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It is with great sadness that the family of **Isaac Gaitan** announces his passing after a short illness. Isaac Gaitan, 88, had a long life and experienced the best life had to offer and the worse as well. He was a very social man and made friends everywhere. He worked many jobs all over Texas; and eventually settled at Bay Limited for several years and retired at age 70. Hard workers work up an appetite, and Mr. Gaitan enjoyed food, especially spicy food. Chili and chili peppers were as common on his table as salt and pepper. A true Texan at heart, he enjoyed watching "La Lucha" wrestling and of course, the Dallas Cowboys. A man of strong convictions, pride, and a delightful sense of humor, he will be long remembered and greatly missed. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, and sisters, the last of his generation; and also by his son, Robert Fuentes Gaitan; and second wife, Sarah Oballe Gaitan. He was survived by their children, Adelmira Espinosa, Leonard and Isaac Gaitan, and most recently by his wife of 22 years Maria Rodriguez Gaitan and her children, Mauricio, Ricky, Becky and George; and was also survived by his loving niece, Patsy Reyes. Isaac was also survived by several grandchildren, nieces, and nephews. A visitation will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2024 from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. with a holy rosary being recited at 2 p.m. at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton, Texas. A special appreciation to his nephew, Ernesto Duque from California, who often would make Isaac's day.

**Camille Ann Valenta Galbreath**, 40, loving mother, daughter, sister, granddaughter, niece, and friend passed away on Wednesday, July 1, 2020. Camille was born on July 13, 1979 in Taft, Texas to Gary and Nancy Mick Valenta. She graduated from Sinton High School in 1997 and received her Master's degree in Environmental Science and Chemistry from Texas A&M in Corpus Christi. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Adolph and Ruth Valenta and Raymond Mick. She will be dearly missed. She is survived by her daughter Sway Galbreath of Corpus Christi, her parents, Gary and Nancy Valenta of Sinton, her brother, Brian Casey Valenta of San Antonio, her grandmother, Ann Gallagher Middour of Corpus Christi and many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. A rosary will be recited at 10 A.M. immediately followed by a blessing Monday, July 6, 2020 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with Father Yul Ibay officiating. Interment will follow at The Palms Memorial Gardens.

**Avelia V. Galvan**, 86, loving mother, grandmother, sister, and friend passed away on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 following a short illness. Avelia was a former employee of

OEISD. She was preceded in death by her husband Regino Galvan, her daughter, Jovita Parker, and her sons, Rene Galvan and Louis Andy Galvan. She is survived by her sons, Noe Galvan of Refugio and Hector Galvan of Odem, her daughters, Elia Huerta, Carry Moreno, Oralia Garcia of Odem, Dora Marie Medina of Refugio and Daisy Madrigal of Odem, her brothers, David Villarreal of Houston and Raul Villarreal of Beeville, her sisters, Ofelia Perez, Sally Rios and Mary Ramirez of San Antonio, 21 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. Visitation will be held from 1 PM to 9 PM on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 with a holy rosary being held at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Wednesday, October 6, 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 for the visitation and the mass.

**Louis Andy Galvan**, 56, loving son, brother and uncle passed away on Saturday, August 14, 2021. Andy had a big heart, loved his family and his dogs. He was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone and he loved his Dallas Cowboys. He is preceded in death by his father, Regino Galvan, his brother, Rene Galvan and his sister, Jovita Parker. He is survived by his loving family, his mother, Adelia Galvan of Odem, his brothers, Noe Galvan of Refugio and Hector Galvan of Odem, his sisters, Elia Huerta, Carry Moreno, Oralia Garcia and Daisy Galvan of Odem and Dora Marie Medina of Refugio, many nieces, nephews, friends and other relatives. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Sunday, August 22, 2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services will be held at 10 AM Monday, August 23, 2021 at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem with Father George officiating. Interment will follow.

**Mary Lou Galvan**, 66, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2020. She had been formerly employed by Land's Drive Inn and was a homemaker. She is survived by her husband, Adolfo Galvan of Sinton, her sons, John Galvan of Taft, Adolfo Galvan, Jr. and Michael Galvan of Sinton, her daughter, Sonia (John) Martinez of Sinton, her brothers, Carlos Quintanilla, Ismael Quintanilla, Margarito Quintanilla, and Gilbert Quintanilla of Sinton, her sisters, Rose Mary Gonzales, Nelda Jean Molina, Janie Quintanilla, and Alice Quintanilla of Sinton and Martina Wages of Ft. Worth, 10 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Friday, July 31, 2020 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Saturday, August 1, 2020 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Alonzo S. Garcia**, 61, loving brother, uncle, and friend passed away on Sunday, February 20, 2022. Alonzo was born on January 21, 1961, in Mathis, Texas to Rogelio and Julia Sanchez Garcia. He had been employed as a cook. He is survived by his loving family, his brothers, Rene Garcia of Sinton, Rogelio Garcia, Jr. of St. Paul, Richard Garcia of Weslaco and Danny Garcia of Edroy, his sisters, Isabel Garcia of Sinton, Sylvia Garcia of Austin, Elva Garcia of San Antonio, Elena Garcia of Corpus Christi, Rebecca Garcia of St. Paul, Isidra Garcia of South Carolina, Maria Isabel Carriaga of Edcouch-Elsa, Mandy Erwin, and Julia Garcia, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Wednesday, February 23, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem. The family requests that masks be worn at the visitation, rosary, and at the church.

**Maria Cruz Gamez**, 100, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, July 10, 2024. She loved sewing and embroidery but most of all she loved serving her church and her community. She is preceded in death by her husband, Rosendo Gamez. She is survived by her loving family, her sons, Rosendo Gamez, Jr. of Sinton and Savino Gamez of George West, her daughters, Modesta Garcia of Houston, Rita Gamez and Valerie Marie Lopez of Sinton, her sister, Rosario De Leon of Sinton, 20 grandchildren and numerous great and great great grandchildren. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, from 4 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 11 AM on Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery. Pallbearers are Robert Rivera, Travis Franco, Cory Franco, Erik Gomez, Daniel Rivera, and Tyler Ramirez.

**Consuelo Garcia**, 68, loving mother, grandmother and sister, passed away peacefully in her sleep on November 19, 2021. She loved the Dallas Cowboys and enjoyed spending time with her family. She is preceded in death by her father, Eulogio Garcia, her mother Carmen Garcia (Prieto), her brothers Eulogio, Juan, Elijio, Benito, Eugenio, Arnolando and Pedro and sister Maria Ignacia. She is survived by her loving family, her son Russell Carden (Josephine) and daughter Jennifer McBride (Jarod) and her grandchildren, Julianne Carden, Emily Carden, Isaac Carden, Owen Carden, Ryder McBride and Reeve McBride, her brothers, Silvestre Garcia of Odem, Paulo Garcia of San Juan, Tx and her sisters, Victoria Garcia and Estefana Aleman of Odem. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Wednesday, November 24, 2021 at

Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**Cresencio "Chris" G. Garcia, III**, 47, of Sinton, Texas passed away at his home in Sinton on September 15, 2020. Cresencio is survived by his daughters Karolyn Garcia, Kristin (Jesus) Madden, Katie Garcia, Elsa Garcia, Emma Garcia, Nina Garcia, sons, Cresencio Garcia, IV, Rocco Garcia, Ivan Garcia, parents, Cresencio Garcia, Jr. and Elena Garcia, sisters, Gillian (Tom) Harrison, Elsa (Joey) Davila, brother Lionel Garcia, grandchildren, Kameron Madden, Clarissa Madden, Elijah Madden, and a loving extended family. Chris was born on June 27, 1973, in Sinton, Texas. He worked as a lineman for many years, in 2005 he worked through the wreckage of Hurricane Katrina to aid in the restoration of power in Mississippi. Along with his career as a lineman, Chris was always "hustling" and developed many skills. There was never a task that he wasn't determined to tackle on his own. Within moments he would transform into a mechanic, plumber, welder, writer, builder, and cook (mostly barbeque). He had a love for fishing, treasure hunting on the beach, playing cards, and ensuring he was the life of the party, making jokes every chance he got. Especially teasing everyone by saying "you got my money punk?" Chris enjoyed every genre of music and movies under the sun and wasn't afraid to be challenged in video games or to hop on a longboard, he truly had a love for life. His young spirit, stubbornness, determination, and love will forever live on in his children. Visitation was held Friday, September 25, 2020, from 3 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home.

**Delia Garcia**, 77, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend went to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 29, 2024. Delia had a great sense of humor and always had a smile on her face. She was always doing for others. She loved to sew and shop online. She is survived by her loving family, her husband, Adolfo Garcia of Odem, her sons, Albert (Teodora) Garcia of Odem and Jaime (Derek Bowling) of Atlanta, Georgia, her daughters, Sylvia Garcia of Odem, Yolanda (Peter Martinez) Martinez of Petronila, Corina (Ernest Ramirez) Garcia of Corpus Christi, Dahlia (Javier Garza) Garza of Lubbock and Sunshine (Arturo Mendez) Garcia of Austin, her brothers, Rene Gomez of Sinton and Roy Gomez of Corpus Christi, her sisters, Anita Salinas of Levelland, Tx and Alicia Garza of Corpus Christi, 18 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Sunday, March 3, 2024, from 2 PM to 9 PM with a rosary being recited at 7 PM, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Saturday, March 4, 2024, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father George as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**Dorotea Z. Garcia**, 84, loving mother, grandmother, and friend went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. Dorotea was a proud member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church where she had been a very active member of the Guadalupanas, the Legion of Mary, sang in the church choir, was a cursillista and prayed many rosaries for many families. She is preceded in death by her son, Guillermo Garcia, her husband, Nieves Garcia and her parents, Leandro and Alejandrina Zambrano. She is survived by her loving family, her daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Garcia of Sinton, her grandchildren, Will Garcia of Houston, Matthew (Amy) Garcia of Portland and Elizabeth Marie (Joseph) Guzman of Sinton and four great grandchildren. A holy rosary will be recited at 7 PM Friday, April 21, 2023, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 1 PM Saturday, April 22, 2023, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

**Eugenio Prieto Garcia**, 76, passed away on Saturday, December 12, 2020. Eugenio was a loving father, grandfather, and brother. He had an amazing sense of humor and loved music and playing his guitar. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Felicitas Garcia of Sinton, his sons, Eugene Garcia, Jr. and Antonio Garcia of California, Johnny Garcia of Sinton, Armando Gracia and David Garcia of Corpus Christi, his daughters, Lucinda Garcia Linares, Mindy Garcia and Debra Garcia of Sinton, his brothers, Sylvestre Garcia of Odem and Paulo Garcia of San Juan, Tx, his sisters, Estefana Aleman and Victoria Garcia of Odem and Consuelo Garcia of Corpus Christi, 18 grandchildren, and 6 great-grandchildren. No services will be held.

