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One of Sister Icephene's favorite scriptures was the 23rd Psalm. On August 8, 2018, the Lord made a very special selection for his "Heavenly Garden" as he plucked a precious, very loved, and dedicated flower, **Icephene M. Davis**, and gave her eternal rest. Icephene was born February 23, 1937, in Goshan, Alabama to Mrs. Flourance Rouse. She was one of eight children which have all preceded her in death. She accepted the Lord as her personal savior and was baptized at an early age. In 1969 the Lord joined Icephene M. and Tommy L. Davis in Holy Matrimony. She leaves to cherish her memories, her husband of forty-eight years, Tommy L. Davis, two daughters, Lorraine Campbell and Annette Adams, five grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces and nephews. A visitation was held on Thursday, August 16, 2018 from 2 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM Friday, August 17, 2018, at Rising Star Baptist Church, 617 Industrial St., Taft, Texas with Rev. Riddley Rich, Jr. officiating. Interment followed at 1 PM at Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery in Corpus Christi, Tx.

**Mary Hellen Deanda**, 69, loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, and friend went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, February 16, 2016. Mary Helen was born on April 1, 1946, in Sinton, Texas to Jose Cruz Sr. and Maria Gonzales. She was raised in Sinton and she was a homemaker. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister Alicia Gonzales Perez and her niece Dina Hinojosa Ramos. She is survived by her loving family, her sons, Steven Deanda of Allen, Texas, Robert Deanda of Frisco, Texas and Michael Deanda of Little Elm, Texas, her brothers, Cruz Gonzales of Rowlett, Texas, Gilbert Gonzales of Sinton, and Joe Lee Gonzales of Rowlett, Texas, her sisters, Grace Gonzales Chapa of Sinton and Alma Gonzales Lopez of Karnes City, Texas and six grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Friday, February 19, 2016, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00AM Saturday, February 20, 2016, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Paul Rajareegam as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

Late in the night of January 7, 2016, our dear Lord welcomed **Paroda Deitch**, 88, into heaven. Close by in the welcoming party were her husband of almost 50 years, Dr. Ernie Deitch, her daughter Julie Deitch Durham, 2 brothers, and 2 sisters. Though her family and friends will greatly miss her earthly presence, they know that Paroda lived a wonderful life, touching many souls in the process. Paroda Ann was born on July 19, 1927, in Ottumwa, Iowa to James C. and Lillian Simpson. She married Ernest R. Deitch and was his constant helpmate as he finished medical school, military service stationed in Austin, Texas, and began family practice medicine in Sinton, Texas in 1952. In subsequent years, she often served as office manager for the Sinton Hospital & Clinic, while raising two daughters and one son. For many years, she also provided support and leadership for the growth and development of the Sinton Public Library. For the last 20 years, she has been especially dedicated to the 1st United Methodist Church in Sinton, where she worked to establish a local RX program that assists needy individuals in receiving medicines they cannot afford. She is survived by her daughter Jane Deitch Armstrong (Jim) of Bryan and son Jim Deitch of New Braunfels; 5 grandchildren Kati Deitch in Lubbock, Elizabeth Deitch in Midland, Regan Durham, Laura Jane & Ethan Durham all of College Station; a sister, Jean Corrigan in Waukegan, Iowa as well as numerous nieces and nephews spread across many states. The family received friends from 6:00PM to 8:00PM at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home on Monday, January 11, 2016. A celebration of her life was held at 1st United Methodist Church, Sinton, Texas on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at 10:00AM. Burial followed at Sinton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in honor of Paroda Deitch to the RX Program, Attention: Rhonda Ohler, at the 1st United Methodist Church, 405 W. Sinton Street, Sinton, Texas 78387 or the charity of your choice.

**Luis Aguilar Delgado**, 59, passed away on Wednesday, February 21, 2018. He had been employed as a rancher. He is survived by his wife, Maria Montoya, his sons, Luis Aguilar, Martin Aguilar and Miguel Aguilar, his daughters, Noemi Aguilar Montoya and Elizabeth Aguilar Montoya. Funeral services were held at 2 PM Saturday, March 1, 2018, at Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness Church. Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness Church is located at 731 S. Fourth St.

