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Marcos Acevedo, 38, loving son, fiancée, father, brother, cousin, and friend went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Marcos loved to play his guitar, traveling, writing music, movies, sciences but most important, he loved his family. He had been employed by Wind Turbine as a Technician for several years. He will be dearly missed. He is survived by his loving family, his mother, Olivia Acevedo of Odem, his fiancée, Miranda Bustamante of Odem, his sons, Atom Jace Acevedo and Phoenix Mars Acevedo of Odem, Gavin Lee Lambert, Lennon Lambert and Maximo Lambert all of Corpus Christi, his sisters, Lillian Cadena of Odem and Leticia Balderez of San Antonio, many other relatives and friends. A holy rosary will be recited at 7 PM Wednesday, May 3, 2023, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Thursday, May 4, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father George as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

Jesusita Acevedo Adamez, 83, loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, December 14, 2016, following a short illness. Jesusita was born on September 23, 1933, in Odem, Texas. She was a lifelong resident of Odem and was a devoted catholic member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, Mauro Adamez, her siblings, Maria Gomez, Felipe Acevedo, Maximo Acevedo and Guadalupe Acevedo. She is survived by her loving family, her son, Ramon Adamez of Odem, her daughter, Yolanda A.(Edward) Gonzalez of La Feria, her granddaughters, Ashley Marie Gonzalez of Odem and Emily Gonzalez of La Feria, her great-grandson, Edward Ray Almaguer of La Feria, her brother, Silverio Acevedo of Corpus Christi, her sisters, Olivia Melendez, Ofelia Acevedo and Alicia Delgado of Odem, Elena O'Canas of Robstown and Francisca Martinez of Portland, nephews Pete Adamez and Lupe Hernandez and numerous other nieces and nephews. A rosary was recited at 7:00 PM Monday, December 19, 2016, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem. Interment followed at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

Anita Mata Aguilar, 76, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 26, 2023. Anita loved watching game shows and loved taking care of all her plants. She is survived by her loving family, her husband, Cruz Aguilar, Jr. of Aransas Pass, her son, Jacob Gonzales of Sinton, her daughter, Amy Vaughn of Aransas Pass,

her brothers, Henry Mata of Aransas Pass, Frank Mata of Sinton and Rene Mata of St. Paul, and two grandchildren. A visitation will be held on Friday, April 29, 2023, from 2 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Saturday, April 30, 2023, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant.

Maria Coronada Aguilar, 71, passed away on Saturday, February 24, 2018. She was born on November 26, 1946, and was a lifetime resident of Sinton. She is survived by her children, Susan M. Silva, Rebecca G. Estrada, Maria Terri Martinez, Arnulfo Aguilar, Leticia G. Trevino and Marisa Ceullar of San Antonio, her siblings, Aurora A. Pina and Juanita A. Godina of Dallas and Luis Aguilar of Temple, 7 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and 5 step-grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Wednesday, February 28, 2018, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Ignatius Nwankwocha, as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

Porfirio Ochoa Aguirre, born on October 6, 1935, in the rustic town of Tuleta, Tx. His kindred spirit was greeted with open arms by God on October 9, 2020, at the age of 85 surrounded by his loved ones in Sinton, Tx after an arduous battle with multiple complications. He was very independent and a Proud Texan, but when wondering where he was you could seldom never find him too far from Whataburger or Taqueria Vallarta's. He looked forward to sharing local news with his friends over a cup of coffee every morning. He was incredibly loyal and gracious with everyone he met. He was a certified Deacon at Primera Iglesia Bautista Church where he was an ever-trustworthy follower of Jesus Christ. He worked as a driller in the oil field industry for 30 years and proudly served our country in the U.S. Army. He is preceded in death by his wife, Irma Amador Aguirre, and his parents, Luis Aguirre and Barbarita Ochoa, his siblings Jose Angel Aguirre, Nicolas Aguirre, and Gloria Andrade. He is survived by his brothers, Jacinto (Lupe) of Pettus, Tx, and Mark (Trini) of Houston, Tx, and sisters, Lois Aguirre Benavidez, Mary Aguirre Castilla, and Delfina (Fidel) Garcia all also of Houston, Tx. His sons Joe Luis, with Maria Zapata Aguirre (d. 1973) of Kingsville, Tx, Roy Martinez of Dallas, Tx, Michael Tobar (Jennifer) of Sinton, Tx, and Israel Aguirre of Austin, Tx. His daughters, Brenda Gutierrez (Anthony) and Priscilla Gonzalez (Juan) of Austin, Tx, and Elizabeth "Liz" of Sinton, Tx. He is also survived by six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He loved to be outside in nature tending to his countless animals, fixing fences, clearing brush, and any other small task he could do...as long as it was outside. He was a follower of the Sinton Pirates and

always enjoyed watching their football, baseball, and especially softball games. Visitation was held Saturday, October 17, 2020, from 1 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with a memorial service being held at 7 PM.

Maria P. Alafa, 80, passed away on Saturday, February 17, 2018. She had been a longtime resident of Sinton and was a hard-working and loving mother. She is survived by her sons, Rudy P. (Elizabeth) Alafa of Houston and Martin Alafa of Shreveport, Louisiana, her daughters, Irma Cantu of Houston and Mary Ann Martinez of Lubbock, her grandchildren, Jessica, David, Eric, Rudi Meagan, Roy III, and Kimberly and 8 great grandchildren. A rosary was held at 7 PM Friday, February 23, 2018, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11 AM Saturday, February 24, 2018, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

Jossette Constante Alaniz, 48, passed away on Wednesday, November 28, 2018. Jossette had been employed as a manager for McDonald's. She is survived by her son, Alexavier Alaniz of Odem, her daughter, Cassidy Alaniz of Odem, her parents, Fidel and Martina Constante of Odem, her brothers, Fidel Constante, Jr., Anthony Constante, Nicholas Constante and Matthew Constante of Odem, her sisters, Mary Ann Guerrero of Sinton, April Constante, Martina Constante Castillo and Carolina Constante of Odem. A prayer service was held at 7 PM Tuesday, December 4, 2018, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 10 AM Wednesday, December 5, 2018. Interment followed at Memorial Cemetery.

Santos Alaniz, Jr., 76, loving father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, and friend passed away on Tuesday, August 31, 2021, following a sudden illness. Santos loved his family, buying lottery tickets, gardening and loved going to church. He is survived by his loving family, his sons, Santos (Cassandra) Alaniz, III of Sinton and David (Lucy) Alaniz of Odem, his daughters, Irma (Byron) Alaniz Castano, Elizabeth (Cipriano) Alaniz Rivera and Susan Alaniz of Beeville, his sisters, Gloria Morin of Sinton, Janie Ortiz of Waxahachie, and Alice Galindo of Corpus Christi, 19 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Sunday, September 5, 2021, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Monday, September 6, 2021, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment followed in the Evergreen Cemetery in Skidmore, Texas.

Estella Almager, 79, passed away on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Estella had been a former resident of Taft and had been employed as a Nurse's aide at the Taft Hospital. She was preceded

in death by her husband Guadalupe Almager. She is survived by her sons Guadalupe Almager, Jr., Benito Almager, and Arnulfo Almager of Levelland, her daughters, Nancy Espinoza of Levelland and Beatrice Cardenas of Alice, her brothers, Domingo Perez, Sr. of Taft, Augustine Perez of Littlefield and Jose Perez of Sinton, her sisters, Simona Aguirre of Woodsboro, Elida Osoronio of Levelland and Alicia, 13 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Graveside services were held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, November 7, 2020, at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

Santiago Alvarez, Jr., 72, passed away on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, following a long illness. He had been employed as a Supervisor for TXDOT for over 30 years. He is survived by his sons, Patrick Alvarez of Rockport and James Alvarez of Corpus Christi, his brother, Augustin Alvarez of Odem, his sisters, Serafina Alvarez of Michigan, Mary Alvarez and Lucy Olivos of Odem, and five grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Sunday, September 16, 2018, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. A Christian service was held at 11:30 AM Monday, September 17, 2018, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Interment followed at 1 PM at Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery with full military honors.

