, grandchildren, Melissa Crawford (Ron), Robert A. Mick (Amanda), Jessica Bailey (Clint), Shawn Murphy, Austin Murphy, Kile Hendley, and several nieces and nephews. A visitation will be held Thursday, January 20, 2022 from 4-8 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM, Friday, January 21, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at Sinton Cemetery in Sinton. The family requests that masks be worn at the visitation-rosary and at the mass.

**Robert James Mick**, 87, died unexpectedly on April 17, 2021, at Northwest Regional Calallen Hospital. He was born October 19, 1933, in a farmhouse near Sinton, Tx, the son of William B. and Leona Rose (Brouillette) Mick. Robert graduated from Sinton High School in 1952. He joined the Army in 1955 and served in Inchon, Korea. Following his service to our country, he married Jeannette E. Rachal. Robert also became a lifelong farmer and rancher producing beef, cotton, grain, sorghum, and catfish. He also participated in the Boll Weevil Eradication Program



of South Texas. He enjoyed nature, the cooing of the lonesome dove, or the howl of a lonely coyote calling for his mate. Robert was preceded in death by his parents, his sister, Rosa Lee Rosema, brothers, William E. Mick, killed in combat in Italy during World War II, Raymond G. Mick, Homer E. Mick, and daughter Robin K. Gilchrist (Alfred). Surviving in addition to his beloved wife, Jeannette E. Mick, is his son, William D. Mick, and daughters, Michele A. Mick, Renee E. Murphy (Jeff), Shannon R. Mick (Stacey), and grandchildren, Melissa L. Crawford (Ron), Robert A. Mick, Jessica A. Bailey (Clint), Shawn Murphy, Austin Murphy, Kile Hendley, and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will start at 3 PM Sunday, April 25, 2021, with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Monday, April 26, 2021, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at Sinton Cemetery.

**Billie Jean Miller**, 89, joined her husband, parents, and son on January 21, 2022. Billie was born to Lester and Sally Miller of Odem, Texas on September 22, 1932. She was the oldest of four children and the only girl. Billie graduated from Odem High School in 1952. After graduation, she worked at Janicke's Drug Store in Odem. In 1952, she married the love of her life, Howell Preston Miller, just 18 days before he shipped overseas. During their 53 years of marriage, they lived in Fort Walton Beach, Florida; Odem, Texas; Jacksonville, Florida; and Corpus Christi, Texas. Billie enjoyed being a mother to her son, David Preston (1954) and daughter, Brenda Gail (1957). Billie was an excellent homemaker and was passionate about cooking and baking, always ready to seek out and try new recipes for the family. She assisted with the family's ranching endeavors, though seeing her climb on a horse at 4'9" was everyone's favorite part of the day. After retirement, she and Howell retired to their property in Saint Paul, Texas where they maintained a garden, horses, and chickens to keep them busy. After Howell's passing in 2006, Billie became an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Sinton, holding various volunteer roles such as church treasurer and unofficial kitchen manager. She was also active in local ladies' luncheons and coffee groups. After 30 years in the Sinton area, Billie moved to Brookdale Assisted Living Community in Lake Charles, Louisiana, where she spent her days making new friends, playing bingo, attending and often leading cooking classes, and continuing to be a firecracker to everyone she encountered. Billie is survived by her daughter Brenda (Danny) Hennigan of Lake Charles, grandchildren Clayton (Tessa) Hennigan, Melissa (Glen) McPherson, Lori Hennigan, and Jordan Miller, great-grandchildren Camryn McPherson and Preston Hennigan, brothers Bill Miller of Baytown, Texas and Joe (Joyce) Miller of Gatesville, Texas. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 AM on Thursday, January 27, 2022, at the First United Methodist Church in Sinton. Pastor Matt Welborn will preside over

the services. Interment will follow at the Sinton Cemetery in Sinton. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate all donations to be made to the First United Methodist Church in Sinton, Texas.

**Edmund Jerome Mokry**, was born June 13, 1935 to Steve and Vlasta (Polasek) Mokry in Corpus Christi, Texas. He attended Sundeen High School and entered the US Army in 1955 where he was in the Honor Guard. He married Elizabeth Josephine Koliba on September 17, 1960 and he was a farmer his whole life. He passed away peacefully in his sleep early on Wednesday, February 21, 2018. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Mokry of Sinton, his children, Florence MacNary of Austin, married to Reynolds MacNary, children, Lauren and Elizabeth, Michael Mokry of Sinton, special friends, Mendy Vickers and Kassity Johnson, children, Melissa Garza, Kayla Bennett and Dillon Mokry, Barbara Moss of Austin, married to David Moss, children, Lyle and Ella, Martin Mokry of San Antonio, married to Ginger (Lopez) Mokry, child, Megan and special friend Jason Arocha, Ernest Mokry of Magnolia married to Gina (Evans) Mokry, children, Laylon, Audrey and Averey. He was faithful to his family, faithful that crops would always grow, and faithful in God. His favorite pastime was playing dominoes with his friends and grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents Steve and Vlasta, his brothers, Steve Mokry, Louis Mokry and Gary Mokry. He is survived by his siblings Loraine Nemec and Catherine Mokry of Corpus Christi, Leona Williams of Kerrville, Tim J. Mokry and Cathie (Crouch) Mokry of Memphis and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. Pallbearers and Honorary Pallbearers will be, Dillon Mokry, Laylon Mokry, Lyle Moss, James Nemec, Thomas Nemec, Paul Nemec, Wayne Nemec, Gerald Nemec, Justin Mokry, Jeff Williams, Billy Williams, Eugene Polasek, Raymond Polasek and Edward Del Polasek. Visitation was held from 2 PM to 9 PM Sunday, February 25, 2018 with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Monday, February 26, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Ignatius Nwankwocha as celebrant. Interment followed at Sinton Cemetery.