**Rafael Delgado, Jr.**, 90, loving husband, father and grandfather, passed away on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 following a long illness. Rafael enjoyed playing golf, going fishing and playing pool. He is survived by his wife, Alicia Delgado of Odem, his sons, Isaac Delgado of Odem and Rafael Delgado, III of Kerrville, and six grandchildren. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Thursday, September 23, 2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday, September 24, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father George as celebrant. The family requests that masks be worn at the visitation and at the mass.

Baby **Royce Jay De La Cruz** passed away on Thursday, February 1, 2018. He is survived by his parents, Roy and Veronica De La Cruz, his sisters, Jillian and Janelle De La Cruz, his paternal grandparents, Antonio and Aurora De La Cruz, and maternal grandparents, Henry and Diana De Leon all of Sinton. Visitation was held Monday, February 5, 2018, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel from 10:30 AM to 12:45 PM. Funeral mass was celebrated at 1 PM Monday, February 5, 2018, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment was held at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Julio Diaz**, 72, passed away on Monday, December 14, 2020. He had been employed in the oilfield industry and was preceded in death by his parents, Antonio and Concepcion Diaz, his wife, San Juanita, his daughter, JoAnn, and his son, Julio, Jr. He is survived by his brothers, Rigoberto Diaz of San Carlos Durango, Mexico and Eliborio Diaz of Sinton and his sisters, Aurelia Navar of Sinton, Noverta Adame, Cecilia Peralez and Gabriela Flores of Corpus Christi. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Wednesday, December 16, 2020, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment will follow at John J. Welder Memorial Cemetery in St. Paul, Tx.

**San Juanita "Janie" Diaz**, 69, passed away on Saturday, October 24, 2020, surrounded by her loving family and friends. She had been employed as a Head Start teacher and was preceded in death by her mother, Lucia Zuniga, her daughter, JoAnn Diaz Esparza, and her son, Julio Diaz, Jr. She is survived by her loving husband, Julio Diaz of St. Paul, her brother, Jose Zuniga of Corpus Christi and many other relatives and friends. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Wednesday, October 28, 2020, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Thursday, October 29, 2020, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at John J. Welder Memorial Cemetery in St. Paul, Tx.

**Victor Mendez Diaz, Sr.**, 83, went to be with our Lord, Sunday, November 29, 2015, surrounded by his loving family. He was retired from the City of Sinton. Victor was a veteran of the Korean War where he earned several medals. He was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Victor was born November 18, 1932, in Sinton to Juan and Narcisa Diaz. He was a loving devoted father and grandfather and will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. Victor goes home to our Lord to be reunited with his wife, Leonor, his son, Victor Diaz, Jr., his parents, brothers, Jose and Juan Diaz, and sister, Olivia Castillo. He is survived by his daughters, Blanca (Eugene) Gonzalez, Nelda Sanchez, and Vickie (Sterling) Dunlap all of Sinton. He was blessed and loved by his grandchildren, Priscilla Diaz, Jaime Cruz, Buddy Sanchez, Eugene Gonzalez, Jr., Christina Hernandez, Skipper Sanchez, Brandon Dunlap, Roy Sanchez, Robert Dunlap, Jennifer Dunlap and 15 great-grandchildren, 1 great-great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his sisters-in-law, Rosa (Rudy) Rodriguez from Canton, Michigan, and Irma (Armando) Narvaez of Waxahachie, Texas and one brother-in-law, Victor (Rosario) Gutierrez of Sinton. A rosary was recited at 7:00 PM Tuesday, November 1, 2015, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00 AM Wednesday, December 2, 2015, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Patrick Serna as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery with full military honors.