Beatrice Amador, 61, passed away on Wednesday, January 24, 2018. She had been employed as a home provider. She is survived by her husband, Bernardo Alvarez, Sr. of Sinton, her sons, Johnny Joe Amador and Bernardo Alvarez, Jr. of Sinton, her daughters, Christina Alvarez of Sinton and Carolina Alvarez of Corpus Christi, her brother, Jose Garcia of Sinton, her sisters, Josie Puentes of Taft, Irma Madero and Andrea Salazar of Sinton, 16 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Sunday, January 28, 2018, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Monday, January 29, 2018, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

Cruz Leza Ansualda, 70, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, aunt and friend passed away on Saturday, July 29, 2023. Cruz was a great Mom who loved her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She also loved watching her Novelas. She is survived by her husband, Rudy Ansualda, of Corpus Christi, her sons, Rudy J. (Veronica Rios) Ansualda, Jr. of Corpus Christi, and Gino (Victoria Sanchez) Ansualda of Portland, her daughter, Lucy (Eric) Soliz of Corpus Christi, her brother, Rafael (Eloisa) Leza, Jr. of Odem, her grandchildren, Matthew (Andrea Gonzalez) Leal of Corpus Christi, Marisa (Tommy Chavez) Ansualda of Portland, Frankie Ansualda of Corpus Christi and Katerina Ansualda of Portland, her great

grandchildren, Ela Martinez, Evan Chavez, Aiden Chavez, Brandon Mejias, Derrick Solis, Alexander Solis, Addison Solis, Penelope Ansualda, Michael Leal, Tiffany Leal, Alex Leal and Alexis Carrillo. She was preceded in death by her parents, Rafael and Rosa Leza, her daughter, Elovinda Ansualda and her brother, Francisco Leza. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews and many extended family members. Visitation will be held from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at RitcheaGonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Thursday, August 3, 2023, at Sacred Heart Church in Odem with Father George as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

Francisca Asevedo, 71, died on January 23, 2018. A rosary was recited at 7 PM January 26, 2018, at RitcheaGonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM on January 27, 2018, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem.

Ofelia Asevedo, 78, passed away on Monday, December 14, 2020. Ofelia had been employed as a clerk for the Odem Pharmacy for several years. She is survived by her companion, Pete Adamez of Odem, her sisters, Olivia Melendez and Alicia Delgado of Odem and Elena O'Canas of Robstown, her nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Thursday, December 17, 2020, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment followed at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

Silverio Asevedo, 71, passed away on Wednesday, January 17, 2018. He had been employed as a truck driver until his retirement and was preceded in death by his son, Silverio Asevedo, Jr. He is survived by his son, David Asevedo of Portland, his daughters, Mary Garcia and Lupita Asevedo of Corpus Christi and Julia Asevedo of San Antonio, his sisters - Elena O'Canas of Robstown, Olivia Asevedo, Alicia Delgado and Ofelia Asevedo of Odem and Francisca Martinez of Taft, 8 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Sunday, January 21, 2018, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:30 AM Monday, January 22, 2018, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem.

Genoveva Duran Ayala passed away at the age of 87 on Monday, March 28, 2022, in Corpus Christi. She was born to Mariano and Andrea Duran on December 9, 1934, in Edroy. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Cornelio Ayala, her brother, Juan Duran, and her son, Efrain Fonseca. She is survived by her children, Teri (Antonio) Martinez of Edroy, Janie

(Juan) Guerra of Katy, and Jorge (Carol) Ayala of New Braunfels, her daughter-in-law, Gloria Fonseca of Corpus Christi, her sister, Josie Camacho of Denver, Colo., five grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, and great great grandchildren. A devout Christian, Genoveva lived to serve, working as a caregiver in and around her hometown. She was also an active member of the Primera Iglesia Bautista in Edroy before moving to San Antonio. While there her work continued as a beloved member on the Methodist Hospital housekeeping staff. Genoveva enjoyed her time in San Antonio, regularly showing off the city to her visiting family, showing them around historic Market Square and the Riverwalk, especially around the holidays when the area was at its most colorful. Recently, Genoveva lived at Windsor Calallen nursing home endearing herself to staff with song and laughter. The family would like to thank all the staff, especially her angels Angie, Lori, Crystal, and the unit five nurses at Windsor for their time and effort in making their beloved Ms. Ayala feel comfortable. Her hospice nurses, Abby and Theresa, showed great care and compassion for which the family will be forever grateful. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org, an organization working to provide Alzheimer's care and accelerate research. A graveside celebration of life was held on Saturday, April 2, 2022, at 1 PM at the Edroy Cemetery where Genoveva joined the love of her life, Cornelio, in eternal rest.

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Henry "Al" Allen Baker, Sr. passed away on December 31, 2022, at the age of 98. He was born in East Prairie, Missouri on September 20, 1924, to the late James Allon Baker and Grace Louise McElwayne. Al served in WWII. He was a lifetime member of the Sinton V.F.W Post 12160 and a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Sinton. An electrician by trade, he loved to help people, tell stories, and go dancing. He was a great father to Ruth (Wilbur) Kenne, a loving grandfather to Jason (Rhea) Kenne and Lynn (Clint) Leister, and great grandfather to Gage Kenne and Harper Leister. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Baker of Corpus Christi. He was preceded in death by his parents, son, Henry "Buddy" Allen Baker, Jr., his wife, Ruth Dragoo, his brother, James "JT" Thomas Baker, and his partner, Mrs. Marion Hedgepath. Al will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. He had requested no service so there will only be a family gathering. The family asks in lieu of flowers please donate to the Sinton V.F.W in his name.

Pascual Rosales Banda, 73, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend passed away on Wednesday April 24, 2024. He had been employed as a farmer. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Dominga Vazquez, his sister, Magdalena Rosales Banda, his sons, Gumaro (Velma) Rosales, Jaime (Hortencia) Rosales, Alberto (Olga Idalia) Rosales, and Guadalupe (Claudia) Rosales, his brothers, Leopoldo Rosales, Feliciano Rosales, Alberto Rosales, Erasmo Rosales and Roman Rosales, 12 grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren. A visitation will be held on Saturday, May 4, 2024, from 3 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel.

Ernestina "Tina" Bargas, was a woman of faith. She was surrounded by her loving family and entered into eternal rest Wednesday, September 9, 2015. Tina will always be remembered as a loving wife, loving mother, caring grandmother and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Mrs. Bargas is survived by her children, Linda Jane (Jose Roberto) Ortiz Sr., Francisco (Baudelia) Bargas Jr., Olga (Gustavo) Gonzales Sr., Irma Ortiz, Diana (Carlos) Torres Jr., Ida Butler, Norma (James) Martinez, sisters Elida Cortinas, Helena Reyna, Elva Avila, Dolores Martinez, and sister in-law, Eva Ortiz; brothers Benito Cortinas Jr., George Cortinas; 15 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, 1 great great grandchild, numerous family members, and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Francisco Bargas Sr. The family received friends Friday, September 11, 2015, from 12:00PM to 9:00PM at Ritchea Gonzales Funeral Home where a holy rosary was recited at 7:00 PM. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11:00AM Saturday, September 12, 2015, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 401 Willis Street, Odem, Texas with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment followed at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

Robert Glenn Barlow, 49, of Odem, Texas peacefully rests on the 7th of May 2017 while at home surrounded by his loving family. Glenn, a UXO technician at Ft. Ord, California by trade, enjoyed the challenging, detailed oriented career of disposing of unexploded ordinance and was well respected among his peers - he will never have to prove his valor in any other way. Glenn was a dedicated son, a loyal brother, and loving father and is survived by his daughters Mikaela and Hannah Barlow; his parents Robert and Frances Barlow, his sisters Susie Van Winkle and Tiffany Newman, his brother Michael York, nieces Deedra, Jesica, Chelsea, Cianna and nephew Bryant - he will never have to demonstrate his love in any other way. Visitation was on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, between 5PM - 7PM at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton, Texas. Funeral service was held on Thursday, May 11, 2017, at 10AM at the Sinton Cemetery at 507 Cemetery St., followed by a Memorial Service which was held at the First United Methodist Church of Odem, Texas 1301 Haisley Avenue at 2 pm.

Augustina Cantu Barrera, age 92, beloved mother, grandmother, great grandmother and great-great grandmother entered through the gates of heaven on March 25, 2024. Augustina was born on September 27, 1931 to Roberto and Alta Gracia (Soto) Cantu in West Sinton, Tx. Augustina married the love of her life Leobardo V. Barrera on Nov 10, 1947 and they had 10 beautiful children and settled in Edroy, Tx. They worked as migrant workers in the fields and traveled from state to state to provide for their family. Augustina was the strongest person you will ever meet, and was the matriarch of the family and made sure her family was taken care of. She knew the meaning of hard work and always giving your best effort in everything you do. She was a very special person with a very special personality that you couldn't help but, just to love her. She will always be remembered as the mom/grandma that always made sure her hair, nails, and make-up were done perfectly. She will be dearly and greatly missed by all those who love and know her. She is preceded in death by her parents, brother, grandmother (Juanita "Nina" Soto), husband, Leobardo V. Barrera, and her son Leobardo C. "Tutuy" Barrera Jr. Left to carry on her loving memory here on earth are her children Maria (the late Fernando) Villarreal, Amparo (Ruben) Soto, Sylvia (Oscar) Benavidez, Lydia(Alfredo) Morin, Robert (Diana) Barrera, Yolanda Ibarra, Guillermo Barrera, Alfredo (Rachel) Barrera, David Barrera, her 22 grandchildren, 54 great grandchildren and 2 great-great grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 2pm to 9pm at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton, Tx with a rosary being recited at 7pm. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 3, 2024, at 11am at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy, Tx. Interment will follow at the Edroy Cemetery. Please join us for a celebration of life for our beloved Augustina, our mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great-great grandmother at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish Hall in Edroy, immediately after the interment.