**Romelia "Romy" Torres Molina**, 68, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 30, 2022. She was born on August 1, 1953, in Sinton, Texas. There was nothing more important to Romy than her family. She loved spending time with them. Romy had a contagious laugh, you couldn't help but laugh alongside her, most of the times making her the life of the party. She was very giving, kindhearted, spiritual and an amazing cook. Romy welcomed everyone with open arms, even to complete strangers, she would talk and joke as if she's known them her whole life. She had this beauty

and glow inside of her that would just radiate a beautiful soul and woman that will be dearly missed by all. She was preceded in death by her parents, Victoria and Cosme Torres, her husband, Rosalio Molina, her children, Debbie and Rosalio Molina, Jr., her brothers, Juan Torres, Max Torres and Joe Torres and her sister, Virginia Martinez. She is survived by her children, Jacob and Jason Molina, her daughter, Desiree Liscano, her brothers, Cosme Torres, Jr., and John Cantu, her sisters, Blanca Guzman, Nora Gonzales, Arleen Torres and Melissa Guzman, seven grandchildren, one great grandchild, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A visitation was held on Friday, April 1, 2022, and Saturday, April 2, 2022, from 3 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home.

**Marcela B. Montelongo**, 92, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend passed away on Thursday, October 6, 2022. Marcela was preceded in death by her parents, Icidro and Alfonsa Rios Montelongo and her husband and son, Ignacio and Jose Montelongo. Marcela enjoyed gardening and cooking and had a very strong faith in her catholic religion. She is survived by her sons, Joel B. (Esmeralda) Montelongo of Sinton, Hector Montelongo of Corsicana and Ray Montelongo of Ennis, her daughters, Belinda Balderaz of Alvin, Irma (Harold) Hull of Louisiana, Norma (Lupe) Martinez of Ennis and Bettie (Larry) Wright of Santa Fe, Tx., her sister, Chavela Medina of Rosenberg, 33 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, 2 great great grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. A visitation will be held from 2 PM to 9 PM Sunday, October 9, 2022, with a holy rosary being recited at 6 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Monday, October 10, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

**Jose A. Montemayor**, 90, loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, great great grandfather, and brother passed away Tuesday, October 12, 2021 in San Antonio, Texas. Jose was the head maintenance director for Aransas Pass I.S.D. and was a proud U.S.Army veteran. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Dora Hilda Montemayor of San Antonio, his sons, Jose Montemayor, Jr. of Austin, Daniel Montemayor and David Montemayor of Aransas Pass, Jesus Emilio Martinez of Houston and Santiago Montemayor of Charlotte, his daughters, Rachel Ramirez and Elizabeth Reynolds of San Antonio and Sonia Martinez Threet of Katy, his brother, Jesus Montemayor of San Antonio, his sister, Janie Huron of San Antonio, 27 grandchildren, 55 great grandchildren and 15 great great grandchildren. Visitation will start at 10 AM Sunday, October 17, 2021 with funeral services beginning at 1 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery with full military honors.

**Susanna A. Montes**, 63, loving mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt passed away on Tuesday, June 15, 2021. She was born on June 5, 1958 in Sinton, Texas to Amando and Emilia Rodriguez Montes. She was a lifelong resident of Taft and had been employed as a CNA for many years. She was a humble, loving, and caring person who was family oriented. She loved and adored her children and grandchildren. She had a boisterous personality with a colorful vocabulary who loved to play Bingo and the loteria. She is preceded in death by her parents, Amando and Emilia Montes, her sister, Silvia Tijerina, her brother, Jamie Montes, and her husband, J.C. Salone. She is survived by her loving family, her son, Raylon Salone of Taft, her daughters, Kimberly Salone Molina of Taft and LaToya Salone of Houston, her brothers, Joe Anthony (Kathy) Lugo of California, Jorge (Daryl Brown) of Santa Fe, New Mexico, Sammy Montes and Amando Montes of Taft, her sisters, Sonia Montes, Sara Salina (Ruben, Jr.) Cruz, and Sallie Ann (Gerardo) Leal of Corpus Christi, 8 grandchildren, and 1 great grandchild.

**Betty Jean Moore**, 95, loving mother and grandmother passed away on Monday, September 27, 2021. She loved baking for her family and friends. She is preceded in death by her husband Robert F. Moore, Jr. She is survived by her daughter, Cecile (Marvin) Pope of Odem, her grandsons, Robert (Susan) Pope of Helotes, Tx and Bryan (Eran) Pope of College Station, Tx and her great grandsons, Ben Pope and Carter Pope of College Station, Tx and Casey Pope of Helotes, Tx. Graveside services will be held at 1:30 PM Thursday, September 30, 2021 at Evergreen Cemetery in Odem, Texas.

**Domingo Morales Moreno, Sr.**, 86, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend passed away on Friday, December 17, 2021. Domingo was born on February 3, 1935, in Odem, Texas to Benigno G. and Jacoba Morales Moreno. He had been a longtime resident of Odem where he attended all the funerals. He had a great sense of humor who will be missed by all his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Olga Aleman Moreno of Odem, his sons, Domingo (Norma) Moreno, Jr. of Corpus Christi, Benigno (Sulema) Moreno of Odem and Carlos (Jo Janie) Moreno of San Antonio, his daughter, Belinda (Santos) Amador of New Orleans, Louisiana, his brother, Joe (Minerva) Moreno of Ennis, his sisters, Eva Tobar of Sinton and Antonia Garcia of Pearland, 13 grandchildren, 15 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. A visitation will be held Tuesday, December 21, 2021, from 1 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Wednesday, December 22, 2021, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem

with Father Pete Elizardo as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery. Masks are required at the visitation and at the funeral mass.