**Carlos Barrera Dominguez, Jr.**, 71, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend passed away on Friday, July 15, 2022, following a long illness. Carlos loved spending time with his family and friends and was a hard worker. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Mariselda Dominguez of Odem, his

daughters, Angie (Johnny) Perez of Odem, Marivel Sedillo of Kyle and Nelda (Richard) Hill of Uvalde, his brothers, Alberto Dominguez of Corpus Christi, Rene Dominguez of Pasadena, Daniel Dominguez and Jaime Dominguez of Odem and Benjamin Dominguez of New Braunfels, his sister, Noelia Lopez of Robstown, his grandchildren, Kassandra Perez, Amanda Perez, Kristen Sedillo, Jacqueline Sedillo, Carlos Dominguez Hill, Jacob Dominguez Hill and his great grandchildren, Alessandra Martinez and Emiliano Martinez and his sister-in-law, who he thought of as a sister, Juana Dominguez and her children, Jody Dominguez, Rudy Dominguez and Amber Tijerina. A visitation will be held Sunday, July 17, 2022, from 1 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM, Monday, July 18, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father George as celebrant, Services will conclude at the church.

**Ofelia Barrera Dominguez**, 85, went to be with the Lord on Monday, March 27, 2017, following a long illness. Ofelia was born in Reynosa, Mexico, and came to the United States at the age of five and made her residence in Edroy where she was a lifelong resident. She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church where she was a member of the Guadalupanas. One of her favorite pastimes was playing Bingo. She is survived by her loving family, her sons, Alberto Dominguez of Corpus Christi, Carlos Dominguez, Jr. of Odem, Rene Dominguez of Pasadena, Daniel Dominguez and Jaime Dominguez of Odem and Benjamin Dominguez of New Braunfels, her daughter, Noelia Lopez of Robstown, her brothers, Felix Barrera, Jr. of Edroy, Epifanio Barrera and Rogelio Barrera of Corpus Christi and Frank Barrera of California, her sisters, Ofelia Dominguez of Edroy and Guadalupe Gaona of Wyoming, 22 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren. A rosary will be recited at 7:00PM Wednesday, March 29, 2017, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10:00AM Thursday, March 30, 2017, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment will follow at Edroy Cemetery in Edroy.

**Rita Dominguez**, age 33, passed away on September 19, 2020, in Edroy, Texas. Rita was born on January 24, 1987, in Corpus Christi, Texas. She grew up in the Odem-Edroy community where she graduated High School and served for 10 years as an altar server for our Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. She had received her Associates from Del Mar College and was currently continuing her education for her bachelor's degree. She was working as the Executive Assistant at Post Acute Medical. Rita always made her grand entrance in style at all occasions with her radiant personality and heart of bling and leopard print. There wouldn't be a time where she didn't love shopping and going out with her friends and family. She adored and enjoyed spending time with her niece and nephew. She is survived by her maternal grandmother Jesusa Martinez, her parents, Daniel and Belia Dominguez, her two brothers, Daniel (Tracy) and John (Miranda) one niece, Brooklyn, and one nephew, Jaxon. Several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Visitation was held Thursday, September 24, 2020, from 3 PM to 5:30 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home and 6 PM to 9 PM at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with a holy rosary recited at 7 PM. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Friday, September 25, 2020, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Pete Elizardo as celebrant. Interment followed at Edroy Cemetery.

**Anita Lopez Doria**, 94, loving mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend passed away on Friday, October 15, 2021. Anita was born to Faustino and Petra Lopez on July 8, 1927 in Guanajuato, Mexico. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Leobardo Doria, Sr., her sons, John, Sr., Joe and Francisco Doria, her brothers, Ignacio "Tacho" Lopez and Jesus Lopez, her sisters, Francisca Garcia and Juanita Garcia, her granddaughter, Anita Ann Doria, and grandson, George Quintero. She is survived by her loving family, her sons, Jesus (Trine) Doria, Antonio (Yolanda) Doria, Guadalupe (Aurora) Doria, Oracio (Sylvia) Doria, Martin (Azeneth) Doria and Leobardo (Lupe) Doria, Jr. of Odem, and Pablo (Patsy) Doria of Alice, her daughters, Maria Quintero of Corpus Christi, Luz Doria, Ofelia (Rosendo) Gomez and Norma Doria of Odem and Maria Elena Esquivel of Sinton, her brothers, Pete Lopez and Juan Lopez of Odem and Faustino Lopez of Sinton, her sister, Gregoria Guerra of Fort Worth, 42 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Visitation will be held Monday, October 18, 2021 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 Tuesday, October 19, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father George as celebrant. Interment will

follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem. The family requests that masks be worn at the visitation and at the mass.