Andy Barron, 40, passed away on Tuesday, April 16, 2024. He had been employed as a cook. He is survived by his loving family, his brother, Roy Benavidez of San Antonio, his sister, Alicia Benavidez of Annville, his brother-in-law, Manuel Rodriguez, III, his niece, Amber Rodriguez, his nephews, Joseph Benavidez and Tanner Benavidez. A visitation will be held on Friday, May 10, 2024 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel from 5 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM. This will conclude the services.

Melvin Henry Bartz of St. Paul, Texas went to be with his Lord at his home on August 24, 2022, at the age of 95 surrounded by his loving children. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Rosie Mae Bartz, son, James Henry Bartz, parents, Adolph and Mamie Bartz,

stepmother, Cecil Bartz, grandson, Larry Wayne Thompson, son-in-law, Frank Bennett, brother, Marvin Bartz, and sister, Marilyn Roecker. Melvin is survived by his children, Sandra Kay Coates of Sinton, Melvin Douglas Bartz (Deborah Ann Bartz) of St. Paul, and Debra Sue Bennett of Houston, and sisters, Marjorie Bosanko of Stockdale and Marie Combs (Gary) of Florence. He also has 18 grandchildren, 26 great grandchildren, and 15 great-great grandchildren. Visitation will be held Friday, August 26, 2022, from 5 to 7 PM at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home, 120 South McCall, Sinton, Texas. Funeral will be held at 10 AM on Saturday, August 27, 2022, at the First United Methodist Church, 405 W. Sinton St., Sinton, Texas. Interment will follow at Lamas Memorial Park in Taft, Texas.

Angelita V. Belmarez, 78, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and friend passed away on Wednesday, August 31, 2022. Angelita was born on May 31, 1944 in Weslaco, Texas to Refugio and Gregoria Espinosa Vela, Sr. She loved gambling and dancing. She loved life and her motto was "Live life, don't let life live you." She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Belmarez, her son, JoJo Belmarez, Jr. and her daughter, Emma Marie Belmarez. She was the last surviving Vela sibling. She is survived by her loving family, her daughters, Julia (Benito Beltran) Belmarez of Houston and Annmarie (Pete Tamez) Belmarez of Sinton, five grandchildren, Nicolas Beltran, Angelica Beltran, Tiffoni-Amber Torres, Elida (Daniel) Martinez, and David Beltran, five great grandchildren, and numerous other relatives. Visitation will be held on Friday, September 2, 2022, from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services will be held at 10 AM Saturday, September 3, 2022, at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem. Interment will follow.

Ciro G. Benavidez - Edroy - I am heartbroken to announce the death of our father **Ciro G. Benavidez**. He passed away peacefully on February 3, 2024, at the age of 75. The last few months that he gave to his family was a gift from God and he will forever hold a place in our hearts. Not only did he enjoy fishing and gardening but the love for his granddaughters was immense. He leaves behind two daughters, Jennifer Mashore and Vanessa Malasky, six granddaughters, Renee, Mikayla, and Abbey Mashore, and Eliana, Seraphina, and Nova Malasky, one brother, Fidencio Benavidez, and two sisters, Dominga Sanchez and Altagracia Ortiz.

Dominga Blanco Benavidez, age 85, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend went to be with the Lord on Saturday, September 16, 2023. Dominga loved her family and spending time at family gatherings. She also loved her friends, dancing, and loved to

be updated with the latest fashion styles. She is preceded in death by her husband, Roman Benavidez, Jr.; her daughter, Francisca Benavidez; her parents, Eligio Blanco, Sr. and Fidela Gomez Blanco; her siblings, Adela Nino, Maria Perez, and Eligio Blanco, Jr. She is survived by her loving family - her sons, Roman " Raymond " Benavidez, III (Naomi) of Corpus Christi, and Guadalupe "Wally" Blanco Benavidez of Odem. She is also survived by her daughters, Della Marie Botello of Calallen, and Rosa Marie "Rosie" Gomez (Matthew) of San Antonio; her brothers, Augustine Blanco (Dolores) of Odem, and Gregorio Blanco of Corpus Christi; her sisters, Luisa Ortiz (Armando), and Amelia Martinez (Aurelio) of Odem; ten grandchildren - Nathan Rivera, Jorge Botello, Miguel Botello, Arisela Botello, Cody Benavidez, Skyler Benavidez, Matthew James Gomez, Jacob A. Gomez, Selene Benavidez, and Sophia Benavidez, and nine great-grandchildren. A holy rosary will be recited at 7P.M. Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 A.M. on Thursday, September 21, 2023 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father Pete Elizardo as celebrant. Interment will immediately follow the funeral mass at Memorial Cemetery in Odem. Eligio G. Blanco, Jr., 73, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 15, 2016, following a short illness. He was born in Sinton to Eligio and Fidela Blanco, Sr. He had resided in Odem until moving to Houston in 1980 and had been employed as a fiberglass pool repairman. He is preceded in death by his wife, Petra Rodriguez Blanco, his son, Eligio Blanco, III, his parents, Eligio and Fidela Blanco, Sr., his sisters, Adelita Nino and Maria Perez. He is survived by his loving family, his daughters, Melissa Blanco and Nelda (Richard) Whitson of Houston, his brothers, Augustin (Dolores) Blanco of Odem and Greg Blanco of Corpus Christi, his brother-in-law, Pablo Rodriguez of Sinton, his sisters, Dominga Benavidez, Louisa (Armando) Ortiz and Amelia (Aurelio) Martinez of Odem and Mary Frances Perez of Corpus Christi, numerous nieces and nephews, and his very dear friends in Corpus Christi. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Tuesday, December 20, 2016, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00AM, Wednesday, December 21, 2016, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment followed at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem. Pallbearers will be Paul Rodriguez, Wally Benavidez, Gus Blanco, Richard Whitson, Moses Perez, Marcos Ortiz and Rudy Nino, Jr. Sinton, Texas.

Fermin Blanco died June 25, 2018. He was 72. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM June 27, 2018, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Burial was at John J. Welder Memorial Cemetery with full military honors.

Francisca "Frances" Trevino Blanco, 67, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend passed away on July 1, 2023. Frances was born on August 21, 1955, in Odem, Texas to Julia and Adolpho Trevino. Frances loved her pets, loved to cook, but most of all she loved and enjoyed spending time with her family. She is preceded in death by her mother, Julia Villarreal, her brothers, Severiano Villarreal and Daniel Villarreal, and her brother-in-law, Ted Gillem (Martha). She is survived by her loving family, her sons, Ruben (Gracie) Rodriguez of Houston, Roland Martinez of Odem, Leo Martinez of Harlingen and Richie (Diana) Frausto of Sinton, her three daughters, Yvonne Frausto (Santos) of Sinton, Breanna Rocha and Erica Rocha (Crystal) of Odem, her sisters, Dora Pena, Martha T. Gillem and Noemi Rocha of Indiana, and Mary A. Duhart (David) of Palacios, her brother, Abel Y. Trevino of Odem, and a host of grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Louis Lee Bone was born on March 18, 1949, in Falfurrias, Tx to Louis Leroy and Lydia Myrtle Bone. As a young child Louis grew up in Falfurrias and later in Corpus Christi, Tx. He then graduated in 1968 from Tuloso Midway. Upon graduation he joined the United States Marine Corps where he served from 1968 to 1972. After returning, he lived in San Antonio and Corpus Christi. Thereafter he settled in Sutherland Springs, Tx for many years until finally settling in Sinton, Tx. Louis passed away peacefully in his home surrounded by family and friends. He is preceded in death by his father, Louis Leroy Bone (Jackie), his mother, Lydia Myrtle Blakeney (Phillip Howard), brother, Tommy Leroy Bone, sister, Janice Sue Kinsey (Gordon Lynn) and son, Troy Calhoun. He is survived by one brother, Stephen Wayne Bone (Pamella) of New Berlin, Tx, one sister, Sherry Lynn DuBois (Melvin) of Corpus Christi, Tx and his six children, Richard Lee Bone (Annette) of Corpus Christi, Tx, Micheal Christopher Bone (Kari) of Sinton, Tx, Joshua Adam Bone (Priscilla) of Corpus Christi, Tx, Laduska Gay (Gerald) of Sinton, Tx, Meagan Michelle Gauna (Aaron) of Great Lakes, IL and Montana Chaz Bone of Sutherland Springs, Tx. He also leaves behind 18 grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and other family members. Louis touched the hearts of everyone he met and never knew a stranger. He was a great father, mentor and friend. He will be truly missed. A memorial service was held at 9:30 AM Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services followed at 11 AM at Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery in Corpus Christi with full military honors.