**Juan Olmeda Morin, Jr.**, 74, passed away on Tuesday, December 29, 2020. Juan was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and brother. He had been employed at Corpus Christi Army Depot for 32 years until his retirement. He was preceded in death by his daughter Lori, his parents, Juan and Guadalupe Morin, and his brothers, Ruben, Steve, and Lupio. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Emma Morin of Edroy, his sons, Juan Morin, III (Aurora) of Edroy, Edward (Jennifer) Morin and Michael (Erika) Morin of Corpus Christi, his brothers, Fred (Lydia) Morin and Hector (Sylvia) Morin of Edroy, Arnulfo (Becky) Morin of Robstown and Carlos (Aurora) Morin of Odem, his sisters, Elva (Joe) Garcia of Odem, Enedina Morin of Sinton, Ellie Morin of Taft and Elvira (Pablo) Garza of Houston, 10 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Friday, January 1, 2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Saturday, January 2, 2021, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment will follow at Edroy Cemetery.

Our beloved aunt **Juanita Morin** passed away peacefully on Monday, July 3, 2023, in Austin, Texas. Juanita had celebrated her 98th birthday with her nephews and nieces just three months earlier. This celebration was one of the happiest moments of her long and well lived life. She was born in Panna Maria, Texas in 1925 and moved to Sinton, Texas as a young child. There she lived with her extended family until 2022. She was the last surviving sibling of a family which included 9 other brothers and sisters: Gregorio Morin, Eusebia Morin, Santos Martinez, Isabel M. Morin, Jr., Ramon Morin, Jose Morin, Marina Morin, Maria Del Carmen Morin and Lupe Morin. Her father Jose Isabel Ochoa Morin passed away in 1964 and her mother Maria Sanchez Montemayor Morin died in 1966. Juanita Morin was a deeply caring person who helped raise her younger siblings and took care of her parents in the latter years of their lives. She possessed great intelligence and a great memory. Even in her 98th year of life she could recall names and important dates from decades past. Juanita was a great cook and a master gardener who loved sunflowers most of all. Although she never had children of her own, she loved her numerous nephews and nieces as her own. She shared with them her extensive knowledge of the family genealogy. Juanita also recounted many life stories of herself and her siblings to all who would inquire. Juanita Morin was well traveled. As a young woman she traveled often with her family to California to harvest grapes and other crops. Later in life she visited many cities in Mexico along with her sisters and brother Gregorio. Although she never

learned to drive she was always ready for a good road trip--a very willing family travel companion. Our Aunt Juanita's passing concludes a generation of the Morin family that spans over 100 years. And while we are saddened by this final chapter, we are comforted by her legacy. In her time, she gave us her sage wisdom, the open hospitality of her home and most importantly her unconditional love. Rest in eternal peace Tia Juana. You will always live in our hearts! A visitation will be held on Saturday, July 15, 2023, from 8:00-9:15 am at Ritchea Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton, Tx. A holy rosary will be recited at 9:30 am followed by a funeral mass at 10 am at our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Sinton. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton. Acting as pallbearers will be Mario Morin, Marcos Morin, Eddie Martinez, Raul Morin, Matt Orta, Joe Morin, and Adrian Luke Morin.

**Guadalupe O. Morin**, age 91, entered into the presence of her Lord and Savior on Tuesday, December 4, 2018. She currently lived in Sinton with her daughter Nina, but was a longtime resident of Edroy, Texas. She was born September 18, 1927 in Kenedy, Texas to Eluterio and Christina F. Olmeda which preceded her in death. She married Juan Morin on August 1945. She had 13 children, one died as an infant and raised eight sons and four daughters in Edroy, Texas, where she resided most of her life. She was a passionate quilt maker and loved quilting blankets for her grandchildren. She cherished her time with family and enjoyed outings to boutiques and restaurants. She was strong in her faith and she would bestow a blessing upon her children and grandchildren as they left a visit to her. She is preceded in death by her husband, Juan Morin, Sr., sons, Blas Morin (infant), Ruben Morin, Steve Morin and Lupio Morin, one beloved granddaughter, Lori Morin, her sister, Carolina Marroquin and her brother, Elias Olmeda. She is lovingly survived by her four daughters, Elva Garcia of Odem, Enedina Morin of Sinton, Ellie Morin of Taft, and Elvira ( Pablo ) Garza of Houston, her five sons, Juan ( Emma ) Morin, Jr., Fred ( Lydia ) Morin and Hector ( Sylvia ) Morin of Edroy, Arnulfo ( Becky ) Morin of Robstown, Carlos ( Aurora ) Morin of Odem, two beloved daughter-in-laws, Ester Morin of Edroy and Selvia Morin of Sinton, her sister, Jesusa Martinez and her brother, Agustin Olmeda both of Edroy. She is also survived by 33 grandchildren, 56 great grandchildren, five great great grandchildren and a host of loving nieces, nephews and friends. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Wednesday, December 5, 2018 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Thursday, December 6, 2018 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment followed at Edroy Cemetery in Edroy.

**Michael Anthony Morin**, 38, loving father, husband, son, brother, uncle, and friend passed away on Saturday, April 3, 2021. Michael had been employed at Kennedy Wire Rope and Sling, Inc. He was preceded in death by his father, Juan Morin, sister, Lori Morin, maternal grandparents, Domingo and Manuela Lopez, and his paternal grandparents, Juan and Guadalupe Morin. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Erica Morin of Corpus Christi, his sons, Nicolas Morin and Eric Morin of Corpus Christi, his mother, Emma Lopez Morin of Edroy, his brothers, Johnny (Aurora) Morin, III of Edroy, and Edward (Jennifer) Morin of Corpus Christ, many relatives, and friends. Visitation will be held from 2 PM to 9 PM Friday, April 9, 2021, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 1 PM Saturday, April 10, 2021, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment will follow at Edroy Cemetery in Edroy.