**Fernando Acuna Garcia, Sr.**, 82, loving father, grandfather, brother, and friend went to be with the Lord on Friday, April 21, 2023. Fernando was a hardworking man who was loved by many. He was preceded in death by his wife, Adelmira Garcia, his parents, Manuel and Josefa Acuna Garcia and his siblings. He is survived by his loving family, his sons, Rogelio Garcia and Fernando Garcia, Jr. of Sinton, Jose Angel Garcia of Florida and Ruben Garcia of Bryan, his daughter, Joanna Starr of Sinton, his brother, Jose Manuel Garcia of Skidmore, his sisters, Aurora Vega of San Antonio, Esperanza Sevier of Corpus Christi and Rita Garcia of Beeville, 20 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, numerous relatives and friends. A visitation will be held on Friday, May 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 1 PM Saturday, May 6, 2023, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant.

**Juan Garcia**, also known as “Johnny”, passed away Sunday, January 22, 2023, due to sudden complications of an illness. He was born on April 15, 1945, to Refugio and Senovia Garcia in Sinton, TX. Juan, 77, was a loving father, grandfather, great grandfather, husband, brother, uncle, and friend. Juan worked as a mechanic since the age of 15 servicing the community of Sinton and surrounding areas. He loved fishing, playing poker and spending time with his family and friends. He is survived by his wife Bertha Garcia and his children, Moses (Jazmyne) Soto of Corpus Christi, TX; Alvesa (Noe) Soto-Munguia of Sinton, TX; Asenath (Albert) SotoGonzalez of Sinton, TX; Jessica Garcia of Sinton, TX; Juan R. Garcia of Corpus Christi, TX; and Juanita Sandi (Tony) Garcia of Sinton, TX; sisters Minnie Pena, Elizabeth Maxwell, Elida Thompson and Patsy Skelnik; brothers Refugio Garcia, Eloy Garcia, Jesus Garcia and Richard Garcia all of Plano, TX; 22 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members. Juan is preceded in death by his daughter Denise Garcia, parents Refugio and Senovia Garcia, brothers David and Manuel Garcia and sisters Frances Black and Yolanda Garcia. Visitation will be held on Friday, January 27, 2023, from 2 PM to 9 PM with a prayer service being held at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. A final visitation will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2023, from 8 AM to 10 AM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home.

**Jesus Jose Garcia**, 70, loving husband, father, grandfather and brother went to be with the Lord on Saturday, January 28, 2017 following a sudden illness. Jesus was born in Sinton, Texas on March 17, 1946 to Martin and Margarita Garcia. He had been a lifelong resident of Odem and had been employed as a mechanic until his retirement. He was a big Dallas Cowboys fan. He was preceded in death by his parents, Martin and Margarita Garcia, his brothers, Juan Garcia and Jose Garcia and his daughter-in-law, Melinda Garcia. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Alma Garcia, his sons, Javier Garcia and Carlos Garcia, his granddaughter, Eva Marie Garcia, his brothers, Lupe (Victoria) Garcia and Martin Garcia all of Odem. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00AM Wednesday, February 1, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment followed at Memorial Cemetery in Odem.

**Lillianne Gonzalez Garcia**, born in Sinton, TX to Esiquio (Chico) Jr. and Estella Gonzalez on October 18, 1971, passed away on January 15, 2022. She was 50 years old. Lillianne was a dearly loved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, cousin, aunt, and a very dear friend to so many people. She was hardworking and frequently put others before herself. She worked in

management for many years but was mostly noted and praised for her amazing cooking and homemaking skills. She loved dancing, singing, and being with family in every possible way she could be. Lillianne was a kind soul with a forgiving heart, and she always made sure everyone around her felt welcomed and loved in her presence. Those who knew her, knew of her infectious smile, persistent attitude, contagious laughter, and most of all, her love of animals. She was brave, strong, and honest; truly one of a kind. Lillianne is preceded in death by her parents, Esiquio (Chico) Gonzalez Jr. and Estella Hernandez, grandparents Esiquio Gonzalez and Lucia Valdez, and uncle Roberto (Beto) Gonzalez. She is survived by her husband Juan Carlos Banda, children Ernest (Trey) DeLosSantos III and Ada Lorraine Garcia, grandchild Carlos Esiquio DeLosSantos, brother Esiquio (Chico) Gonzalez III, niece Alyssa Marie Gonzalez, nephew Nathaniel James Martinez, and numerous loved aunts, uncles, and cousins. Visitation will be held Saturday, January 29, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM.

**Marcelo L. Garcia, Jr.**, 82, loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and brother passed away on Tuesday, January 5, 2021. Marcelo was born on November 11, 1938, in O'Donnell, Texas, to Marcelo and Juanita Lopez Garcia. He loved to spend time with his children and grandchildren, enjoyed barbecuing with his family, enjoyed fishing, traveling, and especially enjoyed his trips to Las Vegas. He is preceded in death by his parents, Marcelo and Juanita Lopez Garcia, and his brother Joe Garcia. He is survived by his loving family, his wife of 57 years Ramona Garcia of Corpus Christi, his sons, Marcelo Garcia of Odem, Armando Garcia and Joey (Cindy) Garcia of Corpus Christi, his daughters, Janie (Joe) Rodriguez and Estella Hager of Corpus Christi, his brother, Adolfo Garcia of Odem, his sisters, Celia Conde and Petra De Luna of Odem and Carlotta Ortiz of Three Rivers, 12 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, numerous uncles, aunts, cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. A procession will depart at 9:30 AM Thursday, January 7, 2021, from Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton to San Pedro Cemetery in Odem for a graveside service with Father Yul Ibay officiating. The family requests masks to be worn, no hugs or handshakes, and social distancing.

**Maria O. Garcia**, 72, loving sister, aunt, cousin, and friend passed away on Wednesday, April 28, 2021. Maria was born on November 26, 1948, in Lamesa, Texas to Vidal and Bartola Lopez Garcia. She attended Sinton schools and was a longtime resident of Sinton. She was preceded in death by her parents, her brothers, Vidal, Jr., Hondo, Domingo, Florentino, and Albert Garcia, her sister, Julia Garcia, and her sisters-in-law, Herlinda Garcia, Leonarda Garcia, and Alicia Garcia. She is survived by her brothers, Manuel (Tina) Garcia and Juan Garcia of Sinton and

her sisters-in-law, Lupe Garcia of Sinton and Elena Garcia of Yancey, many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A prayer service will be held at 7 PM Sunday, May 2, 2021 at the RitcheaGonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Monday, May 3, 2021, at the RitcheaGonzales Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ramiro Rubio officiating. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

**Melarie Michelle Garcia**, 53, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, November 22, 2023. Melarie was born on September 20, 1970, to Archie and Joyce (Vern) Jackson. She graduated from Sinton High School in 1989 and she loved her grandchildren. She was full of life and laughter and had a great smile. Her faith was strong in the Lord, never had an enemy and was filled with love. She loved her lake days and spending time by the water with her grandchildren every Sunday. She was married to John Garcia on September 11, 2011, the love of her life. She is preceded in death by her parents, Archie and Joyce (Vern) Jackson, family and friends. She leaves to cherish her memories, her husband, John Garcia, her children, Keondra Nicole, Khyree Jacoy and Nydah Jenise, her grandchildren, Paxtyn Michelle, Rylie, Cassius, Nahla, Haivyn and Kyler, her sister, Pamela Eileen Wright and her brother, Jason Arnett Jackson, her in-laws, family and friends, her dogs, Hydro, Sparkle, Gypsy, Pandy and Bernie, her horses, Haven, Ice Cream and Sunshine. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 28, 2023, from 3 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM, Wednesday, November 29, 2023, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with Rev. Larry Murphy, officiating. Interment will follow at Heavens Acre Cemetery in Sinton.

**Nicanor (Nick) Garcia, Sr.**, 82, loving husband, father, brother, uncle, grandpa, great-grandpa, and great-great grandpa was called home to be with the lord on Friday, October 1, 2021, after a courageous five-year battle with cancer. A lifelong resident of Odem, TX, Nick was born on November 17, 1938 to Feliciano "Chano" and Benita Garcia of Odem, who preceded him in death along with his brother, Fred. Nick, affectionately called "Pappy" by his family, is survived by the love of his life, Emilia (Emma) Martinez Garcia of Odem, for which they shared 65 wonderful years of marriage. Nick will be greatly missed by additional survivors, daughters Diana (Ray) Garcia of Corpus Christi and Delma (Frank) Cantu of Odem, and his son Nick (Vera) Garcia Jr. of San Antonio. He is also survived by his sister Aurora Martinez of Corpus Christi. Grandpa Nick or Pappy will forever hold a special place in the hearts of his seven grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and three greatgreat grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. A man of faith, Nick truly lived life to the fullest, always having the best

jokes to tell his grandkids and making an impact on everyone he met. He could always be counted on to make you laugh and smile, and his laughter was contagious. A true family man, Nick loved having everyone over at the house for holidays, special occasions, or just because and enjoyed his Dallas Cowboys along with his "groceries." He was a proud pipe-liner by profession, having been employed by H&K Construction, R&R Construction, and ISS. The family will be receiving visitors at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton at 2 PM on Sunday, October 3, 2021. A Rosary will be recited at 7 PM on Sunday, October 3, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem, where he was a faithful parishioner. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM on Monday, October 4, 2021, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father Peter Elizardo as main celebrant. Internment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem. Masks will be required at Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