Octavia Chinesea Boyd, 47, loving daughter and sister passed away on Friday, November 4, 2022, following a short illness. Octavia liked all sports and loved the 80's and 90's music. She is survived by her loving family, her mother, Lorraine (Dave) Campbell of Sinton, her father,

Willie Boyd of Alabama and her sister, Kasey Kotara of Orange, Texas. A visitation will be held on Saturday, November 12, 2022, from 9 AM to 1 PM at RitcheaGonzales Funeral Home. This will conclude the services.

Justin Cronin wrote, "As long as we remember a person, they're not really gone. Their thoughts, their feelings, their memories, they become part of us." **Vaughan S "Monster" Braddock, Jr.**, 63, passed away Tuesday, January 18, 2022, at his home in Odem, Texas. Vaughan was born January 30, 1958, to Vaughan and Norma Braddock in Austin, Texas, the oldest of four children. He always lived his life optimistically proclaiming to be living on borrowed time, celebrating life, and cherishing our country's great freedoms. Vaughan was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. He was deeply loved by his family and friends. He will be dearly missed. Vaughan followed in his father's footsteps and served in the U.S. Army where he completed his tour of duty in Afghanistan during Desert Storm. He met and married his beautiful bride and wife of 43 years, Kim Holik Braddock, in Fort Hood, Texas before leaving to defend the great nation that he loved. "Brad" as he was known to many, was a man of many talents and he lived to help others. Always willing to help, he was mechanically inclined and very handy with tools. He worked as a general contractor for many years but was forced to give up the career he loved due to his health. He spent his free time relaxing and watching various sports games on TV. He also enjoyed movies and reading. Vaughan was always there to help relatives and friends with household projects. He was a great carpenter building furniture and one of the best shade tree mechanics around. Vaughan enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He loved to go cruising on his motorcycle, hitting the links playing a round or two of golf, and bowling whenever he had the time. In his later years, he enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren reminiscing about his time in the service and teaching them about the world. "Brad" is survived by his wife, Kimberly; daughters, Kristina Martinez (Gabriel) of Odem, Tx and Tabitha Butler (Joe) of Corpus Christi, Tex; grandchildren, Kaleb (Myndi) Wyatt, Jaxon, James, Makenzie, and Makenlie; brothers, Rollie, Norm, and Delan. Vaughan was preceded in death by his father, Vaughan Braddock, Sr. and grandfather, Rollie Siler. He was so looking forward to meeting his great-grandson Grayson in March. Funeral services were held on Monday, January 24, 2022, at Coastal Bend Texas Veteran's Memorial Cemetery at 10 AM. The family greeted friends from 4-7 PM on Sunday, January 23, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home.

John Ernest Bremer (82), of Sinton, TX, returned to his heavenly home on January 28, 2024, with his loving wife of 53 years, Patsy, by his side. John was born in Beeville on January 28,

1942, to Alvin and Hilda Bremer, and grew up with his sisters, Alice and Elaine, on a farm in San Patricio County. He attended school in Sinton, where he developed lifelong friendships and participated in many agriculture and church related activities. John graduated from Sinton High School in 1960. He earned his B.S. in Agriculture Education from Texas A & I University, Kingsville in 1965 and his M.S. in Entomology from Texas A & M University, College Station in 1967. He worked as an Ag teacher in Odem, TX before becoming Principal. After earning his Ph.D. in Soil Chemistry from Oklahoma State University in 1975, he worked as an Agronomist with Texas A & M Agricultural Extension Service until his retirement. While he enjoyed consulting, he was always a farmer at heart. Even after his official retirement, he continued to farm. He loved the land and he loved Sinton. He served his community faithfully. He served as the President of the School Board of Sinton ISD for many years and served Grace Lutheran Church as the President of the Church Council. More than anything, John loved his family. He married his beloved wife, Patsy, on January 22, 1971. Their children, Shari, Patrick, Michelle and John Jr. were the center of his world. He was a loving father who was active in their lives and instilled a love for agriculture in his children. He also modeled community service and humility. His thirteen grandchildren and one great-grandchild delighted him, and he loved to spend time with them and tease them. He jokingly reminded his family that he was “the Boss” even as he modeled Mark 9:35, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.” He was generous, kind and steadfastly put others first. John is survived by his adored wife Patsy; children: Shari (Joey) John of Carrizo Springs, TX, Patrick (Lynda) Clarke of Hondo, TX, Michelle Wendel (Robert Hoelscher) of Violet, TX, and John Jr. (Laurie) Bremer of Sinton, TX; grandchildren: Christopher (Garrett Mathison), Katryna and Jay-P John; Dalton and Lacy Clarke; Elizabeth, Ashley, and D’Elle Wendel; Faith, Joshua, Benjamin, Hope and Charity Bremer; great-grandprincess: Bailey Wendel; sisters: Alice Luedke and Elaine (Raymond) Brundrett; sister-in-law: Marilyne (Don) Rogers as well as dear cousins, nieces, nephews and countless friends. John is preceded in death by his parents, Alvin and Hilda Bremer, and brothers-in-law, Daniel Don (Linda) Hogan and Alton Luedke. A viewing will be held on Friday, February 2nd from 4:00- 6:00 pm at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton. A funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 3rd at 10:00 am at Grace Lutheran Church in Sinton. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery in Odem, TX. A Celebration of Life and meal will be held immediately following the burial at Grace Lutheran Fellowship Hall. In lieu of flowers, please feel free to make a donation to the charity of your choice.

Agnes Mae E. Brown - On a sunny warm day, November 28, 1957, a small baby girl was born to Billy Ray and Agnes Magill in a small hospital in the town of Tegal, just outside of El Paso,

Texas. She was named after her mother and grandmother as Agnes Mae Elenora Magill. Of course, anyone that knew her knows that she went by "Ellen." She was also known to be strong minded as well as strong willed. As a child she was well traveled over the state of Texas, everywhere from El Paso to Abilene and south to Corpus Christi as well as several stops in between. I first met her in Corpus Christi and that is where our love story began. She told her mother that she was going to marry me not long after we met and not more than a year later we were joined in wedlock. Some years later, nearly 49 years, would bring us to her passing. Ellen had four children, Michel and Jennifer, both preceded her in death, and Joseph and Tim III. She loved them all with her entire being and as any good mother would, she always put her family before herself. Through all these years her love for her husband stayed strong through the trials and tribulations of being married to a police officer. Ellen suffered through several illnesses over her lifetime. These were severe arthritis, interstitial lung disease, and non-small cell lung cancer. She fought long and hard against her lung cancer for four long years. Her faith was strong and her belief in the almighty was never shaken. Her grit and determination showed as she had quit school as a sophomore but returned years later to secure her GED. She attended Coastal Bend College and finished her first semester towards her associate degree. Again, family came first, and she put her kids first and left school before finishing. Ellen worked as a tax preparer and bookkeeper for several years and continued to complete taxes for family and friends right through her last days. She was the strongest and bravest person I have ever known. Ellen will be dearly missed and always loved by those who knew her. She will be remembered by all. A memorial service will be held at 11 AM Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel.

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Mary Agnes Fojtik Cabla was born in Jarrell, Texas on March 15, 1920, to John and Agnes Ramancek Fojtik and went to her eternal glory on April 29, 2018, at the age of 98. Mary was born and raised in Jarrell, Texas, before moving to Corpus Christi where she met and married the love of her life, Eugene H. Cabla. They farmed together for many years in the West Sinton area until his death. She enjoyed tending to her huge garden, canning, making kolaches, and strudel for her family. Mary loved cooking and baking for her family. She also enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. In recent years she lived in North Richland Hills, Texas. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her siblings Albert (Veronica) Fojtik, Josef Fojtik, Emma Fojtik, Hermine (Anton) Janosek,

John Fojtik, Adela (John) Drozd, Rudolph (Della) Fojtik, Lydia (Joe) Matysek, Jeannette (Raymond) Pospech, Marcella (Oliver) Till, and Edwin Fojtik. She is also preceded in death by her great-granddaughter Charlotte Kate Kinnebrew. She is survived by her children Robert (Bonita) Cabla of Keller, Texas, Patricia (David) Coldiron of Houston, Texas and Gene (Rena) Cabla of Portland, Texas. She is also survived by eight grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren as well as numerous nieces and nephews. A rosary was recited on Thursday, May 3, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at RitcheaGonzales Funeral Home of Sinton, TX. A graveside service was held on Friday, May 4, 2018, at 10:00 a.m. at the Sinton Cemetery.

