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On September 3, 2021 at 4:30 PM, **Robert (Bobby) Palacios** passed away at the young age of 61. He was surrounded by loved ones at his home in Leander, Texas. Bobby was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on September 19, 1959. He was a welder for the majority of his life working on anything from structures to abstract metal art. He also assumed the role of the family's and closet friend's "Handyman and Mechanic." If you needed anything from laying tile, fixing leaks, to putting in a new starter, he was your guy. He was known for his good sense of humor and his contagious laughter among his friends and family. Bobby is survived by his wife, Yolanda, his 6 children, Brian, Derrick, Christopher, Thomas, Josh, and Amber, 7 grandchildren, his mom and dad, Nelda and Alfonso Lira, 8 brothers and sisters, and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. A public service will be held at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home on September 10, 2021 at 7 PM. Public viewing will begin at 3 PM. A mass will be held Saturday, September 11, 2021 at Odem Sacred Heart at 10 AM.

**Frank Ebenezer "Pat" Patrova**, 91, passed away peacefully in his sleep on September 2, 2016. He was born in Mentor-on-the Lake, Ohio on March 7, 1925 to Steve Petrovasky and Minnie Heger. He graduated from Madison High School in 1942 and entered the Navy on February 17, 1945. He was a fighter pilot surviving two wars. He retired from the Navy as a Lt. Commander in 1966 out of Chase Field, Beeville, Tx. Following his Navy Retirement Frank became Chief of Police of Sinton, Tx and then Port Aransas, Tx before being elected as Justice of Peace Precinct 1 in San Patricio County, Tx. He was a Judge from 1979-1996. He was preceded in death by both his Mother and Father, brothers, Walter Patrova, John Patrova, Robert Bair, Lester (Teddy) Bair and sisters, Elizabeth Babisch, Dolly Allen and Cora Shutack. Frank is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Margaret, three daughters, Deborah (Bobby) Kennedy of Houston, Karen (Gary) Byrd of Calallen, Cheryl (Billy) Rhodes of Oklahoma and one son Timothy Patrova of Sinton along with six grandchildren, Morgan Kennedy, Trevor Mawer, Kody Kemp, Lacey Edwards, Lindsay Edwards and Christopher Patrova and one great grandchild, Ayden Edwards. He is also survived by three sisters, Gertrude "Bunni" Lintz, Helen Davis and Sue White. Graveside services were conducted at the Sinton Cemetery on Sunday, September 4, 2016 at 2:00PM. Interment followed.

**Margaret (Peggy) Patrova** passed away comfortably at home on August 31, 2021, with her granddaughter, Lindsay Edwards by her side. Margaret Mulholland was born to Robert and

Margaret Mulholland on October 13, 1933, in New York City. She grew up in New York and Rhode Island. Margaret Mulholland married Frank Patrova on April 18, 1953, in Wickford, Rhode Island. They lived the military life for 22 years, stationed in Corpus Christi Naval Air Station, and finally retiring in 1966 from Chase Field Naval Air Station in Beeville, Texas. In 1966 they moved to Sinton, Texas with their four children. Margaret (Peggy) Patrova was a devoted wife and mother of 4, grandmother of 6, and great-grandmother of 1 with 1 on the way. She was a member of the Lady's Lions Club Auxiliary, Band Boosters, 4-H, helped in the Chamber of Commerce Office, and a member of many community committees and activities. She is preceded in death by her husband, Frank Patrova in 2016, and daughter Deborah Kennedy in 2017. Her surviving 3 children are daughter Karen Byrd (Gary) of Calallen, daughter Cheryl Rhodes (Billy) of Noble, OK, and son Timothy Patrova of Sinton, Tx. Surviving 6 grandchildren are Trevor Mawer, Lacey Edwards, Lindsay Edwards, Morgan Kennedy, Christopher Patrova and his wife Ashley, and Kody Kemp. She is survived by one great-grandson, Ayden Edwards, and one unborn great-grandson to be born to Christopher and Ashley Patrova. She is also survived by 2 sisters and 2 brothers; sister Barbara Kenyon of Connecticut, brother David Mulholland (Lillian) of Florida, sister Carole Coutu (Richard) of Florida, and brother Donald Mulholland (Jeannette) of Tennessee and their loving families. Graveside services will be Sunday, September 5, 2021 at 2 PM at Sinton Cemetery. Mass and rosary will be Friday September 3, 2021 at 9:20 AM at Sacred Heart in Sinton.