**Vicente N. Garcia, Jr.**, 70, passed away on Monday, April 8, 2024, after a short illness. He was born on June 21, 1953, to Vicente, Sr. and Longina Narvaez Garcia. Vicente had great faith. He was a member at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church and he was a man of much prayer. He loved God and had big devotion to Our Blessed Mother Mary. Vicente was a jokester. He assigned a nickname to many nieces and nephews. He was so funny and has left so many memories in all that knew him. He was loved so much and will be missed so much more. Vicente worked as a butcher alongside his Dad for Super S in Taft., then H & K Construction, and then became a commercial plumber for Gentry Plumbing where he retired. Vicente is preceded in death by his parents, Vicente and Longina Garcia, his brother-in-law, Carlos J. Vasquez, his in-laws, Eusebio and Maria Botello, his brother-in-laws, Johnny Botello and Tony Botello and sister-in-law, Dorann B. Garcia. Vicente is survived by his wife of 37 years, Lupe Botello Garca. They had three children, Vicente Garcia, III, Kina Garcia (P J Hernandez) and James Garcia, six siblings, Maria Hilaria (Ruben) Ramirez, Cristela (David) Landin, Rose Ann Vasquez, Jose Luis Garcia and Lupe (Joe) Moreno, all of Sinton, Oscar (Victoria) Garcia of Corpus Christi and numerous beloved nieces, nephews and adopted grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Gabriel Moreno, Jonathan De Leon, Ricky Contreras, Jeff Perez, Mark Moreno, and C J Vasquez, honorary pallbearers will be Julian Suarez and Frank Rios, Jr. A visitation will be held on Friday, April 12, 2024, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM. Funeral mass be celebrated at 11 A M Saturday. April 13, 2024 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

**Vidal L. Garcia, Jr.**, 77, passed away on Friday, April 5, 2019. He was a longtime resident of Sinton and was a U.S. Army veteran. He is survived by his life partner, Soledad Aguirre of Sinton, his sons, Albert Garcia, Vidal Joe Garcia and Eli Garcia of Sinton and Vidal Sanchez of California, his daughter, Veronica Garcia Gonzales of Sinton, his stepdaughter, Nadine Aguirre of Dallas, his brothers, Manuel Garcia, Albert Garcia and Juan Garcia of Sinton, his sister, Maria Garcia of Sinton, 11 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11 AM Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment followed at John J. Welder Memorial Cemetery in St. Paul.

**Anita Barrera Garza**, 95, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 11, 2016 following a sudden illness. She was born in Laredo, Texas and had been a lifelong resident of Sinton. She had been employed as a bartender. She is survived by her daughter, Guadalupe Luna of Corpus Christi, 9 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren and 10 great great grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Sunday, February 14, 2016 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 9:00AM Monday, February 15, 2016 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Patrick Serna officiating. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Rene Lopez Garza, Jr.**, 36, loving son, father, brother, and friend passed away on Monday, April 1, 2024. Rene had a passion for collecting Air Jordan's tennis shoes and had been employed at Windbrook Electric as an electrician for 19 years. He is survived by his loving family, his father, Rene (Star) Garza, Sr. of Corpus Christi; his mother, Veronica Lopez of Odem; his wife, Alyssa Marie Garza of Sinton; his children, Julius Michael Garza, Adalyn Renae Garza, Jordan James Garza, Jayce Bentley Garza, Aria Marie Garza, Jarvis Mathew Garza, and Davon Santellana; his brothers, Ryan Garza of Odem, Rony Garza of Sinton, and Javier Lopez of Odem and his sister, Layla Star Garza of Corpus Christi; his paternal grandparents, Hector and Ester Garza; his maternal grandparents, Faustino Lopez and the late Lile Lira Lopez; and his in-laws, Luis and Isabel Sanchez. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2024 from 2 PM to 9 PM with a rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Wednesday, April 10, 2024 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

**Sylvia Soliz Garza**, 69, loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, and aunt passed away on Thursday, December 22, 2022, following a long illness. Sylvia loved to travel and spend time with her family. She was born on June 8, 1953, in Sinton, Texas to Victor, Sr. and Velia Mendoza Soliz. She is preceded in death by her father, her sister, Frances and her brothers, Ruben and Victor. She is survived by her husband, Augustine Garza of Sinton, her son, Augustine Garza, Jr. of Sinton, her daughter, Sandra Ramirez of Sinton, her mother, Velia Soliz of Sinton, her brothers, Joe (Diana) Soliz and Jimmy (Mary Helen) Soliz of Sinton, her nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 27, 2022, from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM, Wednesday, December 28, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

**Amelia Gomez**, 66, passed away on Friday, November 15, 2019. She was a loving mother, grandmother and sister. She had been employed as a housekeeper. She is survived by her sons, Adelfino Gomez, III, David (Paula) Gomez and Juan Carlos (Victoria) Gomez of Sinton, her daughters, Melissa Gomez, Dora Alicia (Rene, Jr.) Ramirez, Sophia (Antonio) Luna and Sonya (Michael) Alaniz of Sinton, her brothers, Domingo Perez of Taft, Augustin Perez of Levelland, Jose Perez, Juan Chavez and Oscar Perez of Sinton, her sisters, Simona Aguirre of Refugio, Estella Almaguer and Elida Osornio of Levelland, Alicia Ramos of Aransas Pass, Abelia Murataya of Sinton, Maria Gonzalez of Oklahoma, Adela Trevino of Odem, Susana Franco of Garland, Sylvia Fuentes of Princeton, Tx and Lupita Andrade of Sinton, 18 grandchildren. A prayer service was held at 7 PM Monday, November 17, 2019 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 10 AM Monday, November 18, 2019 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with Rev. Roman Encinia officiating. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Florencio Gomez, Jr.**, 69, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 surrounded by his family, following a short illness. He was born and raised in Odem and worked in sales all his life. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and was a US Army veteran. One of his favorite pastimes was watching his grandchildren play ball. He was preceded in death by his son, David Ray Gomez, his mother, Maria Medellin, his brothers, Claudio Medellin and Rene Gomez, his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Gabriel and Catarina Lira and his brother-in-law Angel Lira. He is survived by his loving family, his wife Juanita "Janie" Lira Gomez of Odem, his son Gabriel (Priscilla) Gomez of Odem, his daughters Venessa (Anthony) Martinez of Odem and Barbara Gomez of

San Antonio, his brother Raymond Gomez of Hale Center, Texas, five sisters Maria Carmen Lopez and Janie Medellin of Odem, Diana Trevino and Theresa Gomez of Hale Center, Texas and Lorena Arellano of Kingsville, his father Florencio Gomez, Sr. of Hale Center, Texas, four grandchildren, Catarina Mia Martinez, Anthony "A.J." Martinez, Jr., Julian Gabriel Gomez and David Ray Gomez. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Thursday, February 25, 2016 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 1:00PM Friday, February 26, 2016 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Pete Elizardo as celebrant. Interment followed at San Pedro Cemetery with full military honors.

With sad hearts we announce the passing of **Juanita (Janie) Lira Gomez**. She went to meet her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on Sunday, October 2, 2022, she was 75 years old. Nene, Mom, Grammy was a lifelong resident of Odem, TX, and wore Odem Owl blue and gold with pride any chance she had. She possessed an immeasurable capacity to love people. She will forever be remembered for her favorite way to express that love, FOOD. If she met you, she loved and cared for you deeply, prayed for you always, and probably fed you a time or two. What she cherished most in life was her family and her grandkids, they were the stars in her eyes. She also took great pride in carrying the title of Tia. Her favorite thing to do was attend mass and spend time with her friends, who she loved dearly. Janie was the embodiment of faith, strength and courage, and will be missed by all. Rest In Peace, dear angel. Janie is preceded in death by her husband Florencio Gomez Jr, son David Gomez, parents Gabriel and Catarina Lira, and her brothers, Angel Lira and Gabriel "Canti" Lira III. She is survived by her son Gabriel (Priscilla) Gomez, daughters Venessa (Anthony) Martinez and Barbara (Angela) Gomez, grandchildren Catarina Martinez, Anthony (AJ) Martinez Jr, Julian Gomez and David Gomez, her brother Armando (Otila) Lira, sisters Rosa (Richard) Cisneros, Olivia (the late Ceasar) Aleman, Alicia Lira, Antonia (Willie) Gonzalez, Yolanda Lira, Evangelina (Rollie) Braddock, and Lupe (Vivian) Pizana, and many beloved nieces and nephews. A rosary will be recited Wednesday, October 5, 2022, at 7 PM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem. Funeral mass will be on Thursday, October 6, 2022, at 10 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem. Interment will follow in San Pedro Cemetery in Odem, Texas.

**Rose Marie Gomez-Jardon**, (79), passed away peacefully on April 23, 2022, alongside her loving family. Rose being a loving, wife (being widowed in 2001), grandmother, and friend to all, Her Strong Catholic faith along with becoming a Cursillistas in 1978. Preceding her in death is her husband, Jesus Jardon, her parents Leonardo & Enriqueta, her brother Jose "Angel" Gomez. Survived by her children, Mamie Jardon-Soto (Deceased Jesus David Soto), Doris

Moreno (Jesus Moreno), Tomaz Jardon (Mary Jo Jardon), Herlinda JardonPalacios, her brothers, Adolfo Gomez (Leah), David Gomez (Olga), her grandchildren, Orlando Soto, David Soto, Jessica Soto, Jimmy Lee Moreno, Kristian Moreno, Amber Garcia, Brittany Jardon, Christopher Jardon, Marco Antonio Palacios II, Brianna Victoria Palacios, Nicholas Andres Palacios, her great grandchildren, Andrew Michael Soto, Mia Grace Soto, Ashton David Soto, Vada Rose Soto, Davidson Orion Soto, Harley Jade Soto, Caleb Lee Moreno, Blakely Grace Moreno, Paislee Lynn Moreno, Peyton Olivia Garcia, Dylan Garcia, Lauren Garcia, Chloe Rodriguez and Tristian Rodriguez. She will be missed dearly by her family and remembered for the love and care she memorialized amongst her family. Visiting times will be Monday, April 25, 2022, at 2:30 PM, Tuesday, April 26, 2022, all day with a rosary at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Mass will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, at 11 AM at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church with burial following at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Antonia Martinez Gonzales**, 88, affectionally known as " Momo", a loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend passed away on Sunday, January 1, 2023. She loved to sew, play bingo and watch her grandchildren play sports. She is preceded in death by her husband, Santos S. Gonzales and her son, Raul Martinez. She is survived by her loving family, her son, Gonzalo (Lisa) Gonzales of Odem, her daughter, Gloria Gonzales of Odem, her brothers, Martin Martinez of Ingleside, Angel Martinez of Victoria, Atanacio Martinez, Jr., Benjamin Martinez and Benny Martinez of Taft, her sisters, Esther Castillo and Alicia Chavez of Taft, Herminia Martinez and Linda Martinez of Aransas Pass, and two grandchildren. No services will be held.