Erlinda G. Cabrera, 86, passed away on Friday, July 19, 2019. She had been employed as a provider for home health. She is preceded in death by her husband, Moses Cabrera, and her son, Alfredo Cabrera. She is survived by her son, David (Rosemary) Cabrera of Edroy, her daughters, Delia Rodriguez of Odem, Nelda (Daniel) Juarez of Edroy, and Linda (Michael) Newcomer of Corpus Christi, her daughter-in-law, Oralia Cabrera of Mathis, 16 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great-grandchild. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Monday, July 22, 2019, in the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Tuesday, July 23, 2019, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment followed at Edroy Cemetery in Edroy. The family wishes special thanks to aides and nurses from Harbor Hospice and Windsor at Calallen.

Eva Soto Cadena was born June 2, 1945, in Edroy, Texas to the late Amando and Maria Soto, Sr. She passed on to meet our Lord January 14, 2024. She left behind a son, Arnold (Lillian) Cadena, her granddaughters, Alexis Lilly and Ava Rose, her siblings, Dolores (Luis) Hinojosa, Balbina (Jose) Trevino, Rosario (Alfredo) Martinez, Amando (Rita) Soto, Jr., Gabriel C. (Norma) Soto, Ismael (Paula) Soto, Melissa Soto, and Andres M. (Yvette) Soto. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alcario Cadena, her brothers, Juan C. Soto and David Israel Soto, her nephew Daniel Trevino, her "Buelita", Manuela P. Soto and her grandfather, Fructoso Carranza. Her pride and joy were her son and granddaughters with whom she spent time teaching them about cosmetology, home economics, fashion, animal care, shopping smartly, and how to style hair. She gave her granddaughters tips on how to compose themselves like ladies. Their shopping trips were epic- once stopping to shop at 18 different stores! Eva had a loving heart and reached out to many people in need. She would also take in stray animals, often cooking homemade meals for them. A beautician for fifty-nine years, she was so passionate about her chosen profession that she was still working at 78 years old. She had customers still trying to book appointments after her death! She was creatively gifted and so resourceful that

she opened up and successfully operated her own barber shop for 10 years and a beauty shop for over 40 years! She was a model and cosmetology instructor for Paul Mitchell. She was the first person to rent a booth in South Texas which started the first self-employed beautician. Before that, all beauticians worked for the owner. Her customers and coworkers, Esmi and Connie, became her lifelong friends, her family. Though life was not always easy, she made it look easy with style and grace. Eva loved God, praying, and reading her bible which saw her through to the end. She leaves a piece of her heart with everyone who met her. She was truly a one-of-a-kind person and will be deeply missed! A holy rosary will be recited at 11 AM on Saturday, January 27, 2024, with a mass to follow at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy, with Father George as celebrant.

Virginia "Vickie" Munoz Candela, 72, loving mother, grandmother, sister, and friend passed away on Tuesday, March 2, 2021. Virginia was born on March 19, 1948, in Beeville, Texas to Juan Pablo Munoz, Sr. and Augustina Reyna. She loved clothes and her own style of dress. She also loved to dance. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Antonio "Tony" Candela, her sister, Lupe De La Rosa, and her brother, John Paul Munoz, Jr. She is survived by her loving family, her sons, Antonio "Tony" (Elizabeth) Candela and Gabriel (Kirsten) Candela of Odem, her brother, Richard (Janie) Munoz of Beeville, her sister, Mary (Ricky) Martinez of Odem, four grandchildren, Alyssa Briane Candela, Alayna Brooke Candela, Koby Antonio Candela, and Abrielle Anne Candela and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Visitation was held from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary recited at 7:30 PM Friday, March 5, 2021, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11 AM Saturday, March 6, 2021, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

Albert Candelaria, 36, passed away on Tuesday, June 21, 2022. Albert was a loving husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend. He had been employed as a medical transport driver. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Roxanne Candelaria of Sinton, his daughters, Alexandria Morales, Ruby Rae Candelaria and Savannah Lynn Candelaria of Sinton, his brothers, Gilbert (Kim) Candelaria, Johnny Joe (Lori) Candelaria and Gilroy Candelaria of Sinton, his sister, Ruby Ann (Frank) Gonzales of Sinton, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A visitation was held Friday, June 24, 2022, from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 10 AM, Saturday, June 25, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

Manuel Candelaria, 71, loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, and friend passed away on Saturday, January 16, 2021. Manuel was born on June 14, 1949, in Sinton, Texas to Gilbert and Olivia Posas Candelaria, Sr. He was a lifelong resident of Sinton and had been employed as a truck driver. He had a passion for fishing, which he really loved doing. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Gilbert Candelaria, Jr. He is survived by his loving family, his wife of 54 years, Elisa Candelaria of Sinton, his sons, Manuel Candelaria, Jr. of Odem and Ray Candelaria of Odessa, his daughters, Melissa Candelaria of Corpus Christi, Cassandra Alaniz and Lupe Anaya of Sinton, Joann Candelaria of Odem and Celine Gonzales of Odessa, his sisters, Norma Ortiz of Sinton and Janie Gonzalez of McAllen, 25 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. Visitation was held at 3 PM Tuesday, January 19, 2021, with a rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11 AM Wednesday, January 20, 2021, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton. The family requests for masks to be worn, no hugs, handshakes, and social distancing.

Leo Canion, longtime resident of Sinton passed from this life on October 29, 2023. Leo was born in Utopia, Texas on June 23, 1933, to Nell and Randle Canion. After graduating from Utopia High School in 1950, he attended Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde and Texas A&I University in Kingsville, where he received a bachelor's degree in agriculture and a master's degree in science. During his college years, Leo was drafted to serve in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was stationed in Denver, Colorado and proudly served for two years. During his time at Southwest Texas Junior College, Leo met the love of his life, Peggy Rossington. They married on November 4, 1953. They were married for 67 years until her passing in 2021. They settled in Sinton in 1958, where Leo began and spent his entire 32-year career as a teacher and administrator. His most cherished years were those at Sinton High School, where he was the assistant principal from 1968-1981 and principal from 1981-1986. After his retirement in 1990, he and Peggy continued to be the Pirates' greatest supporters and biggest fans, attending countless games in every sport over the next 30 years. They particularly enjoyed the seven special years they were able to cheer for their Pirate grandchildren, Wesley and Paige Vickers. Leo had one other great passion - the game of golf. He played countless rounds at the Sinton Municipal Golf Course, where he made some of the best friends a man could have. He even had five hole-in-one shots, of which he was very proud. Leo is preceded in death by his parents, his beloved wife Peggy, his sister, Jan Reagen, brother,

Wayne Canion, and his precious granddaughter, Kaylie Yuill. He is survived by his three daughters, Joyce Lynn Canion of Sinton, Lori (Todd) Burgin of New Braunfels and Leigh (Bennie) Vickers of Mineral. He is also survived by seven grandchildren who lovingly called him Poppa Leo, Shane McDonald, Brooke McDonald, Wesley (Lindy) Vickers, Paige Vickers, Kyle Yuill and Kaitlin Yuill and his newest pride and joy great granddaughter, Addison Rae Vickers. Leo was a loved and respected member of the Sinton community for 65 years. He left a lasting impact on countless lives during that time, and in turn, those lives left an indelible mark on his own. His absence will be deeply felt, and he will be dearly missed. If you wish to make a donation in Leo's honor, please consider Shriner's Children Hospital, as he and Peggy were faithful supporters of their efforts. A visitation will be held from 1 PM to 2:30 PM on Sunday, November 5, 2023, with funeral services beginning at 2:30 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with Mike Carper officiating. Interment will follow at Sinton Cemetery in Sinton.

Peggy Rossington Canion passed away peacefully on May 6, 2021, at her home in Sinton, Texas. Peggy was born on March 16, 1934, near Carrizo Springs, Texas to Reynolds and Loree Rossington. She graduated from Crystal City High School as Salutatorian in May 1951. She attended Southwest Texas Junior College in Uvalde, Texas, where she met the love of her life Leo Canion. After living in Hondo, Denver and Kingsville, Peggy and Leo settled in Sinton in 1958, where they were both educators. Peggy taught high school math for 20 years at Sinton High School and Taft High School. She loved teaching math and instilled that love in her students. Many will fondly remember her wearing sunglasses as she demonstrated countless examples on the overhead projector. Peggy was born with a green thumb and loved working in her yard. She was an avid collector of arrowheads, antique bottles and Occupied Japan figurines. Peggy and Leo spent summers creating precious memories with their children and grandchildren on the Frio River. She spent many hours cheering on the Sinton Pirates and Lady Pirates, as she was an avid fan and one of their greatest supporters. She was a loving Yaya to her grandchildren who loved her beyond words. She will be dearly missed by her family and many life-long friends. Peggy was preceded in death by her parents, Reyn and Loree Rossington, her brother Tom "Boody" Rossington, her sister Robbie Speer, and granddaughter Kaylie Yuill. She is survived by her husband Leo Canion, her daughters Joyce Lynn Canion of Sinton and her children, Kyle Yuill and Kaitlyn Yuill, Lori Burgin and husband Todd of New Braunfels and their children Shane McDonald, Brooke McDonald, Jennifer Burgin, Kyndal Burgin and Matthew Burgin, Leigh Vickers and husband Bennie of Sinton and their children Wesley (Lindy) Vickers and Paige Vickers, her sister, Debbie Martin and husband Troy of Devine, brother-in-law Pete Speer of Uvalde, sister-in-law Martha Rossington of Boerne and many

beloved nieces and nephews. Visitation was held Friday, May 14, 2021, from 9 AM to 10 AM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel with services starting at 10 AM with Rev. Willis Moore, officiating. Interment will follow at Sinton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers. Peggy requested that donations be made to the Sinton Public Library.