**Edward (Eddie) Ray Perez**, 62, of San Antonio, Texas passed on to heaven 12/23/2015 at 7:30PM in a Galveston hospital. Eddie was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on 7/17/1953 to Henry C. and Gloria Perez. He attended Crocket Elementary, Cunningham Junior High and graduated from Foy H. Moody High School. Eddie was a disabled Vietnam Era veteran and received a honorable discharge from the Army on March 1976. He was a certified welder for Gulf Marine in the early 90's and on April 9, 2014 became an Ordained Minister, "with all the rights and privileges to perform all duties of the Ministry". On September 25, 2014 he was awarded a honorary Doctorate of Divinity Degree by the Universal Life Church. Eddie throughout the years was an avid fisherman, hunter and loved to play the guitar. In the 1960's, at 14 years of age, he was the lead guitarist in a band that played one live performance on the televised Domingo Pena Sunday morning show. Eddie was a beloved husband, son, brother, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend. Eddie was preceded in death by his parents Henry C. and Gloria Perez. He is survived by his sons, William and Michael Benavides, wife, Alladeen Perez (two stepdaughters, Melanie and Heather), sister, Gloria Burkig (Tom), two brothers, Roger Perez (Amy), Henry Perez (Melissa) and numerous grandchildren, nieces,

nephews, relatives and friends. A celebration of Eddie's life was held at the Perez Ranch, Saturday, January 23, 2016 at 2:30PM.

**Jesus Perez**, 55, loving son, father, brother, and friend passed away on Tuesday, June 28, 2022. Jesus was a longtime resident of Sinton where he attended Sinton schools. He was a self-employed construction worker. He is survived by his loving family, his son, Michael Jesus Perez of Beeville, his daughter, Abigail Perez of Beeville, his parents, Refugio and Sara Martinez of Sinton, his brother, Robert Martinez of Sinton, his sisters, Cindy (Danny) Guzman and Elva (Gilbert) Hernandez of Beeville, Rachel (Lee Roy) Rodriguez and Andrea (Johnny) Martinez of Sinton, numerous relatives and friends. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Thursday, June 30, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday, July 1, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

Our beloved father and brother in Christ, **Jose G. Perez “Joey or Joe” (JP)**, age 58, passed away on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, at approximately 4:15AM. Jose G. Perez “Joey or Joe” (JP) was born on January 21, 1965, to Jose Perez Sr. and Cruz D. Perez. “Joey” was a very positive, God loving, and Faithful man. So charismatic with a humble heart he made sure to lend a helping hand to anyone when he was able to. He was an outstanding father to me, my siblings, and step siblings. He lived a hard-working life within the oil and gas industry as an electrician for 30 years to support his family, but the industry also was where he met numerous great, supportive friends whom he enjoyed laughter and good times with. His favorite hobbies included watching sports games, barbecuing with family, watching “new” movies - mostly Superhero genre, had a palate for eating take-out and new entrées, but most of all spending time and playing with his grandchildren, sons, daughter, and pets whom he loved with every bit of his heart and some. We now hold a lifetime of happy memories to cherish and share; he is immensely loved and missed every day. Jose G. Perez “Joey or Joe” (JP) is preceded in death by his mother Cruz D. Perez, daughter Lisa Perez, and son Jaime A. Perez. Jose G. Perez is survived by his father Jose “Rana” Perez Sr. of Sinton, TX; wife Leisa Perez of Sinton, TX, son Jose “Jay” (Velia) Perez of Rockport-Fulton, TX; daughter Gabriella (Jordan) Benton of Sinton, TX; 2 stepsons: Edward Campos (Shaina) of Sinton, TX; Justen Campos (Abby) of Sinton, TX; brother Gerardo Perez of Sinton, TX; brother Moises (Christina) Perez of Sinton, TX; and a total of 11 grandchildren. Visitation will be held Saturday, September 9, 2023, with a private viewing (immediate family ONLY) from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM and public viewing from 3:00PM to 9:00 PM at the Ritchea Gonzales Funeral Home. Rosary will be held at 7:00 PM.