**Arnulfo Gonzales, Sr.**, 59, passed away on Friday, April 6, 2018. He had been employed as a pipefitter in the oil industry. He is survived by his sons, Arnulfo Gonzales, Jr. and Chris Deantes of Aransas Pass and John Deantes of Beeville, his daughters, Angelina Johnston of Calallen and Pauline Gonzales of Aransas Pass, his brothers, Jose Manuel Gonzales, Jr. and Robert Fonseca, Jr of Sinton and Felix Fonseca of Ingleside, his sisters, Janie Lopez of Ingleside, Irene Fonseca and Guadalupe Rocha of Sinton, four grandchildren. Visitation was held from 11 AM to 9 PM with a prayer service being held at 7 PM Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home.

**Eden Gonzalez**, 57, of Odem, Texas - a loving father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend, passed away on August 21, 2022, from an unexpected heart attack. He was an identical twin born in Rio Grande, Texas to Ruben Omar Gonzalez, Sr., and Elva Gonzalez. Eden was an avid sportsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing, and sporting events. He loved to sing aloud while

working or just anytime and was well known for his grilling skills, especially his delicious mollejas that were perfect every time. He was employed by Seven Custom Homes of Austin, Texas as their South Texas Project Manager. Eden is preceded in death by his son, Javier Eden Gonzalez, survived by his beautiful daughter, Edeena (German) Rodriguez, his parents Ruben and Elva Gonzalez, siblings Ruben (Brigida) Gonzalez, Laura (Chris) Balli, and Even Gonzalez, grandchildren Julian Santos, Andrew Santos, Aracely Rodriguez, Angel Rodriguez, Santos Rodriguez, Romeo Rodriguez, Bianka Rodriguez and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held Tuesday from 3 to 9pm with a holy rosary being recited at 7pm on August 23, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home, 120 S McCall Ave., Sinton, TX 78387. A funeral mass will be celebrated August 24, 2022, at 10am at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 401 W Willis Street, Odem, TX 78370. Interment will follow at Sinton Cemetery, 507 Cemetery Street, Sinton, TX 78387.

**Evita "Eva" Gonzales**, passed away Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at the age of 86. She passed away peacefully in her sleep as she entered into heaven. As a young lady, she had a love for music, singing, and playing the guitar. Old style and mariachi music is what was heard in the house all the time. It was what the family grew up with as she would tell them when you sing you are praying to God twice. Many knew her from her years at Yeats Nursery where she became "Meme" to many. Her love for plants, gardening, and helping others revive their almost drying plants were results of her amazing green thumb. She loved to have her house full of plants and flowers as displayed by her decorations every season. A true love she had with her beloved Frank. After leaving the nursery, she went to work for Odem's Day Care where everyone there knew her as "Ms. Abby." The young kids, now adults, still remember "Ms. Abby" when they would see her. All that knew her had the opportunity of seeing the love she had for sports. Eva was an avid Dallas Cowboy, San Antonio Spurs, and Texas Baseball fan, where her competition and discussions with her children on players' stats and game plays were known better by her than any umpire or referee. "You could just ask her." Her baking and cooking was beyond imagination. Eva was well known for her pan de polvo and oatmeal cookies both of which she shared with everyone. Every holiday she made plates for all the neighbors and friends to enjoy. She was spreading the love and calories as she shared. Her flower skills did not stop as she continued to make floral arrangements for friends, family, and her house. It was her talent and she wanted to share it with everyone. Eva is preceded in death by her husband, Frank Gonzales; her daughter, Diana Gonzales; her parents, Gilberto and Juanita Rendon and Linda Sue Polderman. Eva is survived by her children: Norma Jean (Oscar) Rivera, David (Melinda) Gonzales, Frank, Jr.; sisters, Elia Gonzales and Mary

Villarreal; her brother, Manuel Espinosa; seven grandchildren, Sabrina Gonzales being her daily shadow, and six great grandchildren. Visitation will begin on Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton with a Rosary at 7:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held Monday, March 18, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Sinton.

**Jose Gonzales**, 71, passed away on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. He enjoyed playing softball and was a big Texans fan. He is survived by his wife, Janie Gonzales of Sinton, his sons, Jose Gonzales, Jr. and Juan Jose Gonzales of Sinton, his daughters, Sylvia Garcia, Ida Gonzales, Diana G.Vela, Lorie Gonzales and Josephina Gonzales of Sinton, and Lina Rodriguez of Corpus Christi, his brothers, Ruben Gonzales of Houston, Francisco "Pancho" Gonzales of Taft and Salome Gonzales of Sinton, his sister, Lupita Paramo of Houston, 23 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Friday, December 21, 2018 at RitcheaGonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Saturday, December 22, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Jose Gonzales**, 73, loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and brother passed away on Monday, October 26, 2020, following a short illness. He was a hard worker, a good provider to his family, and was very well-loved. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Ninfa Gonzales of Texas City, his sons, Jose Gonzales, Jr. of Beeville and Daniel Gonzales of Mathis, his daughters, Sylvia Gonzales and Erlinda Gonzales of Texas City and Janie Gonzales of Sinton, his brother, Frank Gonzales of Quinlan and his sisters, Margarita Mendoza, Mary Garcia, Diana Garcia, Yolanda Hernandez and Sally Gonzales of Garland and Ofelia Medina of Wylie, 18 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A visitation will be held on Friday, October 30, 2020, from 1 PM to 9 PM with a rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Saturday, October 31, 2020, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Juanita Candelaria Gonzales** ("Janie") dedicated wife, mother of 3, grandmother of 4 and great-grandmother of 2, and a friend of many. Juanita passed away peacefully in San Antonio, Texas on January 6, 2024, after a 1-year struggle with cancer. Juanita was born in 1950 in Sinton, Texas, was the daughter of the late Gilbert Candelaria and Olivia Posas Candelaria. Juanita was the younger sister of the late Manuel Candelaria and Gilbert P. Candelaria, Jr. She graduated from Sinton High School in 1970. Shortly after graduation she met the love of her

life, Rene P. Gonzales and they spent 52 years building their family. Subsequently, she worked as a clerk for the County Courthouse for a few years before she decided to become a full-time mother/housewife. Married in 1970, Rene and Juanita welcomed their 2 daughters, Leticia in 1971, Damiana in 1974 and their son, Rene Gonzales, Jr. in 1980. The young family relocated to McAllen, Texas in 1983 and have been there ever since. Juanita is survived by her sister, Norma Ortiz. She is survived by her loving husband, Rene; her children Leticia Gonzales-Echt (Michael B. Echt), Damiana "Diamond" McMahan (Ryan McMahan), her grandchildren Tristan Ramirez, Trey Ramirez, Nicholas Gonzales, Carson Echt and as well as her great-grandchildren, Kora Reneé Gonzales and Mason Mata. With her family she enjoyed fishing, walking the beach, water aerobics, playing card games, and family gatherings. She found much pleasure in reading her Bible and traveling to visit her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She made time to show up for her grandchildren's school events and was a "Big Fan" in supporting their sports and cheering them on. There are nieces and nephews and extended family that will miss her dearly. A Celebration of Life and Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at Richea-Gonzales Funeral Home, 120 S. McCall Ave, Sinton, Texas 78387. The Viewing will take place from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The service will be at 1:00 PM. The family would like to thank the Hospice team of Guiding Light in San Antonio, Texas for their compassionate care during Juanita's illness.

Our dear mother, **Maria Alaniz Gonzales**, suddenly passed away on Sunday, October 29, 2023, at the age of 88. She was "Our Ama". She was the glue to our family. She was the oldest Alaniz relative and our connection to the Alaniz history and all the old stories. She was born in Kennedy, Texas, but lived the majority of her life in Sinton, Texas. She is survived by her three daughters Rosalinda Guajardo, Elizabeth Gonzales, and Maria Vidaurri, 9 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, 12 great great grandchildren, and countless nieces and nephews. She is preceded in death by her son, Benito Gonzales, and her husband, Juan R Gonzales. She had a love for cooking even though she would say she hated the kitchen. Sewing was her favorite hobby, especially making blankets for family. She would say whoever has one of my blankets will always have something of me to remember me by. Ama will greatly be missed. Graveside service will be held Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 11 AM at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

**Ninfa Carranza Gonzales**, 74, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend passed away on Saturday, August 14, 2021. Ninfa's favorite pastime was spending time with her family. She is preceded in death by her loving husband Jose Gonzales. She is survived by her son Daniel Gonzales of Mathis, her daughters, Sylvia Gonzales and Erlinda Gonzales of

Texas City and Janie Gonzales of Sinton, her grandchildren that she raised, Crystal Lopez, Billy Joe Lopez, Judy Lopez and Sara Lopez of Texas City, her brother, Fructoso Carranza of Sinton, her sisters, Yolanda Aguilar and Jesusa Trujillo of Sinton, 18 grandchildren, 39 great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Thursday, August 19, 2021 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton. People attending the visitation must wear masks.