**Joe "Chepo" Lopez Doria**, 72, passed away on Monday, October 28, 2019. He was born on July 15, 1947, in Odem, Texas. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather who loved fishing and gardening. He had been employed by the Union Pacific Railroad for 40 years. He was preceded in death by his father Leobrado Doria and his brother John Doria. He is survived by his wife, Dora Landin Doria of Odem, his sons, Manuel (Deborah) Doria and Jose (Marta) Doria of Odem, his daughter, Jo Ann (Norverto, Jr.) Garza of Sinton, his mother, Anita Lopez Doria of Odem, his brothers, Jesus (Trine) Doria, Francisco (Linda) Doria, Sr., Antonio (Yolanda) Doria, Guadalupe (Aurora) Doria, Oracia (Sylvia) Doria and Martin (Azeneth) Doria of Odem, Leobrado (Lupe) Doria of Sinton, and Pablo (Patsy) Doria of Alice, his sisters Maria Quintero of Corpus Christi, Luz Doria, Ofelia (Rosendo) Gomez, and Norma Doria of Odem, and Maria Elena (Danny) Esquivel of Sinton, and five grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Tuesday, October 29, 2019, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Wednesday, October 30, 2019, at Sacred Heart Church with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment followed at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**Michael Lee Doria**, 48, loving husband, father, son, grandfather, brother, and friend passed away on Friday, June 3, 2022. Michael was born on November 22, 1973, in Sinton, Texas to John L. Doria and Criselda Rodriguez Doria. He had been employed as a truck driver. He is survived by his wife, Margaret of Sinton, his son, Jeremiah Doria of Sinton, his daughters, Leslie Doria of Sinton, Christian (Moses) Reyes of Dickinson and Bethany Doria of Sinton, his mother, Criselda Doria of Sinton, his brother, Johnny Doria of Sinton, three grandchildren, numerous cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends. A visitation will be held on Thursday, June 9, 2022, from 3 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM. Funeral mass will be celebrated at on Friday, June 10, 2022, at 10 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton. Pallbearers will be Ryan Segovia, Jacob Segovia, Rudy Maya, Leeroy Rodriguez, Jaime De Los Santos, and Beto Arias.

**Angel Duarte**, 91, died on January 22, 2018. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM January 25, 2018, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM on January 26, 2018, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will be at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Regino "Pico" Duarte**, 95, loving father, grandfather, great grandfather, and friend passed away on Thursday, March 4, 2021. Regino was born and raised in Sinton to Saturnino and Paula Bocanegra Duarte. He was a very strict and hardworking man who was one of the fastest cotton pickers. He never met a stranger and was friends with everyone he met. He will be missed. He is survived by his loving family, his sons, Regino Duarte, Jr. of Pasadena, Jesse Duarte and Daniel Duarte of San Antonio, his daughters, Petra Lozano and Yolanda Garza of Sinton and Mary Garza of San Antonio, 24 grandchildren, 39 great-grandchildren, and 5 great great-grandchildren. A prayer service will be held at 7 PM Sunday, March 7, 2021, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Monday, March 8, 2021, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Florence "Sis" Duhart, Sr.**, 102, went to be with the Lord on Monday, December 12, 2016, following a long illness. She was born in Floresville, Texas on August 2, 1914. She had resided in Corpus Christi where she had been employed as a housekeeper for Spohn Hospital until her retirement. She moved to Sinton and moved back to Corpus Christi about fifteen years ago. She is survived by her loving family, her sons, Tommy Green of Corpus Christi and Raymond Green of Los Angeles, California, her daughter, Tillie Faye Green of Compton, California, her sister, Eddie Mae Stephens of Sinton, three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM Saturday, December 17, 2016, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Alton Coleman, officiating. Interment followed at Heaven's Acre Cemetery in Sinton.