Francis Marie Cardenas, 50, loving mother, grandmother, daughter, sister, and niece passed away at home on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, surrounded by her loving family after battling cancer. She was born October 12, 1969, in Sinton, Texas to Juan Cardenas and Jilda Morin Franco. She had been employed as a corrections officer and was a longtime supporter of the Special Olympics and the Corpus Christi Miracle League. She is preceded in death by her father, Juan Cardenas. She is survived by her mother, Jilda Morin Franco, her son, John Viafranco, her daughter, Julianna Salinas (Colby Cavitt), two grandchildren, Clifford Cavitt and Birdie Cavitt, her sister, Marvella Ortiz, her brother, Gabriel Cardenas, and her aunt, Janie Morin Garcia. Visitation was held on Thursday, July 30, 2020, from 1 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with a prayer service being held at 7 PM. A private burial was held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Corpus Christi Miracle League.

Manuela G. Cantu passed away peacefully at her home on May 25, 2024. She was born June 4, 1945 to Jesus P. and Marta G. Garcia in Odem, Texas. She is preceded in death by her parents; her sisters, Dora Aviles and Elia Garcia; her first husband, Jose S. Montemayor; and her father and mother-in-law, Hilario and Micaela Cantu. Manuela was a generous soul who never knew a stranger. She had a green thumb and loved gardening with her favorite flower being yellow roses. Her tremendous Catholic faith in our beautiful Lord carried her throughout her life. She dedicated many years to Sacred Heart of Jesus in Odem, serving as a CCD teacher, Director of Religious Education, lector, and Bingo committee member. In addition, she served several years at Sacred Heart in Sinton as a lector. During her retirement, she loved her time as a bus monitor and game worker for Sinton ISD. Manuela enjoyed visiting the elderly at nursing homes and counseling the sick in the hospital. She is survived by her loving companion of many years, Jose Aureliano Garza, Jr.; her children, Melissa (Sammy) Villarreal, Sonya (Julian) Alcalá, Emelda Cantu, and Roel Benitez all of Odem; her children by marriage, Frank (Delma) Cantu, Michelle (Jerry) Villarreal also all of Odem; her grandchildren, Joseph (Lanie) Micaela and Josiah Villarreal, Julianna and Julisa Alcalá, Matthew and Andrew Cantu, Aaron and Noah (Gabrielle) Villarreal and one great granddaughter, Analeia Jae Villarreal; and a great grandson on the way, Azekiel Villarreal; siblings, Olga (Erasmus) Martinez of Mathis, Jesus G. (Maria)

Garcia of Odem, Lydia (Johnny) Lerma of Odem, Ray (Diana) Garcia of Corpus Christi. Manuela is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews who loved their " Tia Meme". Manuela was very loved and will be missed dearly. Manuela worked for over 35 years for the US Post Office, serving the community of Odem. She was a dedicated daughter, mother, sister, wife, aunt, daughter-in law, grandmother and friend. A visitation will be held on Monday, May 27, 2024 from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM on Tuesday, May 28,2024 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father George as celebrant. This will conclude the services.

Marta Serrano Cardenas, 60, passed away on Tuesday, August 7, 2018. She was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother and was a dedicated baker. She is survived by her husband, Jorge Cardenas of Sinton, her sons, Robert Cardenas and Steve Cardenas of Sinton, her daughter, Miranda Green of Sinton, her brothers, Estanislado Serrano, Jr. and Cristobal Serrano of Sinton and Rene Serrano of San Antonio, her sisters, Margarita Serrano Garcia of Odem and Marfa Serrano of Sinton, and 3 grandchildren. There was a visitation from 6 PM to 9 PM with a rosary being held at 7 PM Wednesday, August 8, 2018, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Thursday, August 9, 2018, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

Ramon G. Cardenas, Jr., 72, loving father, brother, uncle and friend went to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 30, 2022. Ramon had been employed as a welder-pipefitter and was a US Army veteran. He was a member of the Signal Corp. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ramon Cardenas, Sr. and Luisa Cardenas, and his niece, Stephanie C. Trevino. He is survived by his loving family, his son, Carlo Cardenas of Ingleside, his daughters, Nicole Cardenas of Ingleside and Raquelle Cardenas of Clovis, New Mexico, his brothers, Domingo Cardenas of Sinton, Edward Cardenas of Dallas and Luis Cardenas of Oklahoma, his sisters, Celia Cardenas of Oklahoma, Maria Elena Cardenas and Alicia Cardenas of Skidmore, and three grandchildren. Visitation was held Wednesday, February 2, 2022, from 3 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11 AM Thursday, February 3, 2022, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery. The family requests that masks be worn at the visitation, rosary, and the mass.

Robert Steve Cardenas, 44, of Sinton passed away on October 5, 2021, due to complications of Covid. Robert Steve grew up in Sinton and worked as a Pipeliner most of his adult life. Steve had many friends and was known for being the life of the party. He will be dearly missed and always remembered. Robert Steve was predeceased by his mother, Marta Serrano Cardenas. He is survived by his father, Jorge Luis Cardenas, his sister, Miranda Green (Gerald), his son Robert Luis Cardenas and one niece and nephew. Robert Steve requested a cremation and burial of ashes be held in his honor as opposed to traditional funeral services. The burial of Robert Steve's ashes were announced via a Facebook event created by family.

Michelina (Lina) Maria Carrogu-Rocha, 73, of Odem, Texas passed away on March 16, 2022, after a long illness. Michelina was born on October 1, 1948, to Paola and Nicolino Carrogu in Bulzi, Sardegna. Michelina attained her GED at Chanute AFB, Ranatoul, IL. In 1969, Michelina met Fernando Rocha Jr. and wed on February 14, 1971, going on to have one child, Nickalos A. Rocha. Michelina was a 35-year dedicated parishioner of Sacred Heart of Jesus, having taught Religious Education for 20 years. Michelina loved volunteering at Driscoll Children's Hospital for 20 years. Michelina is predeceased by her parents (Paola Fiori and Nicolino Carrogu). Michelina is survived by Fernando Rocha Jr. (husband), Nickalos A. Rocha (son, and wife, Chelynn Chuc), Salvatorre Carrogu (brother), Severeno Carrogu (brother), Paulo Carrogu (brother), and Giovannina Manunta (sister). Visitation was held Sunday, March 20, 2022, from 2 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea- Gonzales Funeral Home with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM. Funeral mass was celebrated at 9:30 AM, Monday, March 21, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father George officiating. Interment followed at Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery in Corpus Christi at 11 AM.

Noe Garcia Cassnova, 84, of Sinton, Texas passed away Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at his home. Noe was born February 8, 1932, in Skidmore, Texas to Arturo Casanova and Mariana Garcia. For 39 years Noe was employed as a manager for Cavitt Hardware, a hardware store located in Sinton, Texas. After retirement, he took part-time employment as a carrier for Commercial State Bank. He very much enjoyed joking with each and every individual who crossed his path. His life's enjoyment was his family. Noe is survived by his three sons, Rafael Casanova, (Susan Cooks), Arturo Casanova (Yolanda Gutierrez), Noe Casanova, Jr. (Mary Jane Casanova), his four daughters, JoAnn Casanova, Margarita Luna (Hank Luna), Iris Zepeda (Christopher Zepeda) and Christina Rivera (Ramsey Rivera) and his wife Anna Maria Abrego Casanova, 15 grandchildren, his sisters, Maria Elena Montelongo (Baldemar Montelongo),

Elogia Alvarez (the late Tony Alvarez) and Minerva Moreno (Joe Moreno) and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arturo and Mariana, and his brother, Rafael Casanova. Public viewing began at 12:00PM Friday, September 9, 2016, followed by a rosary at 7:00PM to be performed at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Mass was celebrated on Saturday, September 10, 2016, at 11:00AM at Sacred Heart Church. Burial followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery with full military honors.