**Pedro "Pete" D. Gonzales**, 77, loving father, grandfather, brother, and a great friend passed away on Monday, August 8, 2022. He had been employed in the pipeline industry and had a great sense of humor. He is survived by his children, Rosie Barrera of Odem, Brian (Rosie) Gonzales of Odem, Peter (Jennifer) Gonzales of Odem, Lee Ann (Pete) Lopez of Odem, Maney (Melissa) Gonzales of Robstown and Lile Gonzales of Sinton, his sisters, Melinda Melin and Janie Newcomer of San Antonio, 18 grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 10, 2022, 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 Thursday, August 11, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father George as celebrant. Services will conclude at the church. Serving as pallbearers will be Javier Barrera, Bobby Hernandez, Roberto Herrera, Valentin Herrera, Joel Montelongo, Jr., and Danny San Miguel.

**Pedro "Pete" Gonzales Sr.**, 72, went to be with the Lord on Friday, October 27, 2017. Pete was born and raised in Sinton, Texas where he resided all his life. He attended Catholic and public schools in Sinton. He also attended and graduated from Commonwealth College of Science in August 1970. He was employed by Goodwin Funeral Home until becoming owner and operator of Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in December 1977. He was a former member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church where he served as an usher, was a member of the Men's Club and was the head sponsor for the Altar boys for many years. He served for nine years on the Sinton School Board, served on the Sinton Municipal Golf Course Board and as Municipal Court Judge. He also served on the City Council for 10 years, including five years as Mayor. He was a dedicated and honest business owner, loving and caring boss, husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed playing golf and working on his ranch. Pete was preceded in death by his parents Adelaido "Ed" and Petra Gonzales, his brother Edward, sister Antonia and brother-in-law Elias. He is survived by his loving family, his wife Janie, his sons Pete Gonzales Jr. of Columbia, Maryland & John (Velma) Gonzales of Sinton, Tx, his daughters Dianne

(Dennis) Myers & Christy (Jacob) Segovia of Sinton, his grandchildren Joshua, Jonathan, Amanda, Samantha, Dennis, Madison, Carol, John Jr., & Dahvy, nephews Hector Gomez, Pedro Gonzales and Elias Noriega Jr. and many cousins and friends. The rosary was recited at 7:00PM Tuesday, October 31, 2017 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. The funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00AM Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Pete Elizardo as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Ruben Gonzales, Jr.**, 60, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend passed away on Friday, July 21, 2023. Ruben was a hardworking man who loved to spend time with his children and loved basketball. He is preceded in death by his parents, Ruben and Ester Gonzales and his grandmother, Micaela Carrillo. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Delia Gonzales of Corpus Christi, his sons, Marc Anthony McBride (Rayanne Trevino) of Corpus Christi and Patrick Kyle Gonzales (Tony Rivera) of San Antonio, his sisters, Priscilla Gonzales of Beeville, Margaret Constante of Tuleta and Christina Lara of Corpus Christi and four grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Sunday, July 23, 2023, from 4 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 Monday, July 24, 2023 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Taft with Father John McKenzie as celebrant. Interment will follow at Lamas Memorial Park in Taft. Serving as pallbearers are Patrick Gonzales, Marc McBride, Rene Dominguez, Tony Rivera, John Richard Constante, and Joseph Constante.

**Francisco Gonzalez**, 86, passed away on Monday, December 25, 2017 following a long illness. He is survived by his sons, Martin Y. Gonzalez of Odem and Clemente Gonzalez of Corpus Christi, his daughter, Maria Gonzalez Rodriguez of Odem, the mother of his children, Jesusa Longoria, 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Thursday, December 28, 2017 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant.

With deepest sorrow, we announce that our most beloved son, brother, father, boyfriend, family member, and friend **Martin Anthony (Tony) Gonzalez**, age 31, of Odem, Texas died unexpectedly on August 23, 2021 from cardiac arrest. His loss was completely unexpected, and the family is completely shocked and deeply saddened. Those who knew Tony, even just a little, lost a shining light in their lives. Tony will be missed every day by his father, Martin Gonzalez, his mother Hilda Gonzalez, sisters Amanda Young (Travis), Nikki Gonzalez (Noe). Long time love of his life Sarah Lopez, their fur baby Odin, and his pride and joy only son Liam Emmett

Garcia. Tony will also be missed by his nephew Liam Young, his niece Logan Young, his grandparents Celedonio & Perfecta Garza, Jesus Longoria, his loving aunts, uncles, cousins, and many, many great friends. Tony was born on April 23, 1990, in Corpus Christi, Texas. He attended Odem High School and was passionate about making people laugh. After graduating high school, he moved to Corpus Christi with his longtime girlfriend Sarah and worked as a mechanic. Anyone who knew Tony knew that he was funny, goofy, loving, and one of a kind. He had an immense passion for fishing, and you could always find him near the water. Tony's family, girlfriend, and friends will miss him more than words can say, but we know he is now with his little brother and grandfather Francisco Gonzalez. Tony is loved on earth as well as in heaven. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM on Monday, August 30, 2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM, August 31, 2021 at St. Peter's Prince of the Apostles Catholic Church in Annaville, followed by graveside services at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**Charles “Chuck” Joseph Gray**, 62, of Sinton, Tx passed away peacefully on August 31, 2021. Born in Berea, Ohio, he was the youngest, and certainly most mischievous, child of the late C. Patrick and the late Josephine (Holtz) Gray. Among his list of favorites were the Raiders, playing drums, collecting guitars, and being a general nuisance to those who knew him. Despite his best efforts, he graduated from Natalia High School in Natalia, Texas, and had many close friends in that area. His jokes, pranks, and the stories of his wild antics will forever memorialize him in the minds and hearts of his family and friends. He absolutely loved being “Grandpa Drums” to his four grandsons, whom he was very proud of. He is survived by his wife Carolyn Joyce (Farnsworth) Gray, their children ReAnna (Adam) Higgins, Brigid, and Christopher “Chris” Gray, his grandsons Charles “Charlie”, Damien, Alexander “Bug”, and Samuel “Sammy” Higgins, his siblings Earl (Lee) Gray and Patricia “Patty” (Rocky) Pepau, and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He also leaves behind his most beloved, cherished dog, Precious. He is preceded in death by his parents C. Patrick and Josephine (Holtz) Gray and his sister, Suzanne “Sue” Brown.

**Virginia Nell Gregorczyk Grice** went home to the Lord on April 13, 2022. Virginia (Jenny as she was called by all that knew her) was born on December 4, 1938, in Papalote, Texas to Fannie Mae Van Ness and Boniface Lawrence Gregorczyk. She was the youngest of nine children. She married W.F. "Bud" Grice on September 15, 1956. They made their home in Sinton, Texas, and together they raised two children, Troy Dean Grice, and Tammy Ann (Grice) Zagorski. During their years together, Jenny and Bud enjoyed fishing in the bays and river, and

deer hunting in Colorado, numerous family vacations and spending time with their grandsons, Justin "Garrett" Jacks and Dylan Paul Catherman. Jenny is survived by her children, her son-in-law, William "Ski" Zagorski, Sr., her grandsons, her great-grandchildren, Cora Ann Jacks, Nola Kay Jacks, and Gideon Reeves Jacks, her sisters, Frances "Bill" Brown, Margie Paterson, and Shirley Raska, and her brother-in-law Raymond Raska, as well as many nieces and nephews. As were Jenny's wishes, a simple graveside service will be held Friday, April 22, 2022, at 11 AM at Sinton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate to your favorite charity.

**Felix Guajardo, Jr.**, a lifelong resident of Taft, TX passed away at the age of 69 on February 14, 2021. He was born to Felix and Erminia Guajardo on January 25, 1952, in Taft, TX. He graduated from Taft High School in 1971, where he met his wife of 48 years Evangelina "Angie" Guajardo. He was a CDL truck driver for 40 years, the last 20 years with Nutrien Ag Solutions of Taft, TX. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother. He was a friend to all he encountered. He is preceded in death by his parents, Felix and Erminia Guajardo, and his older sister Juanita Castellanos. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Evangelina "Angie" Guajardo. His children, sons Felix (Roxann) Guajardo III, Issac Anthony Guajardo, Omar (Frances) Quintero, daughter Laura Ann Guajardo; grandchildren Trinity Guajardo, Felicity Guajardo, Andruw Salazar, Marc Anthony Quintero, Angel Quintero, Jaz Lynn Narvaez, Kaitlin Narvaez, and Juan Ramirez. Sisters, Linda (Ben) Cisneros, Nelda Guajardo, Sylvia (Edward) Rodriguez, and multiple nieces and nephews. He is gone but not forgotten, for he gave every person he encountered a reason to remember him. Memorial service will be held on Monday, March 1, 2021, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton, TX. Visitation will be at 5 PM, with a holy rosary to be recited at 7 PM.

**Julia Guajardo**, 84, passed away on Monday, March 18, 2019. She was a loving mother and grandmother whose motto was "my way or the highway". She is preceded in death by Manuel Garcia, her husband, Ricardo Guajardo and her son Manuel Garcia, Jr. She is survived by her sons, Rudy Garcia and Guadalupe (Nelda) Garcia, her daughters, Mariselda (Carlos) Dominguez and Juanita Dominguez, her brother, Augustin Ruiz all of Odem, 24 grandchildren, 45 great grandchildren and 11 great great grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7:45 PM Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant.