**Wanda Ann Moss**, 85, of Edna (formerly Sinton), died Sunday, July 31, 2016. She was born December 22, 1930 in Arkansas, to the late Frank Smith and Era Cummings. She was a co-owner of Moss Line Construction and a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was a dedicated homemaker, having her greatest joy come when she could prepare a home cooked meal for her family and friends. She loved gardening, sewing, painting ceramics and writing poetry...a gift not many knew she had. She was a very giving and kind person requiring nothing in return. She was the strongest, most independent woman with the most sincere heart. "No" was not a word in her vocabulary. She is survived by her daughter, JoAnn (Lee) Whitehead of Sinton, her grandchildren, Michael (Rosie) Whitehead of Goliad, Billy (Tanya) Whitehead of Corpus Christi, W.D. (Brenda) Whitehead of Sinton, Sami Moss of Allen, Brian (Karen) Moss of Rockwall, Jim (Toni) Moss of Victoria and Kim (Wesley) McGuffin of Katy and 17 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Joe Moss, sons, Billy Odis Moss and James Clyde Moss and brothers, Louie Smith, Blake Smith and Billy Smith. Graveside services were held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at the Sinton Cemetery with Pastor Rosie Grattan, officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice of South Texas.

**Rafaela Fonseca Munoz**, 65, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend went to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 21, 2016 following a short illness. She was born on September 19, 1950 in Sinton, Texas to Espiridion and Maria Fonseca. She was a lifelong resident of Sinton and had been employed as a healthcare provider. She was preceded in death by her parents and her daughter, Clara Limon. She is survived by her loving family, her husband, Romeo Jasso of Sinton, her sons, Jesse Munoz, Johnny Limon and Claro Limon of

Pleasanton, and Jerry Limon of Corpus Christi, her daughters, Gracie Limon and Leslie Limon of Pleasanton, Blanche Limon of Weslaco, Margie Limon of Dallas and Clara Munoz of Grand Prairie, her brothers, Robert Fonseca of Sinton and Arnulfo Fonseca of Skidmore, her sisters, Beatrice Serrano, Trinidad Saldana and Margarita Serrano of Sinton and Antonia Zuniga of Corpus Christi, 31 grandchildren and 31 great grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Sunday, January 24, 2016 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00AM, Monday, January 25, 2016 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Patrick Serna as celebrant. Burial was at a later date.

**Ada Lee Mutchler**, January 20, 1937 - September 30, 2023, The Lord and Melvin have welcomed Ada Lee home. Ada Lee Hill was born on January 20, 1937, to Oma Evelyn Westmoreland Hill and Thomas Carette Hill. Ada Lee was the youngest child, affectionately known as "Our Baby Doll." Ada Lee had a total of 11 older siblings. John Hill, Paul Hill, Bogardus Hill, Ben Hill, Bernice (Hill) Byrne, Kate Hill, Evelyn (Hill) Creamer, Susan (Hill) Hofner, Marguerite Hill, Ida Bell (Hill) Copeland, and Tom Hill. Ada Lee was raised five miles west of Sinton on Hill Road, where her parents were farmers and ranchers. Ada Lee's chores on the farm included making butter, ironing clothes, and helping work cattle and horses. Ada Lee was a true equine enthusiast and loved riding her horses. At the tender age of four, Ada Lee would ride with her rat terrier, Maggie, on the back of her draft horse, Warrior. She would ride with her animals with a note around her neck from her mother to tell the neighbors what time Ada Lee needed to be sent home. As Ada Lee grew up, so did her adventures and talents. Ada Lee would ride Warrior to the movies at the Rialto theater in town. Without fail, during the best part of the picture show, she would have to go and check on Warrior to ensure he had not rubbed his bridle off. While attending Sinton High School, Ada Lee lent her time and gifts to the Sinton Kiwanis Club by volunteering to play the piano for their meetings at the J&A Café Clubroom. Ada Lee also played with two bands as a musician and a vocalist. The Sinton High School Ramblers was the first band she performed with. The band members included Jimmy Don Walker on guitar, Ada Lee on piano and vocals, Loyd Gonzalez on bass fiddle and Eddie Tyra on the fiddle. The second band was comprised of Louis Hunt on the fiddle, Pat Koliba on the guitar, Tom Hill on the drums, Dave Odem on the bass fiddle and Ada Lee on the piano, accordion, and vocals. Ada Lee also made guest appearances as a vocalist for Adolph Hofner and the Pearl Wranglers dances and shows. Ada Lee graduated from Sinton High School on May 25, 1956, and planned to attend business college. However, Ada Lee ended up on a different path when Leo Owen offered her the opportunity to work at the San Patricio County Farm Bureau the Monday after graduation. For 57 years, Ada Lee served as the Farm Bureau



County Secretary and office manager until she retired in September 2013. Ada Lee received numerous accolades during her career with San Patricio County Farm Bureau, which included receiving the Texas Farm Bureau Pioneer Award in 2007, Secretary of the Year Award multiple years, winning the county scrapbook award for seven years straight, promoting Ag in the Classroom yearly, and participating in the Texas Farm Bureau's annual Beet Checkout in conjunction with local grocers. Ada Lee never met a stranger. She was a natural ambassador promoting and representing Sinton and San Patricio County, Texas, her entire life. Ada Lee represented the Sinton Plymouth Oilers, the 1957 national semi-professional baseball champions, where she won first place at the Peanut Festival in Floresville. Ada Lee was a founding member of the San Patricio Riding and Roping Club, serving as board secretary for numerous years, promoting play days and rodeo events for youth and adults. Ada Lee also served as Vice-President and guiding mentor of the Sinton Business Professional Women's Club. This group aimed to promote better opportunities for women in the Workforce. Ada Lee was heavily involved in the Sinton Chamber of Commerce and was named Outstanding Woman of the Year. However, Ada Lee will most fondly be remembered as the City of Sinton's beloved Parade Marshall for over 53 consecutive years. Ada Lee's annual parades and festivals included the Old Fiddler's Festival, Homecoming, and illuminated Christmas parades. These parades were known across South Texas as the best small-town parade, with up to 130 floats from near and far. The Sinton community loved the variety of floats Ada Lee would showcase in her parade lineups. Likewise, Ada Lee served as the Sinton Chamber of Commerce's ambassador, representing Sinton and the Chamber in numerous community parades around South Texas for over 40 years. In 2015, Ada Lee was recognized as the Sinton High School Hall of Fame Alumna of the Year. Ada Lee was also a member of the Taft Blackland Museum and the Red Hatters Society Club. Ada Lee met the love of her life, Melvin, in high school and were married on March 2, 1963, in Sinton at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Ada Lee and Melvin loved dancing to all genres of music across South Texas. From Mexican conjunto to German and Czech polka bands, you could find these two dancing the nights away, taking in new sights, working cattle, and riding horses together. Melvin was a lifelong farmer and rancher, and he and Ada Lee were avid proponents of production agriculture, investing in tomorrow's ag producers and leaders with organizations including the Taft FFA, Taft 4-H Club, San Patricio and Aransas County A&H Shows and the Brazos County Youth Livestock Shows. Ada Lee and Melvin resided in Taft for 55 years. Ada Lee was an active member of the Holy Family Catholic Church in Taft, where she played the organ and piano for weekend masses. Ada Lee was also a proud cattle rancher for 55 years, managing her beef cattle cow-calf operations. Ada Lee is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Melvin Mutchler, her 11 siblings, and her parents, T.C. and