Gilberto A. Castillo, 82, passed away on Thursday, May 25, 2017. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Monday, May 29, 2017, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00AM Tuesday, May 30, 2017, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

Idolina T. Castillo, 87, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend passed away on Friday, January 8, 2021. Idolina was born on August 28, 1933, in San Antonio, Texas to Miguel and Francisca Aleman Trevino. She was a homemaker and was preceded in death by her parents, her daughter, Norma Garcia, her brothers, Frank Trevino, Mike Trevino, Alex Trevino, and Jesus Trevino. She is survived by her loving family, her husband, Frank Castillo, her daughter, Yolanda (Pablo) Rodriguez, her sons, Frank (Mollie) Castillo, Jr. and Michael (Rosemary) Castillo, her brothers, Johnny, Jimmy, Neto, Wally, Henry, Patrick, and Rudy Trevino and Miguel Aleman, her sisters, Tina Rivas, Tome Jimenez, Mary Jane Norris, Janie Woodall, Dominga Trevino, Irene Trevino, and Carina Gutierrez, 10 grandchildren, and 27 great-grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 9:30 AM Tuesday, January 12, 2021, with the funeral mass celebrated at 10 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery. The family requests masks to be worn, no hugs, handshakes, and social distancing.

Felipe A. Castillo, Jr., 80, loving father, grandfather and great grandfather passed away on Wednesday, December 21, 2022, following a sudden illness. He was born on July 23, 1942, to Felipe, Sr. and Olivia Arismendez Castillo. He loved fishing, enjoyed doing woodwork and was an animal lover. He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Oralia Castillo and his daughter, Gracie Castillo. He is survived by his loving family, his sons, Eloy Martinez and Steve Martinez of Sinton and Felipe Castillo, III of Corpus Christi, his daughters, Olivia (Danny) Lira of Papalote, Sabina (Randy) Richter of Sinton and Guadalupe Gonzales of Corpus Christi, 12 grandchildren and 20 great grandchildren and numerous relatives and friends. A visitation will be held Monday, December 26, 2022, from 3 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, Tuesday, December 27, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

Francisco "Pancho" A. Castillo, Sr., 89, loving father, grandfather, great grandfather, uncle and friend went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 16, 2022. Francisco was born on November 14, 1932, in Anson, Texas to Gilberto Castillo, Sr. and Nicolasa Alvira. Francisco enjoyed fishing and doing woodwork. He loved playing dominos and especially loved the Dallas Cowboys. He also maintained and cleaned the Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church for many years. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Idolina Castillo, his daughter, Norma Castillo Garcia, his brothers, Eladio Castillo, Sr., Estanislado Castillo, Sr., Jose Castillo, Craciano Castillo and Gilbert Castillo, Jr., his sisters, Guadalupe Martinez and Maria Quintanilla. He is survived by his loving family, his daughter, Yolanda (Pablo) Rodriguez, his sons, Frank (Mollie) Castillo, Jr. and Michael (Rosemary) Castillo, 10 grandchildren, 27 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. A rosary was recited at 9:30 AM, Friday, March 18, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a holy mass followed at 10:00 AM with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton. The family requests that masks be worn at the rosary and the mass.

Manuela Y. Castillo, 91, passed away on Thursday, January 4, 2018, after a short illness. She was a loving mother, grandmother. She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe. She was preceded in death by her husband Estanisaldo Castillo, a son Estanisaldo "Esty" Castillo, Jr. and a grandson Jacob Castillo. She is survived by her sons Gilberto Castillo of Refugio, Tx and Alonzo Castillo of San Antonio, Tx. Her sisters Nina Orta of Taft, Tx and Juanita Gonzalez of Leander, Tx, 14 Grandchildren, 33 Great Grandchildren, and 29 Great-Great Grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7 P.M. Sunday, January 7, 2018. Funeral mass was celebrated at 12 P.M. Monday, January 8, 2018, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

Kenneth Paul Catchings was born December 20, 1964, and passed away on April 17, 2021, age 56. Paul graduated from W. B. Ray High School and Del Mar College. He worked at the Corpus Christi Army Depot as a machinist. He loved riding his Harley and collecting antique tractors and clocks. He was predeceased by his brother, William Lowell Catchings, his maternal grandparents, Bervin and Vivian Swango, and his paternal grandparents, C.E. and Estelle Catchings. He is survived by his parents, Pauline and Kenneth Catchings, his aunt, Janice

Sykora, and many cousins. Graveside services will be held at Evergreen Cemetery, Odem, Texas, on Saturday, April 24, 2021, at 2 PM with Rev. Sean Maloney, Rector, St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, officiating.

Joseph Stanley Chavez, 57, originally from Sinton, Texas, passed away on Monday, April 19, 2021, in Houston, Texas, where he resided for the past 26 years. Stan Chavez was born in Sinton, Texas, to Estanislado (Tanis) and Audelia (Adele) Chavez on September 18, 1963. He married the love of his life, Marlyn Gonzalez, on August 18, 1990. He graduated from Sinton High School in 1982 and went on to further his education at Texas A & I in Kingsville. A devoted father and family man, Stan never missed an opportunity to show love and support for his children, his wife, his siblings, and/or his nieces and nephews. Known for his jokes and constant desire to keep everyone around him smiling, he was a shining light in all of our lives. Giving back to the community when and where he could, Stan was a spiritual man and found happiness in volunteering at his local Catholic Church and teaching catechism classes to the congregation's youths. Whether it be a warm handshake, a strong embrace, or simply a heartfelt grin, he brought warmth and good energy to all, and touched the lives of those who knew him. He is preceded in death by his dear father, Tanis Chavez, on April 8, 1990, and his beloved mother, Adele Chavez, on April 26, 2001. Stan is survived by his wife and soulmate of 30 years, Marlyn Gonzalez-Chavez, their sons, Joseph Matthew and Brian Andrew Chavez, their daughter, Amber Alyssa Chavez, his two sisters, Velma Chavez-Cortez and Vanessa Chavez, and his brother, Wayne Anthony (Tony) Chavez; all residing in Houston. Pallbearers will be David Chavez, Christopher Gomez, Eloy Martinez, Ryan Cantu, Ricardo Amador Jr., and Jonathan Amador. Childhood best friend, Mayor Edward Adams, will serve as an honorary pallbearer. The wake and visitation will take place on Friday, April 30, 2021, at Ritchea Gonzales Funeral Home, and a rosary will commence at 7 PM. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM, Saturday, May 1, 2021, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

Velma Jones Chewning, age 92, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 12, 2021. She was born February 7, 1929, in Tallant, Oklahoma to Paul Jones and Ruby Clark Jones. Velma always took care of others first and kept herself busy in the kitchen baking and trying new recipes. When not taking care of others, you would find her curled up with a good book as she was an avid reader. She retired from the banking industry and moved to Rockport. She was quite the dancer and made many close friends at the local weekend dances and potluck dinners. She has been a member of the First Baptist Church of Rockport for over 25 years. Velma loved

children and enjoyed sharing her love of God during Vacation Bible School annually up until just a couple of years ago. She was a wonderful wife, mother, daughter, sister, aunt, and friend who will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Velma was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Roy, her eldest son Rory, a sister Wanda Jones Moose, and a brother Kenneth Jones. She is survived by her son Randy Chewning and wife Sheila, and her daughter Rajean Chewning Watkins and husband Cecil; grandchildren, Delaney Watkins and wife Stacey, Troy Chewning, and Stephanie Chewning; great-grandchildren Stephen and Rhysten Watkins, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers please send any memorial in Velma's name to the First Baptist Church of Rockport, TX.

Lily M. Clark, 88, passed away on Wednesday, September 19, 2018. She was a lifelong resident of Sinton and had been employed as a secretary for the City of Sinton. She was preceded in death by her husband, Everett E. Clark, her daughter, Barbara J. Clark, her mother and stepfather, Manuela and Anastacio Cruz, and her brother, Charlie T. Moreno. She is survived by her sons, Alan E. Clark and Michael C. Clark of Sinton, her daughter, Lynda (Al) Jamison of Corpus Christi, her brother, Arturo Moreno of Detroit, Michigan, and two grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Friday, September 21, 2018, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11 Am Saturday, September 22, 2018, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment followed at the Sinton Cemetery.

Anthony Constante, 50, passed away on Tuesday, September 2, 2021. Anthony loved fishing, doing mechanic work and spending time with his nieces, nephews, and all his family. He was born on March 30, 1971, in Knox County, West Texas to Fidel and Martina Navarrette Constante. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Josette and Mary Ann. He is survived by his loving family, his sons, Anthony Constante, Jr. and John Constante of Robstown, his daughters, Isabela Constante of Skidmore, Jezebel Constante of Houston and Katelyn Constante of Robstown, his parents, Fidel and Martina Constante of Odem, his brothers, Fidel Constante, Jr. and Nicholas Constante of Odem, and Matthew Constante of Robstown, his sisters, April Constante, Martina Constante and Carolina Constante of Odem, and many other relatives and friends. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Thursday, September 16, 2021, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Friday, September 17, 2021, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Memorial Cemetery in Odem.