**Ricardo Guajardo**, 64, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, February 2, 2017 following a long illness. Ricardo was born on June 22, 1952 in Beeville, Texas to Aurelio and Antonia Guajardo. He had been a resident of Odem, Freeport and Beeville before moving to Corpus Christi. He had been employed as a trackman for the Union Pacific Railroad until his retirement. He was preceded in death by his son Jason Guajardo and his sisters, Felecitas Barrientes and Irma Gloria Rodriguez. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Julia Guajardo of Corpus Christi, his son, Richard Guajardo of Beeville, his brothers, Jesus Guajardo of Beeville, Aurelio Guajardo and Eluterio Guajardo of San Antonio, his sisters, Alicia Cano of George West, Pabla Cisneros of Beeville, Mary Jane Rivera of San Antonio and Zenida Munoz of Beeville, 13 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Monday, February 6, 2017 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00AM Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at Sacred Heart Church with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment followed at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**Daniel Guerra** gained his wings on Saturday, May 27, 2023, he was 66 years old. Daniel was born in Sinton, Texas on January 1, 1957, to Margarita (Barrientes) and Tomas Guerra. He was a lifelong resident of Sinton, Texas. Daniel was preceded in death by his parents Margarita and Tomas Guerra, six brothers, and three sisters. There is no doubt that they were all waiting to welcome him with open arms. He is survived by his brother, Pantaleon (Leon) (Anna) Guerra of Houston, Texas, four sisters, Victoria Lane of Sinton, Texas, Maria (Alice) Czaja of Sinton, Texas, Stella Compean of Laredo, Texas, and Gloria (David) Rankin of Sinton, Texas, numerous nieces and nephews. Daniel loved wrestling and could imitate all the holds and motions of the wrestlers. Blessed with a beautiful personality and a big heart there was no such thing as a stranger to him. Everyone got a handshake or hug accompanied by a huge smile. Those are the things about him that we will remember and treasure. Danny, claim your wings and fly. Do everything that you have ever wanted to do because nothing can stop you now. It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to you (little brother) until we are all together again. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 1 PM Saturday, June 3, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Yul Ibay as Celebrant. Services will conclude at the church.

**Rene Guerra** was born on February 9, 1968, to Mr. and Mrs. Macedonio Guerra and passed away on April 28, 2022. Rene is preceded in death by his parents, Macedonio Guerra and Irene Guerra, his nephew, Armando Garcia II, and grandmother, Lydia Luna. He is survived by his daughters, Rosemary (Cirenio) Estrada and Melissa Nicole Guerra, his sister, Ida Lisa (Ramiro Rene) Alejandre, brothers, Alex Guerra, Mace Guerra, and Andrew (Maria Elena) Guerra. Rene

is also survived by his wife, Dora Arevalo, and his stepchildren, Hortencia (Daniel) Garcia, Celia (Antonio) Villarreal, Angel (Raphael) Sotelo, Cory Zavala, and Santos (Amber) Zavala. Rene was a graduate of Robstown High in 1987 and worked for many years as a mechanic. He loved backyard BBQs and spending time with his family and friends. Rene was a good loyal friend to many in the small community of Robstown, Texas and will be greatly missed by his friends and family. A visitation is scheduled for Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton, Texas from 2-6 PM with a service to celebrate Rene's life at 5 PM.

**Catherine (Cathy) Guerrero (47)**, beloved wife, mother, daughter, aunt, and friend gained her wings on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Cathy was born on March 12, 1976 in Corpus Christi, Texas to Mary Alice Lopez and Pedro (Pete) Guerrero, Jr. She grew up in Taft, Texas and graduated from Taft High School in 1994. Cathy then attended Del Mar College earning her Associate Degree in special education. Cathy never met a stranger because she had such a beautiful heart and soul. She was a wonderful cook and made sure her sons learned the tricks of the trade. She was also an amazing baker and her cakes, pies, and candies were delicious. Cathy was preceded in death by her maternal and paternal great grandparents and maternal and paternal grandparents; her sister, Veronica Guerrero; and her brother, Pedro (Petey) Guerrero III. Cathy is survived by her husband of 30 years, David Rankin III; sons, Jacob Guerrero of Goliad, Texas, and Steven Rankin of Beeville, Texas; her parents, Mary Alice and Pete Guerrero, Jr. of Goliad, Texas; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Cathy had a very special bond with her nephew, Roman Guajardo and his wife Stephanie. She loved having garage sales, parties, and just spending quiet family time with Roman, Stephanie, and their children, Colton and Delilah. Visitation will be Wednesday, January 31, 2024 from 3pm to 9pm with a rosary at 7pm. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 am on Thursday, February 1, 2024 at Sacred Heart Church in Sinton, Texas. After the mass, we proceed to Flores Cemetery in Goliad, Texas for the burial services. Pallbearers carrying Cathy to her eternal resting place are Roman Guajardo, Nathaniel Martines, Aaron Guerrero, Lee Guerra, Bianca Guerrero, Jaime Guerrero, Benjamin Guerrero, and Brian Guajardo. Special Honorary pallbearers are Delilah Guajardo and Colton Guajardo. REST IN PEACE, Cathy. We love you.

**Fidencio T. Guerrero, Sr.**, 88, passed away on Sunday, September 25, 2016 at his home following a long illness. God called him home to rest, no more pain, no more suffering. He was born in Goliad, TX and had been a lifelong resident of Sinton. A man of great compassion, love and caring for his children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, great great grandchildren and

those who knew him. From the moment of his life to the end, he always gave and shared his love and asked little for himself. He was so appreciative and proud of the care given to him by his children and immediate family during his illness. He is preceded in death by his wife Julia Guerrero. He is survived by his loving family, his four sons, Fidencio (Yolanda) Guerrero, Jr., Jesse (Linda) Guerrero, Sr. and Joe (Mamie) Guerrero, Sr. of Sinton and Pablo Guerrero of Elroy, his two daughters, Mary (Adan) Flores of Sinton and Angie (Santiago) Flores of Odem, his two brothers, Ladislado (Lupe) Guerrero of Clarkwood, TX and Francisco Guerrero of Blunter TX, 22 Grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren and 9 great great grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00AM Thursday, September 29, 2016 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

**Mamie Jane Guerrero** passed away peacefully on Sunday, February 10, 2019 with her loving family at her side. She was 58. Mamie was born on August 29, 1960 in Sinton, Texas to Chale and Maria Soto. Mamie was a resident of Sinton all her life and she was a wonderful wife, mother, grandma and friend to so many. Preceding in death are her parents and her in-laws, Fidencio, Sr. and Julia Guerrero. Survivors include her husband, Joe Guerrero, Sr. of Sinton, her daughters, Jennifer Sanchez (David Garcia) of Woodsboro and Rebecca Gelista (Michael) of Corpus Christi, her sons, Chris Guerrero, Joe Guerrero, Jr. and Johnny Lee Guerrero of Sinton, her brothers, Manuel Sanchez, Jr, Frank Sanchez and Luis Sanchez of Austin and Joe Sanchez (Gracie) of Gregory, her sisters, Suzie Ortiz (Narciso Perez) and Angelita Sanchez of Corpus Christi, eight grandchildren and numerous extended family members and friends. Visitation was held from 11 AM to 9 PM Wednesday, February 13, 2019 with a holy rosary being held at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11 AM, Thursday, February 14, 2019 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Mary Ann Constante Guerrero**, 44, passed away on Wednesday, August 18, 2021. Mary Ann was a loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, and friend. She was a hard worker and was dedicated to her boys and family. She had been employed by Sinton I.S.D. She is survived by her husband, Jimmy Guerrero of Sinton, her sons, Gemini Santiago Constante Guerrero, Isaac James Constante Guerrero, and Trae Gabriel Constante Guerrero of Sinton, her parents, Fidel and Martina Constante of Odem, her brothers, Fidel Constante, Jr., Anthony Constante, and

Matthew Constante of Odem, her sisters, April Constante, Martina Constante, and Carolina Constante of Odem, and many other relatives.

**Pablo Simon Guerrero**, 62, passed away on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Pablo was born on November 9, 1959, in Sinton, Texas to Fidencio T. Guerrero, Sr. and Julia Martinez Guerrero. He had been a lifelong resident of Edroy and was a great man who was always willing to help anyone. He is survived by his ex-wife, Isela Guerrero of Bryan, his sons, Joe Guerrero of Edroy and Pablo Guerrero, Jr. of Bryan, his daughters, Andrea Guerrero of Bryan and Adrianna Guerrero of San Antonio, his brothers, Fidencio (Yolanda) Guerrero, Jr., Jesse (Linda) Guerrero, Sr. and Joe Guerrero all of Sinton, his sisters, Maria Flores of Sinton and Angie (Santiago) Flores of Odem, 10 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Visitation will be held from 5 PM to 9 PM on Sunday, May 15, 2022, with a rosary recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Monday, May 16, 2022, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

**Angelita A. Gutierrez**, 87, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday May 19, 2023. She was surrounded by her children. Angelita (little angel) was born on November 13, 1935, in Hebronville, Tx. She was the daughter of Isabel Arrizola from Hebronville, Tx. Angelita attended Hebronville High School till the 10th grade. Shortly after her mother's passing, she moved to Corpus Christi where she met her forever spouse, "Love at first sight" as she described it. Angelita married Bonifacio Gutierrez of Corpus Christi, Tx in October '54. They were married for 36 years till his passing in July '91. She vowed never to marry again. Angelita and Bonifacio had 5 children: Diana Benavidez (Dalio) of Edroy, Tx, Sara Castillo (Raul) of Corpus Christi, Tx, Isabel Martinez of Odem, Tx, Bonney Gutierrez (Iris) of Odem, Tx, Jessica Robles (Valentin) of Corpus Christi, Tx. She has 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Angelita was a devoted wife and mother with a sweet and happy soul. She loved playing bingo morning, noon and night if she could. She enjoyed watching movies with family, Novelas and watching football. Angelita was happiest during visits from her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed scratch offs and word search puzzles and was very good at it too. Angela, our mother, endured so much in the last 15 years, she showed us that no matter the pain, live life with a smile. She will be greatly missed by those she leaves behind, there is peace in knowing she will now join the many loved ones that have gone before her. A special thank you to her provider, Emma Cordova. Mom loved her. A visitation will be held on Monday, May 22, 2023, from 2 PM to 5:30 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with the rosary being

recited at 7 M at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem. The funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM, Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father Pete Elizardo as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**Jose Gutierrez**, 98, passed away on Saturday, September 26, 2020. Jose was a lifelong resident of Odem and was a self-employed tire repairman. He was a US Army veteran. He is survived by his wife, Maria C.Gutierrez of Odem, his sons, Gustavo Gomez and Gabriel Gomez, Jr. of Corpus Christi, his daughters, Debbie Serrano, Baudelia (Frank) Bargas, and Concepcion (Richard) Barrera of Odem, Janie (CJ) Edwards and Elia Hernandez of Corpus Christi, 10 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Tuesday, September 29, 2020, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 12 PM Wednesday, September 30, 2020, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Graveside services were held at Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery in Corpus Christi with full military honors.