Oma Hill. Ada Lee is survived by her daughter Lisa Mutchler, son Monte (Laura) Mutchler, and four granddaughters that were the light of her life: Alexis Roach, Alyssa (Kody) Sims, Charlotte, and Molly Mutchler. Ada Lee is also survived by her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. Honorary pallbearers are Joe Mutchler, Kenny Mutchler, Roger Mutchler, Dale Hill, Joe Brock Copeland, George Matula, and Dale Mutchler. Pallbearers are David Mutchler, Layne Mutchler, Joshua Mutchler, Joe Pullin, Kody Sims, and Travis Williams. The family would like to extend a heartfelt gratitude of thanks to all the staff and loving caregivers (B. K., Lovie, Mary, Mercedes, MiLove, Natasha) at Hudson Creek Alzheimer's Memory Care, Bryan, TX., Enhabit Hospice (Amy, Brianna, Dawn), in addition to three remarkable members of the family - Ms. Juana West, Ms. Ana Martinez, and Ms. Vanessa Camargo of Taft, TX. Visitation will be held Wednesday, October 4, 2023, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m., at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton, TX. Rosary will be held Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton, TX. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Thursday, October 5, 2023, 10:00 a.m., at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton, TX with interment services immediately following at The Palms Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Taft, TX. A Celebration of Life will immediately follow at DR Plaza, 229 McIntyre Avenue, Taft, TX.

**Allen Roger Mutchler, Sr.**, 82, of Taft, Texas passed away in his sleep on Thursday, September 27, 2018. Allen was born on January 7, 1936 to Angela Bartosch Mutchler and Godfried Joseph Mutchler, north of Taft on the family farm. Allen was the third of six children. Allen was a lifelong farmer and rancher in the San Patricio, Bee and Calhoun Counties farming sorghum, cotton, corn and cattle. Allen was a Taft High School graduate excelling in football and track. After high school Allen married Vivian Crane Mutchler, and they had four children. Allen was a member of the Taft Jaycees. Allen was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Angela, his sister, Dorothy, his brothers, Melvin and Harold, and his son-in-law Timothy Schilhab. Allen is survived by his children, Vicky Schilhab of Conroe, Allen Roger Mutchler, Jr. (Teri) of Sandia, Lori Keeney (Chris) and John David Mutchler (Betsy) all of Taft. Allen is also survived by his brothers, Kenneth (Valerie) Mutchler and Joseph (Janey) Mutchler all of Taft. Allen is also survived by nine grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Visitation was held on Sunday, September 30, 2018 from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM with a rosary at 7:00 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton, Texas. Funeral mass was held at 2:00 PM Monday, October 1, 2018 at Holy Family Catholic Church in Taft with Father Patrick Donohoe as celebrant, with interment at Taft Memorial Park Cemetery in Taft, Texas. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Taft FFA or to a charity of your choice.

**Melvin Charles Mutchler**, 80, of Taft, TX passed away Thursday, February 15, 2018 to be with our Lord and Savior. Melvin was born on November 8, 1937 to Angela Bartosch Mutchler and Godfried Joseph Mutchler north of Taft on their family farm. Melvin was the fourth of six children. Melvin was a lifelong farmer and rancher in San Patricio, Bee, and Calhoun Counties farming sorghum, cotton, corn, rice, and his ultimate love for his Brangus cow-calf operation. Melvin was doing what he loved best - working his cattle when the Lord called him home. All who knew Melvin appreciated his candor, quick wit, and ability to tell it like it is. Melvin was a huge proponent of production agriculture, investing in tomorrow's Ag producers and leaders with organizations including the Taft FFA, Taft 4-H Club, San Patricio and Aransas County A&H Shows and the Brazos County Youth Livestock Show. Melvin attended Taft High School and was extremely competitive in sports, playing football, running track, and competing in the discus and shotput field events. Melvin learned at an early age the importance of a good work ethic, responsibility and sustainable agriculture on his family farm. He woke up early every morning to milk cows before going to school, harvested their own livestock for food, and working cattle. He enjoyed leading the Sinton parades on horseback carrying the Texas flag with his wife and Parade Marshall, Ada Lee, carrying the American flag. As a young man, Melvin enjoyed water skiing on Mathis Lake, and loved going dancing all around South Texas. Melvin met the love of his life, Ada Lee Hill, and they were married on March 2, 1963 in Sinton, TX at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Melvin and Ada Lee loved to travel to dances, take in new sights, work cattle and ride horses together. Melvin was a lifelong member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Taft, TX. Melvin is survived by his wife of nearly 55 years, Ada Lee Hill Mutchler of Taft, his daughter Lisa Mutchler of College Station, TX, son Monte Mutchler and wife Laura of Bartlett, TN. Melvin was the proudest of grandfathers when it came to his granddaughters. He is survived by granddaughters Alexis and Alyssa Roach of College Station, TX and Charlotte and Molly Mutchler of Bartlett, TN. Melvin is also survived by his three brothers, Allen Mutchler, Joe (Janey) Mutchler, and Kenny (Valerie) Mutchler all of Taft, and numerous nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Melvin was preceded in death by his parents, Fred and Angela, his sister Dorothy Mutchler Threadgill of Taft, and brother Harold Mutchler of Port Lavaca.