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**Olefia Fira Elliott** passed away, Saturday August 4th. She and her twin sister Celia were born May 19, 1952 in Sinton, Tx to Oralía (Lala) Vasquez. Ofie grew up in Sinton, graduated, and joined the United States Air Force to become part of the first all-female flight crew in the history of the USAF. She chased space shuttles, documented missile testing logistics in flight, and visited multiple countries and continents all over the world. It was a visit to Okinawa, Japan that she met her late husband, Gary Elliott. They went on to marry and have 2 children. After Gary passed, Ofie retired from a full and honorable 20-year military career with her children in Alvin, Tx. She is survived by her children, Jason Victor Elliott (Samantha) and Bethanie Belen Elliott, her grandson Jason Lee Elliott, 5 siblings, Celia, Mary Alice, Henry, Salvador, and Crissy, and many nieces and nephews. There are also a multitude of friends and honorary family members who will carry her spirit and remember her contagious smile and unflinching generosity.

**Frances E. Enis**, 85, died June 24, 2017 surrounded by her loving family. Frances was born August 8, 1931 in Buford, Georgia until moving to Corpus Christi, Texas where she worked and met the love of her life Joe and within months married and raised five beautiful children. Frances's joys were loving her family and grandchildren, playing bingo, working in her yard and cooking to please the family. Mom knew no strangers. Frances and Joe were married 59 years. They lived, loved and will spend the rest of eternity together. She is preceded in death by her husband of 59 years Joe Enis, her mother, Cora Idell Colbert, brothers, Arcile Reddish, Waverly Reddish, Alton Reddish, sister, Melrose Hill, grandsons, Joseph Gibson, Gerald Bray and daughter-in-law, Cathy Gibson. She is survived by her children, Diane Hardy McDowell, Joe Enis and Cynthia Enis Bray all of Sinton, Brenda Prince of Norman, Oklahoma and Walter Gibson of Calallen, Texas, her brother, Aaron Reddish, 12 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren. Special thanks to Lee Johnson and Betty Lloyd and the Christus Spohn Hospice Medical Team for all the love and care that was given during this time of need. "She loved you all". Visitation was held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017 from 10:00AM to 9:00PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services were held at 10:00AM Thursday, June 29, 2017 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel with Chaplin Israel Blanco officiating. Graveside services followed at 11:00AM at the Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery in Corpus Christi. Interment followed.

**Joe H. Ennis**, 91, of Sinton, Texas went home to our loving Savior on Saturday, April 15, 2017 at home surrounded by his loving family. He was born March 16, 1926 in Sinton, Mississippi. He joined the Army/Air Corps in August of 1945 and he was a World War II Veteran. After leaving the military he moved to Corpus Christi where he met the love of his life, Frances Reddish Enis and devoted his love and life for 59 years. He made his home here in Sinton, working and raising his children for 59 years. He worked for San Patricio Electric Coop for 30 years retiring April 28, 1988 as a maintenance supervisor. He was a member of the Sinton Masonic Lodge #1012 serving as a Master Mason. He loved fishing but most importantly his family and spending time with friends at Freddie's Steakhouse. Joe is survived by his loving wife Frances, children, Diane McDowell Hardy of Sinton, Texas, Walter Gibson of Calallen, Texas, Brenda Prince of Norman, Oklahoma, Joe A. Enis of Sinton, Texas and Cynthia Enis Bray of Sinton, Texas, 12 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren and his beloved dog Pepper. Joe is preceded in death by his mother, Modina Hinton of Shannon, MS, his brother, Turner White of Tupelo, MS, his grandsons, Joseph Lee Gibson, Gerald E. Bray and daughter-in-law, Cathy Gibson. Special thanks to Lee Johnson and Betty Loyd and Christus Spohn Hospice for taking such loving care of him. Visitation was held on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel from 1:00PM to 9:00PM. Graveside services were held at 11:00AM Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery, IH37 Access Rd, Corpus Christi, Texas with full military honors. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Sinton Masonic Lodge #1012, Sinton, Texas 78387.