**Lucy Stone Gutierrez**, age 85, passed away peacefully on July 17, 2023, in League City, Texas. Lucy Gutierrez was born on December 3, 1937, to Ben Stone and Kate Barrell in Yesso, New Mexico. She was preceded in death by her parents and siblings, Manuel Stone, Earnest Stone, Ben Stone, Dora Stone Lucero and Pauline Stone Garcia. Lucy is survived by her husband of 65 years, Arnoldo Cavazos Gutierrez, son, Arnold Stone Gutierrez of Harlingen, Texas, her daughter, Nelda (David) Castaneda of Houston, Texas, grandchildren, Gabriela (Bryce) Mansfield, Marcus Castaneda, Anthony Castaneda, Mariana Jimenez and great grandchildren, her only surviving sibling, Cecilia Stone Mendenz and numerous family and friends. Lucy and Arnoldo were married on January 7, 1958, and recently celebrated 65 years of marriage. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her. Visitation will be held on Friday, July 21, 2023, from 4 PM to 8 PM, with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton, Texas. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Saturday, July 22, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem, Texas. Burial will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem, Texas

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**Floyd Hack**, 93, loving father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend passed away on Monday, September 12, 2022. Floyd was born on October 7, 1928, in Edna, Texas to Henry and

Dora Mae Quinn Hack. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jesmyr who he had been married to for fifty years. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and had been the owner and operator of Floyd's TV service and repairs for many years. He was a member of the First Baptist Church and the Kiwanis Club of Taft. He loved skiing, Nascar races and his Dallas Cowboys. He is survived by his loving family, his sons, Floyd A. (Sandy) Hack, Jr. of Sinton and Michael (Jeanette Mershon) Hack of Kingsville, his daughters, Mary Jo Gossett of Waco and Ann Hack of Corpus Christi, 7 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and 3 great great grandchildren. A visitation will be held Friday, September 16, 2022, from 5 PM to 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton. Graveside services will be held at 11 AM, Saturday, September 17, 2022, at Memory Gardens of Edna Cemetery in Edna, Texas.

**Donald George Halepeska**, 96, loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and friend went to be with Lord on Thursday, November 2, 2023. Donald was an avid gardener, loved fishing and was a hobby farmer. He is preceded in death by his parents, George Joseph and Hermina Witte Halepeska, his stepmother, Merle Halepeska and his two brothers, Bill Halepeska and Mark Halepeska. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Joan Olsovsky Halepeska of Odem, his son, Alan (Jackie) Halepeska of Lake Jackson, Texas, his daughter, Elaine (Jimmy) Shortell of Pflugerville, Texas, his sister, Ruth Pons of Lewisville, Texas, four grandchildren, Joseph Halepeska, Rachel Halespeska, Ethan Shortell and Megan (Cassidy) Byars, three great grandchildren, Jackson Byars, Hutch Byars and Boots Byars. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM on Sunday, November 5, 2023, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11:30 AM on Monday, November 6, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Odem.

**Guadalupe Hernandez**, 59, passed away on Wednesday, September 12, 2018 following a short illness. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother and had been a lifelong resident of Edroy. He is survived by his wife, Viola Hernandez of Edroy, his sons, Guadalupe Hernandez, Jr. of San Antonio, Andrew Hernandez and Daniel Hernandez of Edroy, his daughter, Jennifer Hernandez Huntley of Chicago, IL, his brothers, Pete Adamez and Ricardo Cordova of Odem, his sisters, Norma Hernandez of Robstown and Nadia Cordova of Sinton, five grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Friday, September 14, 2018 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11 AM Saturday, September 15, 2018 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment followed at the Edroy Cemetery.

**Guadalupe Torres Hernandez**, 77, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend went to be with the Lord on Thursday, January 27, 2022. Guadalupe loved to cook and sew and took very good care of her family. She is survived by her loving family, her son Bobby (Sandra) Hernandez of Sinton, her daughters, Demi Hernandez Cano (Carlos) of Sinton, and Esmeralda Hernandez Cuevas (Noe, Sr.) of Taft, her sister, Elida Torres Franco of St. Paul, Tx, 10 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM, Sunday, January 30, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 AM, Monday, January 31, 2022, at our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton 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, rosary, and mass.

**Rita Sandoval Hernandez**, 84, loving mother and grandmother passed away on Saturday, July 11, 2020. She had been employed as a home health provider. She is preceded in death by her husband, Armando Hernandez and her son Robert Gonzales. She is survived by her daughter, Eloise Flores of Sinton, her brother, William Sandoval of Bay Cliff, Texas, five grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. The family will receive friends Monday, July 13, 2020 from 4 PM to 8 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 PM Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Samuel L. Hernandez**, 39, loving husband, father, son, and brother passed away on Thursday, January 21, 2021. Samuel graduated from Odem High School in 2001 and had been employed at Sam Kane Beef Processors. He is preceded in death by his mother, Dora Garces Hernandez. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Maribel Hernandez, his sons, Eliseo Hernandez and Samuel Hernandez, his daughter, Dora Hernandez, his father, Jesus Hernandez, his brother, Pedro Hernandez, his sister, Sharron (Frank) Ramos, his father and mother-in-law, Monico and Jesusa Bravo, brother-in-law, Monico (Jennifer) Bravo, Jr., his sisters-in-law, Marisol (Taneicha) Bravo, Monica Bravo and Joslin Bravo, his nephew, Elisha Bravo, his nieces, Victoria (Wally) Ramos Martinez, Martina M. Ramos, Francisca L. Ramos, Emma I. Ramos, Alaiyah Bravo, Brooklyn Bravo, and Lillyana Bravo. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Sunday, January 24, 2021, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11 AM Monday, January 25, 2021, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Rosa C. Herrera**, 78, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, June 24, 2018. Rosa was a longtime resident of Odem. She was a working mother who loved her children and adored her grandchildren. She is survived by her sons, Hector C. Nunez, Miguel C. (Antonia) Nunez and Fred C. Nunez of Odem, Bobby C. (Nelda) Nunez of Portland and Ramon C. (Sheri ) Herrera of Inez, Tx, her brother, Emeterio Castillo of California, 11 grandchildren and 22 great grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Wednesday, June 27, 2018 at RitcheaGonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Thursday, June 28, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment followed at San Pedro Cemetery.

**Carol Ann Hesseltine**, of Sinton, Texas, passed away on December 15, 2020, at age 74. Born in Sinton, Tx to Jack B. and Linsey Preston, she was baptized, confirmed, and married at Grace Lutheran Church in Sinton. A friend to everyone, Carol Ann was popular and developed many life-long relationships. Her beauty and charm led to her being named Miss San Patricio County in 1964. She loved being outdoors and riding horses and her skill on horseback rivaled the best cowboys. After graduating from Sinton High School in 1965, she attended Texas Tech University and Texas A&I University. She married Gerald Hesseltine on October 8, 1966, and started a new set of challenges raising three children, building a business with Gerald, and working as a school secretary. If you pass through the Refugio school system in the 1970s and 1980s, she touched your life. Carol Ann raised her three children and eight grandchildren but opened her heart to countless others. She supported all of them in their endeavors throughout their lives, and whether you called her "Mom" or "Mimi" or "Mrs. Hesseltine", you knew who your greatest fan was. She served her Church and community as superintendent of the Sunday School at Grace Lutheran and many other roles. Carol Ann's life was the measure of Grace under pressure. She handled every situation with a smile, a kind word, and a determined spirit, always striking a positive note. Carol Ann was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in the prime of her life. Even with this challenge, she never lost her Faith, compassion, poise, grace, or her ability to reach out to others to make them feel better. She epitomized all that is right, and everyone should follow her example. "Shine on me sunshine, Walk with me world, It's a skippidity do da day, I'm the happiest girl, in the whole U.S.A" Carol Ann is preceded in death by her parents, Jack B. and Linsey Preston, and her sister, Linda Mayo. She is survived by her husband of 54 years, Gerald; her children and their spouses; daughter Sherry and husband Derron Mirtsching of Leander, daughter Viki Martino of Sinton, and son Scooter and wife Erika of Orange Grove; grandchildren, Travis, Cameron, Linsey, Chelsea, Ashlyn, Christiana, Elise,

and Mikayla; her brother, Jack Preston and wife Carolyn, and numerous nieces and nephews. The family would like to extend special thanks to Lili Garza, Carol Ann's caregiver, whose boundless love, compassion, dedication, and friendship enriched Carol Ann's life beyond measure. Memorials can be made to Grace Lutheran Church - Sinton or to the charity of your choice. Visitation is 2 PM until 5 PM, Saturday, December 19, 2020, at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton. Funeral service is 2 PM, Sunday, December 20 at Grace Lutheran Church, Sinton. Internment will follow at the Sinton Cemetery.

**Ruby Ann Hesseltine** was a devoted wife, mom and grandmother. She was a faithful employee of both Sinton ISD and Refugio ISD, touching lives amongst both staff and students for many years. Ruby loved giving of herself to others, whether family and friends or complete strangers. She never tired of helping anyone in need. Ruby was the backbone of her family and always had a smile on her face. Ruby had many talents, cooking, sewing, carpentry and gardening. She also loved to travel with her daughters, going on different adventures across the country. Ruby and her husband, Jim, were married for 41 years and are now finally reunited with one another for all eternity. She was preceded in death by her sister, Charlie Ward and her husband, Jim Hesseltine. She left behind a family that loved her dearly, consisting of her son, Jeff Hesseltine of Luling, Texas, her daughters, Tiffany Jones of New Braunfels, Texas, Shanna White of Boerne, Texas, Mandy Hesseltine of Portland, Texas, Debbie Slaughter of Vidor, Texas, adopted member of the family, Nicole Garcia of San Antonio, Texas, her father, Shorty Ward of Freer, Texas, her mother, Hazel Graham of Mathis, Texas, her brother, John Meyers of Austin, Texas, her sister, Dona Dye of Austin, Texas, 7 grandchildren, 1 great grandchild and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at 10:00AM Wednesday, December 9, 2015 at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Samuels officiating. Interment followed at the Sinton Cemetery.