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**Guadalupe Naranjo Sr.** passed away peacefully at the age of 83 in the very early morning of February 1st, 2024 in his home in Odem, Texas. Guadalupe was the son of the late Natividad & Laurencia Naranjo and is survived by his devoted and beloved wife Maria Naranjo who he fulfilled a life of marriage with for 60 years. He is also survived by 5 sons and 1 daughter, David and Sonya Naranjo, Guadalupe Jr. and Lydia Naranjo, Robert and Ronni Naranjo, Linda and Ian MacDonald, Jerry Naranjo and Blanca Morin, Jason and Melissa Naranjo, and his late son Daniel Naranjo. The journey in life that Guadalupe had as a humble, and friendly man was filled with many stories that he loved to talk about with anyone he met or who just gave him a minute which would last till eternity if you'd let him. Although the rollercoaster of life had many bumps, he and his wife were able to push throughout the struggles that life brings and provided a living to their seven children as they were growing up along with the blessing of eighteen grandchildren, twenty-three great grandchildren, and one great great granddaughter. Guadalupe may have not had all the material things in the world that rich people have, but he had a life with God by his side and a wife who made him the richest man in the world. Services will be held at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home beginning Monday, February 5th, 2024 at 2:00 pm for the viewing and the Holy Rosary starting at 7:00 pm. On Tuesday, Holy Mass will be held at 10:00 am at Sacred Heart Church in Sinton followed with the burial at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**Ernestina Narvaez**, 95, passed away on Wednesday, July 8, 2020. She had been employed at Freddie's Steakhouse and was preceded in death by her son, Gerardo De Los Santos and her daughter Irma De Los Santos. She is survived by her son, Guadalupe De Los Santos of Houston, her daughters, Alma Garcia, Mary Orta, and Gloria De Los Santos, 11 grandchildren, and 22 great grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Friday, July 10, 2020 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11 AM Saturday, July 11, 2020 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Felicita Garcia Narvaez**, 89, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend went to be with the Lord on Friday, December 8, 2023. Felicita was a devout Catholic and was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church where she was a longtime member of the Guadalupanas. She loved shopping and eating out with her family. She is survived by her loving family, her sons, Armando (the late Irma) Narvaez of Waxahachie and Juan (Elizabeth) Narvaez of Corpus Christi, her daughters, Adelia (Luis) Aguirre and Imelda (Isidro) Zambrano of Taft, her sisters, Guadalupe Guerrero of Taft, Maria Flores, Diana

Palmerin, Alma Trejo, Veronica Gonzalez and Blasa Hernandez of Corpus Christi, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, friends and extended family members. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, from 3 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM by the Guadalupanas at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel in Sinton. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Thursday, December 14, 2023, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Taft with Father John McKenzie as celebrant. Interment will follow at Lamas Memorial Park in Taft.

**Raymundo Espino Navarro**, 71, passed away on Wednesday, January 19, 2022. Raymundo had been employed as a farmer. He is survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 9:45 AM on Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

Born on May 26, 1967, **Victor Niño** was a great man, a pit master, catcher for the Odem 1984 state baseball champions, a son, a brother, and a loving father. Victor had a profound love for his family and for life. Anyone who met him would remember him for years to come. With a contagious laugh and a sharp-witted sense of humor, he would leave you crying from laughter. He was a friend and a brother to many, and we all knew he was just one phone call away. Victor enjoyed smoking brisket and ribs at home while listening to good music with his family. His love for baseball touched so many lives as coach, a fan, and a friend. There's no one out there who loved baseball more than Victor, but what Victor loved the most was his children. He loved and adored his four children fiercely. He would sing their praises to everyone and always made sure we knew how proud he is of us and how much he loves us. Victor was our rock, our protector, our home. Victor was called home on September 15, 2022. He is survived by his parents Johnny and Rosie Niño, his children Norma Rose (Ryan) Niño-Newlander, Anissa Victoria (Corey) Ragland, Lorena Grace Niño, and John Victor Niño, his sister Michelle (Robert) Ynfante, and many nieces, nephews, and grandchildren. He now has the best seat in the house to watch his Odem Owls and Yankees baseball games. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, September 20 from 3PM to 9PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral home in Sinton. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10AM Wednesday, September 21 at Sacred Heart Church in Odem. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**Robert "Bobby" Lee Noriega**, a retired welder helper and Catholic, died Friday, January 19, 2024. He was 56 years old. Survivors include his wife Corina Noriega of fourteen (14) years,

his father Serapio Noriega Sr, his children Dana Noriega, Crystal Noriega, and Robert Noriega Jr along with six (6) grandchildren. Additional children include Sandi Carbajal (Jaime), Ascension DeLeon (Destiny), Nicole Cruz (Adrian), Derek Bryan (Alex), Andrea Lee (Shirl), and Krystal Montemayor (Martin) with sixteen (16) additional grandchildren, four (4) brothers, six (6) sisters and many extended family and friends.

"When tomorrow starts without me, and I'm not there to see. If the sun should rise and find your eyes are filled with tears for me, as I wish so much you wouldn't cry the way you did today while thinking of the many things that we didn't get to say.... I know how much you love me, as much as I love you and each me you think of me, I know you'll miss too. But when tomorrow starts without me please try to understand that an angel came and called my name and took me by the hand as he whispers my place was ready in heaven far above explaining that I'd have to leave behind all those I dearly love. But when I walked through Heaven's gate I felt so much a home, when God looked down and smiled at me from his great golden throne, he said this is eternity and all I promised you. Today your life on earth is past, but here it starts anew. I promise no tomorrow for today will always last and since each day's the same way here there's no longing for the past. So when tomorrow starts without me don't think we're far apart. For every me you think of me I'm right here in your heart."