**Jesus "Tite", "Jesse" Rodriguez Esparza**, age 82, of Sinton, passed away peacefully after an extended illness, surrounded by family at 3:00 a.m. on Friday, September 18, 2020. He is survived by his loving family; his wife of 57 years, Maria Olga (Rodriguez) Esparza; his three daughters, Elizabeth Esparza Fuentes (Robert), Sandra

Esparza and Jessica Esparza Gonzalez (Mario Hernandez); son, Alfonso Paredes (Crystal); seven grandchildren, Sara Gill (Ben), Desiree Gonzalez, Rachal Diaz (Ben), Victoria Gonzalez, Teresa Fuentes, Angela Fuentes and Rori Gonzalez; three great-grandchildren, Evan Gill, Eliana Gill and Elijah Diaz; six sisters, Ernestina Serna, Aurelia Buendia, Celia Rodriguez, Rosalinda Espinoza (Tony), Virginia Gonzales (Ruben) and Herlinda Esparza; four brothers, Juan (Diana), David, Raymond (Estela) and Ricardo (Gracie); and numerous extended relatives and close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Reymundo and Rosa (Rodriguez) Esparza and six brothers, Reymundo II, Pedro, Patricio, Gilberto, Raul and Victor Esparza. Mr. Esparza, like his siblings, was born and raised in Sinton. As a youth, Mr. Esparza left school to help his parents by working in the cotton fields and then learned to drive a semi-truck when he was 16 years old. In 1963, he began driving trucks for an ice plant in Raymondville where he met his future wife, Olga. After working for several years at Gulf King Shrimp company in Aransas Pass, he moved his family to North Texas to work for Capital Wire & Cable in Plano, where he worked as an interstate truck driver and drove an 18-wheeler for many years. The family moved from Plano to Garland in 1975. While living in Garland, he worked as a long-distance truck driver with Encore, a company based in McKinney until his retirement in 2018. Mr. Esparza had a passion for taking care of his family, working on cars and helping others in their time of need. His CB handle when he was a trucker was "Macaroni", a nickname his fellow truckers gave him because that was his way of saying "Wow". He loved baseball, going to Texas Rangers games with his family, watching football on television and spending time with his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was quick to befriend people and enjoyed putting a smile on their face or making them laugh. "Our world has lost a great person with a huge heart. His family and friends will miss him very much. We are comforted in knowing that God has guided him home to Heaven, that he is in our Lord's glorious presence, and that one day, we will see him again." Visitation was held on Monday, September 21, from 1 p.m. - 9 p.m. at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton. A funeral mass was celebrated at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton on Tuesday, September 22 at 11:00 a.m. followed by interment at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

**Victor Rodriguez Esparza**, 79, passed away on Friday, January 22, 2016. Victor was born on July 28, 1936 to Reymundo and Rosa Esparza. He was raised in Sinton and had been a longtime resident of Garland, Texas. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother and will be remembered for his love of laughter and devotion to his family. He is preceded in death by his parents, Reymundo and Rosa Esparza, brothers, Pedro, Patricio, Gilbert, Raul and Raymond, Jr. Victor is survived by his wife, Guadalupe Esparza of Garland, his daughters, Mary Lou Cardoso and Julie Alvizo of Garland, his sisters, Ernestina Serna and Aurelia Buendia of Sinton. Celia Rodriguez of Odem, Virginia Gonzales of Katy, Rosie Espinoza of Pasadena and Herlinda Esparza of Amarillo, his brothers, Juan and Rick of Houston, David of Pasadena, Raymond of Sinton and Jessie of Garland, five grandchildren, Renee Esparza, Denise Gomez, Stacy Alvizo, Anna Thrasher and Victoria Esparza Cardoso all of Garland and 8 great grandchildren. Visitation was held Thursday, January 28, 2016 from 1:00PM to 9:00PM with a rosary being recited at 7:00PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00AM Friday, January 29, 2016 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Barbara "Nonnie" Iris Evans**, age 89, went home to her Lord January 7, 2019, after living a full life, a life of laughter, adventure and lots of love. Barbara was born Sunday, May 5, 1929, in Tucson, AZ to Keenus Hutchison and Julia Adkins. She was the oldest of four siblings: Bill Hutchison, Sharon Brewster, Jerry Hutchison and Dick Hutchison. Though the past few years she lived in Corpus Christi, she considered Sinton, TX her life-long home. She truly believed in the marriage institution and was preceded in death by her three husbands, Robert C. Van Meter, William "Bill" Evans and Edward Bingham. She loved shopping for clothes, baking at Christmas, traveling across Texas to golf tournaments with Papa Bill, dancing in purple dresses, and serving her home church, First Baptist Church of Sinton and her granddaughter's church, Jackson Woods Presbyterian Church. In addition to her husbands, Barbara is preceded in death by two brothers, Dick and Jerry Hutchison, her son, Robert Van Meter, stepdaughter, Kay Wilson, grandson, Morgan "Bubba" King and grandson-in-law Larry Baker. She is survived by two siblings, Bill and Sharon, her daughter, Judy Cassady, stepchildren, Martha Krause, Bill Evans and Judy Hicks, grandchildren, Stephanie Cozart, Kimberly Wilson, and Wendy Keach, 10 Great Grandchildren and 3 Great Great Grandchildren. Visitation was held Friday,