Fidel Molina Constante, 74, loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and friend passed away on Wednesday, June 1, 2022. Fidel was born on August 28, 1947, in Sinton, Texas to Martin and Julia Constante. He was a very active person and enjoyed doing yard work. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Martina Constante of Odem, his sons, Fidel Constante, Jr. and Nicholas Constante of Odem and Matthew Constante of Robstown, his daughters, April Constante, Martina Constante and Carolina Constante of Odem, his brothers, Ramon Constante of Austin and Hilario Constante of Odem, his sisters, Delia Sandoval of Sinton, Janie Lopez of Corpus Christi and Dominga Madero of Odem, 32 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren and great great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Friday, June 17, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton.

Carmen Garcia Cordova, 84, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend passed away on Tuesday, August 10, 2021. Carmen loved and enjoyed making tamales, quilts and preparing a meal for anybody. She also loved to gamble, game rooms, lottery tickets and her weekly beauty shop visits. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Gregorio Cordova. She is survived by her sons, Robert (Margie) Cordova of Odem, Gilbert (Janie) Cordova of Corpus Christi and Gregorio (Abby) Cordova Jr. of Alvin, her daughters, Olivia (Jesse) Flores of Odem, Olga (Luis) Robles of Corpus Christi and Sylvia Ramos of Odem, her sisters, Janie (Agapito) Ybarra of Alvin, Lucy (Wade) Houze of Premont, Irma Rodriguez of Corpus Christi and Anita Garcia of La Villa, 15 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and friends. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Thursday, August 12, 2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday, August 13, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father George as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem. The family would like to give a big thank you to Opus Care Hospice and all the caring staff, especially Tiffany, Anita, Teresa, Jessica, Sandra, and Jennifer who helped Mom's life be as comfortable as possible. People attending the visitation must wear masks.

Gregorio Hernandez Cordova, 85, loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and brother passed away on Thursday, February 25, 2021. He had been employed as a mechanic and truck driver. He enjoyed woodworking, welding, loved barbecuing with family and friends, and was a jack of all trades. He is preceded in death by his parents, Pedro L., Sr. and Petra Hernandez Cordova, his brothers, Domingo Cordova, Nicolas Cordova, and Julian Cano, and his sister, Anita Garcia. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Carmen Cordova of Odem, his sons, Robert (Margie) Cordova of Odem, Gilbert (Janie) Cordova of Corpus Christi

and Gregorio (Abby) Cordova, Jr. of Alvin, his daughters, Olivia (Jesse) Flores and Sylvia Ramos of Odem and Olga (Luis) Robles of Corpus Christi, his brothers, Pedro (Concha) Cordova and Tomas (Augustina) Cordova of Odem, his sister, Maria (Sabino) Cantu of Lubbock and his sister-in-law, Emma Cordova of Odem, 15 grandchildren, and 22 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Greg Cordova, Ernie Ramos, Jerry Robles, Bobby Cordova, Anthony Cordova, and Jacob Flores. Honorary pallbearers will be James Cordova, Santos Sanchez, and Adrian Cordova. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Sunday, February 28, 2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Monday, March 1, 2021 at Sacred Heart Church in Odem with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

Petra M. Coronado, 79, passed away on Monday, March 25, 2019. She had been employed as an LVN. She is survived by her husband John Coronado of Dallas and her sister, Alicia Carranza of Corpus Christi. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Friday, March 29, 2019, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Religious services were held at 10 AM Saturday, March 30, 2019, at Ritchea- Gonzales Funeral Home with Deacon Sol Willis officiating. Interment followed at Memorial Cemetery in Odem.

Bonifacio "Bone" Rivera Cuellar, age 81, of Sinton, Texas was called home to be with our Lord on Tuesday, August 30, 2022. Bonifacio was born on July 23, 1941, in Edroy, Texas to Augustine Cuellar and Severa Rivera Cuellar. He is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Maria Marroquin Cuellar; three children; Hilda (Juan) Martinez, Michael (Debbie) Cuellar, and Bonnie (David) Penn; eight grandchildren - Amanda Jasso, Monica Cuellar, John David Martinez, David Anthony Penn, William Penn, Natalie Martinez, Michael Cuellar, and Michelle Penn; sister, Elvira Guerra, and eight great-grandchildren. Bonifacio is preceded in death by his parents, Augustine Cuellar and Severa Rivera Cuellar, his sister, Teresa Soto, and his nephew, Joey Soto. Bonifacio was known for his infectious smile and for always making everyone laugh. He was the life of every party. He had a love and passion for restoring classic cars and showcasing his talents at car shows. He loved his grandchildren and great-grandchildren dearly. They were his world, and he was very proud of each one of them. A visitation for Bonifacio will be held Sunday, September 4, 2022, from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM at RitcheaGonzales Funeral Home, 120 S. McCall, Sinton, Texas, 78387. A vigil service and rosary will occur on Sunday, September 4, 2022, at 7:00 PM. A chapel service will occur Monday, September 5, 2022, at 1:00 PM at Our Lady of Guadalupe Mission, 19012 County Road 1598, Edroy, Texas, 78370. Interment will follow at Edroy Cemetery, 18336 County Road 1168, Edroy, Texas, 78368.

Leticia “Leti” Cuellar passed away on April 30, 2024, at 62 years young. Leticia was born on October 13, 1961 in Sinton, Texas to Antonio and Maria Jesus Cuellar. She is preceded in death by her parents, and her brother Maximo Cuellar Sr. She is survived by three sisters and one brother: Dolores (Alberto) Sanchez, Jose Angel (Alice) Cuellar, Inez (Victor) Garcia, and Amparo (Maximo) Benavidez. Numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews will miss her loving teasing, as well as many other relatives and friends whose lives she’s touched from whose hearts she will never be forgotten. Leti lived her life always happy and full of life. She spent every day doing what she loved: singing, dancing, coloring, and especially eating. There was no food she did not like, except for maybe squash. She also spent her days attending the Taft Coastal Plains Community Center for many years, which she loved. It was at the Coastal Plains where she met her second family, filled with many friends and those that cared for her deeply. Leti also loved going to mass and helping out around her church. She was a devoted member of the Guadalupanas for many years, and eagerly self appointed her services to the sacristans on Sunday mornings and after mass each week. She most especially loved Our Lady of Guadalupe, and is remembered to devoutly recite the rosary during mass. Leti believed in Jesus above all, her faith and devotion in Christ in her life brings peace to her family, as we know she has met her Maker and Blessed Mother. Leti spent her life spreading love and happiness through her actions and words, and continues this mission now with Southwest Transplant Alliance as she gave the gift of life to those in need of organ transplant. Leti will be missed by her family, her community, and her church dearly, and her impact could never be forgotten. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to the Southwest Transplant Alliance in Leti’s honor. A visitation will be held on Monday, May 6, 2024, 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 Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy. Interment will follow in the Edroy Cemetery.

Angela Marie Curlee, 38, went to be with her Lord and Savior on January 16, 2016, at her home in Temple, Texas. Angela was born October 30, 1977, to Wayne and Jana Neagle. She grew up in Ponder, Texas. She married her husband Christopher Keith Curlee on March 14, 1998. They had two sons Hunter Wayne and Christian Bryan. She was a loving supportive military wife and mother. She is preceded in death by her grandmother Lois Glines Clark and her son Bryan Curlee. She is survived by her husband Keith and son Hunter of Temple, Texas, in-laws, Chris and Brenda Curlee of Sinton Texas, aunt Jerri Miller of Hurst, Texas, grandfather, L.E. Clark (Mary) of Dish, Texas, brother-in-law Ken (Emily) Curlee of Temple, Texas,

sister-in-law Kerry (Fred) Van Cleave of Mineola, Texas along with her nieces and nephews that adored their Gigi, whom she spoiled rotten. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, January 20, 2016, at the First Baptist Church in Sinton. Interment will be at Sinton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation or the Wounded Warrior Family Support.

Justin Ray Curry, 41 of Sinton, Texas passed away on September 5, 2023. Justin was born on March 5, 1982. Throughout Justins life he has accomplished many things. Out of all those things, being a dad to his children was what he was most proud of. He was a man you could call on if you needed something done, and he was proud to help when he could. He was dedicated to his family, caring for his grandmother and being a best friend to his brother were a priority. Justin was preceded in death by his father, Neal Curry, who died in 2017. Survivors include children, Sarah Curry, Billy Curry, Shelby Clement, and Hayley Crain of Sinton Texas; brother, Joel Curry of Sinton Texas; domestic partner, Cynthia Guerrero of Sinton Texas; Grandmother, Joan Parsley and Grandfather Fred Ford of Beeville, Texas; mother, Betty Key Curry of Beeville, Texas. He will be missed by many. There will be a BBQ and celebration of life on September 16, 2023, at Joel Curry's residence in St. Paul.