**Marcelo G. Nunez**, 87, loving husband, father, and grandfather went to be with the Lord on Saturday, August 18, 2018, surrounded by his family. He will always be remembered as a humorous, hardworking man of his word. He was born and raised in Odem, TX and was a proud veteran of the Korean War. After 31 years of employment, he retired from ASARCO. Marcelo is survived by his wife of 63 years, Reyes Nunez, his four children, Mario Nunez (Norma Nunez), Nora DeLeon (Richardo DeLeon), Arturo Nunez and Graciela Nunez (Adan Dominguez), his 7 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren. The viewing was at 10 AM Wednesday, August 22nd and a rosary will be held at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Thursday, August 23rd at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem, TX. Interment followed at San Pedro Cemetery with full military honors. Pallbearers will be Richard Nunez, Jeremy Nunez, Jonas Nunez, Daniel Valdez, Jacque DeLeon and Roxanne Nunez.

**Reyes Nunez**, 90, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend passed away on Monday, September 5, 2022. Reyes was a longtime and very active member of Sacred

Heart Catholic Church where she taught CCD, was a cursillista and a member of the Guadalupanas. She loved sewing and arts and crafts. She is preceded in death by her husband, Marcelo Nunez, her brother, Ramon Fuentes, Jr. and her sister, Elena Paiz. She will be dearly missed by her loving family, her sons, Mario (Norma) Nunez of Robstown, and Arturo Nunez of Corpus Christi, her daughters, Grace (Adan Dominguez) of Edroy and Nora (Ricardo) De Leon of Sinton, her sisters, Antonia Olmeda of Robstown, San Juana Fuentes of Corpus Christi and Martina Fuentes of Mathis, 7 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, September 7, 2022, from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Thursday, September 8, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father George as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

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**Grady Lee Odom, Jr.**, 88, went to be with the Lord on Friday, February 25, 2022. Grady was born on February 22, 1934, in Sweetwater, Texas to Grady Lee Odom, Sr. and Lois Wood. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Barney Odom. Grady graduated from Sweetwater High School at the age of 17. He had been employed by the Santa Fe Railroad until his retirement and was later employed by Evins Glass, retiring after 22 years. He was a member of the Corpus Christi Lion's Club, the Corpus Christi Commodores, Corpus Christi Insurance Womans Club, Sinton Community Choir, was a Presbyterian Elder, Deacon, and Sunday School teacher. He was a U.S. Army veteran. If you needed to know any sports information Grady could tell you. He loved the Dallas Cowboys, Texas Tech Raiders, Texas Rangers, the Sinton Pirates and the Sweetwater Mustangs. He loved children and the children loved him. He also enjoyed traveling and spending time with his grandsons. He is survived by his wife, Judy Odom of Mathis, his sons, Justin (Tammy) Chopelas of Robstown, Barrett Chopelas of Cincinnati, Ohio and Mark Odom of Rockwall, Tx, a special son, Alex Odom, his sister, Mary Feagan of Waxahachie, Tx, his brother, Billy Odom of Taylor, Tx, his grandsons, Brady and Cooper Chopelas of Cincinnati, Ohio. Services will be held at a later date. The family would like to thank the staff of Windsor Calallen for all the wonderful care of Grady. Graveside services will be held at 10 AM Friday, April 8, 2022, at Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery in Corpus Christi with full military honors.

**Clayton Lamar Oehlke**, 41, son, brother, and friend, passed away on Monday, September 6, 2021 in San Diego, CA. He was born on May 23, 1980 in Corpus Christi, TX to Bert and Linda (Shinn) Oehlke. Clay graduated from Texas A&M University in 2002 with a degree in Computer Engineering followed by a Master's degree in 2005. He worked as a programmer for the Department of the Navy in San Diego. He is preceded in death by his father, Bert Oehlke, and his grandparents, Martin and Agnes Oehlke of Weesatche, and Eugene and Mildred Shinn of Portland. He is survived by his mother, Linda Oehlke of Sinton, his sister, Gina Ellis (Grant) of Boerne, and nephews Jack and Brooks Holt, and Kit Ellis, all of Boerne. Clay was passionate about his work, enjoyed traveling, and loved his family and friends. He was dearly loved and appreciated and will be missed.

**Adelita V. Olbera**, 96, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great great grandmother passed away on Sunday, December 2, 2021. Adelita was born on May 6, 1925 in Gruene, Texas to Benino and Leonor Briseno Villanueva. Adelita was the last survivor of her siblings. She was the rock of her family. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by her husband, Leandro Olbera and her son, Jose Olbera, Sr. She is survived by her daughters, Mary Ann Perez and Elida De Leon, her grandchildren, Anthony (Crissy) De Leon of Conroe, Tx, Diana Lopez of San Antonio, Joe O. Perez and Joe P. Olbera, Jr. of Sinton, Leandro P. Olbera, Sr. of Victoria, Manuel P. Olbera, Sr. of Sinton, Heather M. (Jordan) Baumel of Conroe, Leonor Olbera, Lorenzo Olbera, Tomas Olbera and Ricky Olbera of California, 24 great grandchildren, and 28 great great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews that were very dear to her. She also had many friends that were very special to her. Visitation will be held from 5 PM to 9 PM Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated 11 AM Thursday, December 9, 2021 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton. The family requests that masks be worn at the visitation and at the mass.

**Carolyn Ann Brasfield Oliver**, 70, passed away on Monday, August 7, 2017. She was born on January 25, 1947 in Sinton, Texas and she was a housewife. She is survived by her husband, Willie Oliver of Sinton, her son, Aaron Taylor of Sinton, her daughters, Patricia Brasfield and Cynthia Bess of Sinton, her brothers, Alex Smith of Sinton and Trellis Smith of San Antonio, 9 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren.