January 11, 2019 from 5 PM to 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 10 AM Saturday, January 12, 2019 at First Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Samuels officiating. Interment followed at Sinton Cemetery.

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**Adan H. Flores**, 71, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend passed away Thursday, December 30, 2021. Adan's life was all about his family, friends, music, hunting, fishing and being a comedian. He also enjoyed working on small engine repairs. Adan was preceded in death by his parents, Uselia Castro and Jose Flores Sr. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Maria Flores of Odem, his son, Michael Rossett of Corpus Christi, his daughters, Sara (Gilbert) Cruz and Maria Isabel Flores of Odem, his grandchildren, Gilbert (Shelby) Cruz, Gabrianna J. Cruz and Yazmin U. Cruz, his brothers, Clemente Castro, Daniel Castro and Santiago Flores of Odem, Juan Castro and Ernesto Castro of Sinton, Jose Flores, Jr. and Manuel Flores of Taft, his sisters, Linda Guerrero and Benita Martinez of Sinton, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 2, 2022 from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Monday, January 3, 2022 at Sacred Heart Church in Odem. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

**David Flores**, 66, of Kingsville, Texas, passed away on Monday, July 20, 2020. David was born April 12, 1954 in Sinton, Texas to Placido and Felipa Flores. He graduated from Sinton High School in 1972 and then from Texas A&I University in 1976. On March 22, 1975, he married Rebecca Escamilla in Sinton, Texas. David is survived by his wife, Rebecca "Becky" Flores, a son, David "D.J." Flores, Jr. and his wife Jackie of Kingsville, Texas, a daughter, Desiree Francine Flores, and her wife, Sabrina Cavazos-Flores, three grandchildren, Liana Isabel Flores, David "Tres" Flores III, and Eduardo Daniel Flores, two brothers, Julio and Isreal Flores, and two sisters, Paula Arrambide and Gracie Orta, and many cousins, nieces, and nephews. David was preceded in death by his parents Placido and Felipa Flores.

**Jose Flores, Jr.**, 54, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend passed away on Sunday, September 11, 2022. Jose loved to have a good time. He is preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Evangelina Rodriguez Flores, Jr., and his siblings, Adan Flores, Santiago Flores, Frank Hernandez and Monica Hernandez. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Cynthia Flores of Taft, his son, Derek Flores of La Mesa, his daughters, Deeandra Flores of Taft and Sara Flores of Houston, his brother, Manuel Flores of Taft, ten grandchildren and numerous relatives. A visitation will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2022, from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday, September 16, 2022, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Taft with Father John McKinzie as celebrant. Interment will follow at Lamas Memorial Park Cemetery in Taft.

**Luz Garcia Flores**, 96, affectionately known as "Ama", passed away peacefully at home on March 28, 2017 with her loving family by her side. She was 96. Luz was born on March 3, 1921 in Donna, Texas to Jose and Petra Garcia. She was a loving mother, grandmother, homemaker and longtime resident of Sinton, Texas. In addition to raising their 8 children, she enjoyed gardening and playing bingo. She is preceded in death by the love of her life, Icidro R. Flores, with whom she was married 67 years, her grandson, Guadalupe Gomez, Jr. and her great great grandson, Lalo Gallegos, brothers, Felix Garcia and David Garcia, sisters, Dora Garcia and Maria Montalvo. Survivors include her sons, Icidro (Felipa) Flores, Jr., Jose G. (Juanita) Flores, Oscar (Rose) Flores, David (Mary B.) Montalvo and Jesus Flores; daughters, Dora (Victor) Olivo, Juanita F. Gomez and Silvia (Rick) Milligan; 23 grandchildren, 44 great grandchildren, 14 great great grandchildren. In deep gratitude to all the caregivers that took such good loving care of Ama. Visitation began Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 3:00PM with a rosary being recited at 7:00PM Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home.