**Lilly Perez** went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, December 22 2017. She was born on September 2, 1930 in Karnes City, Texas. She was preceded in death by her parents Jose and Leonora Castillo. Lilly leaves behind to cherish her memories a sister, Louisa Beltran, a son, Jose Armando Perez, daughters, Maria (Eusebio) Galvan, Esmeralda (Gary) Gelinas and Angie (Homer) Roblez. She also leaves behind 8 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Lilly was a homemaker all of her life and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton. She was cherished by all her family and friends who loved her dearly. She will be greatly missed. Visitation was held on Monday, December 25, 2017 at 4 PM with a holy rosary recited at 7 PM. The funeral mass with rites of Christian burial was celebrated December 26, 2017 at 2:30 PM at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Peter Elizardo as celebrant. Burial followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery. PSALM 62:1-2 "My soul finds rest in God alone, my salvation comes from Him, He alone is my rock and my salvation."

**Teresa Vasquez Perez, 77**, passed away on Monday, October 16, 2023. Teresa was a loving wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was preceded in death by her son, Michael V. Perez, her parents, Domingo and Virginia Vasquez and her sister, Romana Molina. She is survived by her loving family, her husband, Alfredo Perez of Sinton, her son, Mark (Stephanie) Perez of Corpus Christi and five grandchildren. A visitation will be held on Sunday, October 22, 2023, from 4 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at RitcheaGonzales Funeral Home Chapel. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Monday, October 23, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Services will conclude with the mass.

**Hazel Joan Phillips-Graham** passed away on August 30th, 2023, at the age of 91 after a long illness and a valiant fight to the end. Hazel was born in Hebronville, Texas on September 23, 1931. She attended the Premont Baptist Church, Sunday School and Premont High School, and worked on the family farm, and shared many wonderful stories over the years of sibling love and school friendships she enjoyed in and around Hebronville, Premont and Freer. Hazel married F.W. "Shorty" Ward in 1948 and together they had two children, Priscilla 'Charlie' Joan Ward and Ruby Ann Ward (Hesseltine). She was a doting mother, housewife and worked odd jobs to help support the family. After many years, Hazel moved to the San Antonio area where she met her second husband, Donald V. Meyers, and moved to Dover, New Jersey with Don and her two oldest girls. Together Don and Hazel had two children, Dona Laure Meyers (Dye) and

John Vincent Meyers. After 10 years in the Northeast, Hazel finally made it back to her beloved Texas in 1973. There she raised Dona and John as a hardworking, single parent, most often as an excellent, social waitress for Jim's Restaurant until 1980, when she moved to Sinton to be closer to Ruby, Charlie, and her beautiful granddaughters. She loved Country and Western music and dancing, and could two-step like a champ. She adored Elvis and old Hymns, and watching her kids sing karaoke on the front porch or in the yard of wherever they were at the time. While in Sinton, Hazel drove for a City Transportation service, cleaned and cooked for two couples with handicapped spouses in their homes, and helped design and sell headstones for a monument company. Hazel often talked about how these professions made her happy as they allowed her to serve people. She had a huge heart for helping others. Hazel never missed her children's or grandchildren's life events as they were growing up, such as birthdays, holidays, sports events, graduations, weddings and childbirth. She was always the one who cooked the meals, comforted all and cleaned so others wouldn't have to - she was a true matriarch. After many years of service and caring for her family, Hazel eventually semi-retired and moved to Mathis, Texas, where in 1990 she met Jim Nelson, who became her partner for the next 24 years. At their country home in Mathis, Hazel and Jim grew delicious vegetables in their garden, went fishing in Corpus Christi Lake, competed in competitions such as wild hog, chili and pinto bean cook-offs (and often won). They hosted hundreds of barbeques, attended family reunions and trekked all over Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana with Charlie to visit family and learn about Hazel's lineage. In the mid 90's, she got to take a very special trip with Ruby to the Northeast - Boston, Pennsylvania and New York. They saw old and new sights and 'shopped 'til they dropped' together. One of Hazel and Jim's favorite places was Claude and Muki's in Victoria, Texas, where they would meet friends and family for wonderful celebrations over the years. They traveled Quito, Ecuador to stay with Muki and Claude there and had a blast. Hazel and Jim also took a yearly 'pilgrimage' to Natchez, Mississippi to see members of Jim's family and learn the history of that place. Hazel's favorite trip of her life was to Singapore to visit her dearest friend of more than 70 years, Laure Sieme and her husband, Wayne when they lived overseas. Hazel is preceded in death by her parents, Bessie and John Phillips, daughters, Priscilla 'Charlie' Joan Ward and Ruby Ann Hesseltine, her son-in-law, Jimmy Hesseltine, her partner, Jim Nelson, her brothers Claude Phillips and wife, Mucki, Leroy Phillips and wife Esther, JC Phillips, Alva Lee Phillips, James Phillips, and her sisters Bertha Lopez and husband Cecil and June Maxwell and husband Willie. Hazel is survived by her daughter Dona Dye and husband Steve Warwick of Bastrop Texas, grandsons Dakota Dye of Lubbock, Texas and Dominic Dye of Katy, Texas, son John Meyers and former spouse Laura Meyers of Austin, Texas, granddaughters and spouses Tiffany Ann Jones and Matt Jones of New Braunfels, Texas,