**Agustin Flores Olmeda**, 89, loving father and grandfather passed away on Friday, September 9, 2022. He was born on August 27, 1933, in Kenedy, Texas to Eluterio and Cristina Flores Olmeda. He had been employed as a truck driver. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, going cruising and was an avid knife collector. He is survived by his loving family, his sons, Jose Agustin Olmeda, Jr. of Edroy and Jeronimo (Claudia) Olmeda of Irving, Tx, his daughters, Corina (Lorenzo) Alfaro of Princeton, Tx and Judy (Robert) Trevino of Mathis, and five grandchildren. A visitation will be held on Monday, September 12, 2022, from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Tuesday, September 13, 2022, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy with Father George as celebrant. Interment will follow at the Edroy Cemetery in Edroy.

**Bernardina (Nina) Ybarra Orta** passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on Sunday morning, August 29, 2021. Nina was born in Woodsboro, Tx to Elifonso Rodriguez Ybarra and Francisca Buendin Ybarra. She lived in Sinton until the summer of 1959 when she, along with her husband and eight children, moved to Taft. She had a full time job raising her family until her last child left home. Then she worked numerous jobs. For instance, at the nursing home in Taft and cleaning condominiums in Port Aransas with one of her sisters. She was a lifetime member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary since her husband was a veteran of WWII. She was a member of Primera Iglesia Bautista in Taft since 1959. She was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, aunt to numerous nieces and nephews, and a friend to who will be missed by everyone who knew her. Nina is preceded in death by her husband, Willie Orta, Sr., grandson Willie Orta III, her parents, four sisters, and two brothers. Survivors include her sister Juanita Gonzalez, five sons: Oscar (Joyce) of Taft, Roy (Janice) of Marshall, Willie (Brenda) of Euliss, Issac (Rosemary) of McQueeney, and Samuel (Linda) of Spring; three daughters: Mary Lou (Manuel) of Houston, OrfaLinda (Gregorio) of New Braunfels, and Alice (Eddie) of Portland; 23 grandchildren, 45 great-grandchildren, and 3 great-greatgrandchildren. Funeral service will be on Saturday, September 4, 2021 at 2 PM at the First Baptist Church in Portland (1305 Wildcat Dr., Portland, Tx). Interment will follow at The Palms Memorial Cemetery in Portland. The family requests masks be worn at the service.

**Maria Christina Orta**, 71, loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend passed away on Monday, July 5, 2021. Maria was born on November 21, 1949 in Sinton to Eusebio De Los Santos and Ernestina H. Narvaez. She had been employed as a provider. She is survived by her loving family, her daughters, Venus Guerrero of Sinton and Serena De Los Santos of Arkansas,

her brother, Lupe De Los Santos of Livingston, Tx, her sisters, Gloria De Los Santos and Alma Garcia of Sinton and one grandchild. A prayer service will be held at 7 PM Wednesday, July 7, 2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Thursday, July 8, 2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Edwardo R. Ortiz**, 81, passed away on Saturday, April 6, 2019. He was a retired truck driver who loved to hunt and fish. He is survived by his wife, Eva Ortiz of Odem his sons, Edward (Tami) Ortiz of Corpus Christi, daughters, Amy (Grant) Lopez and Nicole Ortiz and Michael (Lizzie) Ortiz of Odem, daughters, Annette (John) Cortez and Mikayla Ortiz, his daughters, Gracie (Lee) Garcia of Houston, daughter, Leelianna Garcia, and Rose (John) Chavez of Houston, daughters, Yvonne (Eddie) Moffitt and Samantha Chavez. A rosary was recited at 7:45 PM Sunday, April 7, 2019 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 1:30 PM Monday, April 8, 2019 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Pete Elizardo as celebrant. Interment followed at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**Eva Bargas Ortiz**, 83, loving mother and grandmother, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, following a short illness. Eva loved plants and gardening, making tamales, Christmas and decorating her home with all the festive decorations, but most of all she loved her family and spending time with them. She is preceded in death by her husband, Edward Ortiz, her parents, Antonio and Maria Garcia Bargas and her siblings. She is survived by her loving family, her daughters, Rose and John Chavez and their daughters, Yvonne (Eddie) Moffitt and Samantha Chavez, Gracie and Lee Garcia and their daughter, Leelianna Garcia, her sons, Eduardo Ortiz, Jr (Butch), and his daughters, Amy (Grant) Lopez and Nicole Ortiz, Michael and Elizabeth Ortiz and their daughters, Annette (John) Cortez and Mikayla Garcia, eleven great grandchildren, and many relatives and friends. Visitation will be held from 4 PM to 9 PM Friday, March 3, 2023, with a rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11:30 AM Saturday, March 4, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**Jerome Octave Oulliber**, age 102 of Sinton, Texas passed away Wednesday morning, March 8, 2023. He was born in Madisonville, Louisiana on November 3, 1920. Jerry was a World War II Veteran (Army - Tank Driver). He worked for Superior Oil Company for 31 years and retired October 1, 1982. Jerry loved being outside working in his garden and growing tomato plants year around. Besides gardening his true passion was being on the water and going fishing,

gigging, crabbing, and eating seafood. Jerry is preceded in death by his parents Jerry and Matilda Oulliber, wife Hettie Lee Oulliber, son Jerry Lynn Oulliber and daughter Vivian "Kaye" Brammer. He is survived by his daughter-in-law Janice Oulliber, grandchildren Jason Bowen, Audrey Burton, Marie Hall, Erika Millis, Michele Fleetwood, and nine great grandchildren. Services will be held at First United Methodist Church in Sinton, Texas on Thursday, March 16, 2023, at 10:00 am. Graveside services will follow at Rose Hill Memorial Park in Corpus Christi, Texas. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to Grace Saldana for her devotion to Hettie Lee and Jerry as a close friend and faithful caregiver for over 20 years and extend a thank you to Gracia Hospice and his caregivers Boyd Shouse and Mary Ellen McMinn.