**Santiago Hernandez Flores**, 70, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend passed away on Sunday, September 4, 2022, following a short illness. Santiago was a hard worker who loved his family, fishing, and was a diehard Dallas Cowboys fan. He is preceded in death by his father, Jose Flores, his mother Uselia Castro and his brothers, Frank Castro and Adan Flores. He is survived by his loving family, his wife Angie Guerrero Flores of Odem, his daughters, Laura Medina, Lisa Ann Flores and Sandra Ann Flores of Odem, his brothers, Juan (Fina) Castro of Sinton, Clemente (Becky) Castro and Daniel (Carmen) Castro of Odem, Ernesto Castro of Sinton, Jose (Cindy) Flores, Jr., and Manuel Flores of Taft, his sisters, Benita Martinez and Linda (Jesse) Guerrero of Sinton, his stepfather, Santiago Castro and seven grandchildren. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM, Tuesday, September 6, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 AM, Wednesday, September 7, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father Pete Elizardo as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem. Serving as pallbearers will be Gilbert Cruz, Jr., Abel Castro, Clemente Castro, Jr., Artie Guerrero, Mat Guerrero and Fidencio Guerrero, III. Honorary pallbearers will be Robby Flores, Franky Hernandez, Jose Medina, and Draven Medina.

**Alonzo L. Franco**, 93, loving father and grandfather, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 17, 2016. Alonzo was born on October 30, 1922 in Kenedy, Texas to Pablo and Estefana Franco and had been a lifelong resident of the Sinton and St. Paul area. He had been employed as a farmer, carpenter and trucker. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Dominga Franco, beloved daughter, Grabiela Martinez and his siblings, Alberto and Apolonio Franco, Ramona Gutierrez, Tomasita Montemayor, and Lupe Pastrano. He is survived by his loving family, his sons, Alonzo (Yolanda) Franco, Jr., Pablo E. (Diana) Franco and Domingo Franco of Sinton, his daughters, Estefana (Ernest) Contreras of Refugio, Esmeralda (Esteban) Castillo and Silvia (Michael) Mejias of Sinton, also by his grandson who he raised as his own, Marcos Moreno of Sinton, his brother, Pablo L. Franco, Jr. of Corpus Christi, 13 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Thursday, May 19, 2016 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 9:00AM Friday, May 20, 2016 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Patrick Serna as celebrant. Interment followed at the Walheim Cemetery in Tynan, TX. Pallbearers will be Marcos Moreno, Markey Moreno, David Franco, Alonzo Franco III, Daniel Franco and Pablo Franco III.

**Presiliano E. Franco**, 69, loving father, grandfather, brother, and uncle passed away Wednesday, January 6, 2021. He was born on June 15, 1951, in Sinton, Texas to Alberto and Lorenza Elizondo Franco. He had been employed as a contractor and was a member of Sacred Heart St. Paul Mission. He was preceded in death by his parents, Alberto and Lorenza Franco, and his brother Francisco Franco. He had been married to Lupita Canales for 45 years. He is survived by his loving family, his son Presiliano (Carol Day) Franco, Jr. of Austin, his daughter, Melissa (Frank) Franco De Gonzales of Portland, his three grandchildren, Frank Miguel Gonzales II, Sofia Lorenza Gonzales, and Daylen Antonia Franco, his brothers, Reynaldo (Camilia) Franco of Houston, Alfredo (Emma) Franco of St. Paul, Albert (Rosie) Franco of Calallen, Aurelio (Elaine) Franco, and Lorenzo (Vickie) Franco of St. Paul, his sisters Janie (Richard) Munoz of Beeville, and Anna (Walter) Steward of Cleburne, Texas. A rosary will be recited at 9:30 AM Saturday, January 9, 2021, with a funeral mass to be celebrated following the rosary at 10 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at John J. Welder Memorial Cemetery in St. Paul. The family requests masks to be worn, no hugs or handshakes, and social distancing.