**Ira Higginbotham, Jr**, of Kingsville, passed away June 14, 2018, at the age of 75. He was born November 13, 1942, to Ira and Jewel Margaret Simons Higginbotham. He was a 1962 graduate of Henrietta M. King High School in Kingsville, and he earned a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Master of Science in Range and Wildlife Management, both from Texas A&I University. Ira worked in public education in Texas, with the Cooperative Extension Service through the University of Arizona, and in the private sector in irrigation and landscaping. He was an avid outdoorsman, and fishing and dancing were among his passions. He was predeceased by his parents and is survived by the love of his life, Rosalie Roy of Portland; sons Benjamin (Sue) Higginbotham of Jonesborough, TN, and Joseph Higginbotham of Humble,

TX; and a daughter, Jan Elizabeth (Leighton) Stovall of Dumas, TX. His grandchildren are Elizabeth (Zachary) Carter of Houston; Hannah, Katherine, and Grace Higginbotham of Jonesborough, TN; Jennifer Mokshefsky and Jonathan Higginbotham of Humble; and Zachary, Caleb and Sarah Stovall of Dumas. He is also survived by a sister, Jewel "Tissa" Peterson of Rio Grande City; and a brother, Al Higginbotham of Kingsville. A memorial service was held at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 28, at the Robstown Community Hall at 4612 County Road 42 between Agua Dulce and Robstown. Directions and a map are available on the hall's website, [www.robstowncommunityhall.com](http://www.robstowncommunityhall.com) A meal and time for sharing will follow the service. The family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children or the charity of your choice.

**Ilma Andrews Hill**, 74, of Taft, Texas, passed away on March 13, 2024 in Portland, Texas. She was born in Taft, Texas on November 24, 1950 to the late Rafael H. Martinez and Lidia Medina Martinez. A 1969 graduate of Sinton High School, she attended Del Mar college and was the Director at Head Start in Sinton from 2003-2008. Her greatest joys were her friends, her lifelong side kick Karen Pressly, gardening, and shopping. She is preceded in death by Rafael and Lidia Martinez and brother, Raul Martinez. Survivors include her son, James Michael Andrews of Peyton, Colorado; two sisters, Irene (David) Marler of Victoria, Texas; Ida (James) Butler of Sinton, Texas; three brothers, Ramiro (Pam) Martinez of Springdale, Arkansas; Richard (Emily) Martinez of Smithville, Texas; and Rafael Martinez, Jr. of Taft, Texas. The visitation and Memorial prayer service will be held on Friday, March 22, 2024 at 11 AM to 1 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home.

**Helen K. Hopkins** died peacefully with her daughter by her side on April 18, 2024. Born in Bethlehem, Connecticut on January 24, 1931, she was the daughter of John and Adella Kalvaitis. She graduated from Watertown High School in 1949, and from Waterbury Hospital School of Nursing. She worked in most types of nursing during her long career. When she married she moved to California for a short time, but she called Texas her home. She loved to travel and met her goal of setting foot on all seven continents of the world at a time when women didn't travel alone and internet travel arrangements were not yet available. She loved classical music, and she loved to draw. Though she had trouble showing her tender side, she was proud of the nickname "Gigi" given to her by her great-grandchildren. Helen is survived by her daughter, Diane Green, and her son, Robert John Hopkins of Odem, Texas, grandchildren Dianna Green, James Green, Charles Green, David Green, and Sean Green, and many great-grandchildren. She is predeceased by her step-brother, Clarence Senkus.

**Francis Louise Horton**, passed away on Thursday, March 2, 2017 following a long illness. Frances was a great Mom, a wonderful Grandmother and was loved by everyone. She is survived by her loving family, her daughters, Debbie Crawford and Tammy (Larry) Anderson of Odem, her sister, Shirley Warren of Corpus Christi, her three grandchildren, Bryan Williams, Eric Smith and Jennifer Williams and her great granddaughter, Arabelle Louise Smith. Graveside services were held at 2:00PM Saturday, March 4, 2017 at Sinton Cemetery. Interment followed.

**Eric Michael Hoverson**, age 37, passed away on July 29, 2016 in Corpus Christi, Texas. Eric was born on June 8, 1979 in Harlingen, Texas. He was a 1997 graduate of Odem High School and a beloved member of the community. He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents Richard and Ruby Hoverson of La Feria, Texas and his maternal grandparents Frazier and Marjorie Treadaway of Victoria, Texas and his uncle Richard Treadaway. He is survived by his parents Michael and Terry Hoverson, his sister Cassie (Jacob) and nephews Owen and Elijah King of Robstown, Texas, as well as numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. Services were held at 11:00AM Thursday, August 4, 2016 at the First Baptist Church of Odem located at 307 W. Turner in Odem. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations in Eric's name to either charity below: Good Samaritan Rescue Mission or the Mother Teresa Shelter.

**Lenora Evelyn Huble**, 87, passed away on August 29, 2021 after a long illness. She was born September 24, 1933. She was greeted in heaven by her Savior that she truly believed in. Her faith in the Lord and being a Christian helped her in her life. She instilled in her children and family the true meaning of Jesus. She witnessed to them and others when she could. You can never say that she didn't know her songs and bible verses. She read and studied her devotionals and even when she couldn't read any longer, she listened to her very close and dear friend Mary Contreras as she read them to her. Her dear friend Diane Mireles took care of her also. She was a devoted Bonton member. She enjoyed her Monday card games with her friends. She also enjoyed going to country music jamborees with Harlene Wilson. At her early age, her and Edward would enjoy going to Polka dances. She enjoyed visiting with her sisters and in laws. She never missed a reunion on her side, even asking a friend to join her. She is preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Hattie Skoruppa, and her precious husband, Edward, that she shared her love for him before May 2010, one sister, Abilene Morgan, and her inlaws. She leaves behind her daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Kenneth Vanecek of Sinton, her son and daughter-in-law, Edward and Debbie Huble of Alamogordo, New Mexico. She has three

grandchildren, David (Angel) Huble, Vicki (Larry) Grove, Christopher Huble, and seven great grandchildren, MaKayla (Gene) Cottrell, J.W. Grove, Justin Grove, Clayton, Sophia, and Gabriel Huble, and Haylee Huble. She is also survived by her precious sisters, Frances Repka, Millie Isaacks (Merle), Leona Blanchard, Hattie Ann (Tom) Tucker, sister-in-law, Barbra Huble, many nieces, nephews, cousins and her precious friends. A visitation will be held Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel from 5 PM to 7 PM. Funeral services will held at 10 AM Thursday, September 2, 2021 at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. She will be laid to rest at the Evergreen Cemetery in Skidmore, Texas.

On July 10, 2020, we lost a great man, **Armand G. Huerta**, 74. It was sudden, but we are comforted to know he is at peace with his parents Julia and Frank Huerta, daughter Ashley Renee Huerta and his grandson David Jesus Huerta. Armand was great at catching our hearts and catfish. He proudly served our country retiring after 23 years in the United States Air Force. He retired as a TSGT and was proud to say that he kept those jeeps running during the Vietnam Conflict. He always had a smile and a corny joke. He will be greatly missed and remembered. He leaves behind his wife Martha Huerta and five children, Renee & Anthony Zapata, Armanda Huerta, Angelica and Kevin Covington, two sons, Frank Huerta and Samuel Huerta, sisters, Rose and Blair Eztler, 13 grandchildren, several cousins, two sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, five nephews, and three nieces. Visitation was held from 2 PM to 9 PM with a rosary being recited at 7 PM Wednesday, July 15, 2020 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was held at 11 AM Thursday, July 16, 2020 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Graveside services and interment were held at 2 PM, Thursday at Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery in Corpus Christi.

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**Jenny “Lynn” Israel**, a devoted wife, mother, and friend, was greeted with the long-awaited welcome of “Well done, good and faithful servant” on March 31, 2023, at the age of 57, surrounded by her family. Lynn was a woman of unwavering faith, whose love, kindness and gentle spirit touched the lives of everyone she met. Lynn was born on March 28, 1966, in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. She would spend her early years in Corpus Christi, Texas, until settling in to call Sinton, Texas her home where she would quickly become an integral and active part of the community. Lynn married her husband, Marty, in 1991 and they were constant companions for 32 years. They cherished their time together and sought to glorify the Lord in every aspect

of life, as partners in business, loving parents to their children and friends to their community. Lynn was faithful and consistent no matter the circumstances, always willing to come along for the ride and offer a kind word and a warm smile. She committed her life to being a mother to her son, Oscar, and daughter, McKenzie. As their biggest supporter, she loved her children unconditionally and they formed an unbreakable bond that will last forever. She was a mother to many and had a way of making everyone feel loved and known. She was a faithful follower of Jesus and lived to glorify Him. She dedicated her life to serving others and was a tangible example of Christ's love. Because of her faithfulness, many came to know and follow Jesus. Lynn is survived by her loving husband, Marty Israel, her son, Oscar Israel, her daughter, McKenzie Jackson, and son-in-law, Ryan Jackson. Her family was her greatest joy. Although she leaves a void that can never be filled, Lynn's legacy of love and kindness will live on. We take comfort in knowing that she is now with her Heavenly Father, and we look forward to the day when we will be reunited with her in heaven. "Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6. A Celebration of Life will be held at her home in Papalote, Texas on April 15th at 1:00pm for friends and family. In the weeks to come, the family will be planting a shade tree in her honor. The family asks that you consider making a donation to the "Memorial shade tree" fund, which has been set up in Lynn's memory. You can contribute at: <https://everloved.com/life-of/jenny-israel/>. If you would like to send flowers in Lynn's honor, the family requests spring-inspired flowers and notes be sent to The Israel Family at: 1628 County Road 631, Sinton, Texas 78387