Shanna White and Justin White of Fair Oaks Ranch Texas, Mandy Hesseltine of Portland, Texas, as well as her great grandchildren, Jace and Addie Jones, Caleb White, Kylie Gray, Jaxson Gray and Jake James Hesseltine, sisters Dolores Strege and husband Harold and Laverne Phillips-Pratt of League City, Texas, brother Kenneth Phillips and wife Trine of Stavanger, Norway, sister-in-law Daisy Phillips of Crockett, and lifetime friend Laure Sieme and her husband Wayne of Lakeway, Texas, along with Jim Nelson's daughters Lori and Julie and their families, and countless nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. The family would like to thank the folks at Austin Wellness and Rehab in Austin, Texas, Magnolia Hospice of Austin, Texas, and especially her dear hospice nurse Brian Yeasley, BSN, RN, CCRN for the care and compassion they showed our Hazel in these last three years and her final days. There will be a small, graveside service held on Saturday, September 2, 2023, at 10:30am at the Sinton Cemetery. Hazel will rest in peace beside her daughter Ruby there, and visits will always be welcome during open hours for you to sit under the trees and hold this remarkable woman in your heart. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Swan Songs of Central Texas ([swansongs.org](http://swansongs.org)) or a charity of your choice in her honor.

**Vivian Pizana, Sr.**, 76, loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle and friend went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 25, 2023. Vivian loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He loved fishing and enjoyed traveling, dancing and eating out with his wife. He is preceded in death by his parents, Rafael C. and Maria Guadalupe Benavidez Pizana, his brother Rafael Pizana, Jr., and his sister, Margarita Pizana Wilkinson. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Guadalupe Pizana of Odem, his son, Vivian (Leticia) Pizana, Jr. of Odem, his daughters, Paula (Ismael Soto) Pizana of Portland and Pat (Domingo Perez) Pizana of Corpus Christi, his brother, Irenio (Aurora) Pizana and Aristeo (Elvia) Pizana of Odem, his sister, Guadalupe (Jacinto) Aguirre of Pettus, seven grandchildren, five great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A visitation will be held on Friday, October 27, 2023, from 2 PM to 9 PM, with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Saturday, October 28, 2023, at 11 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father Pete Elizardo as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem. The family would like to give a "Special Thank You" to the New Century Hospice Staff, Tammy, Debbie and Marivel for the wonderful care given to our loved one, Vivian.

**Thomas ``Tommy" Daniel Pluss**, died of heart complications on Friday, October 2, 2015. Tommy was born on January 22, 1958 in Sinton, Texas to Dave and Jeanne Pluss both of whom preceded him in death. He is also preceded in death by his sister, Mary Lynn Pluss and his infant brother, Michael David Pluss. He is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Barbara Hovey Pluss, his brother, Max Pluss and wife Penny, his mother in-law, Peggy Seagrist, numerous nieces and nephews and his pet cat, Bay B Gurl. Tommy loved sports and worked for Centurion Pipeline as a construction manager. Tommy loved his job and considered the people he worked with like family and likewise. Tommy was a good man and will be dearly missed by all. A funeral service was held at 11:00AM Thursday, October 8, 2015 at the Sinton Community Center, 1300 E. Sinton, with interment to follow at Sinton Cemetery.

**Ivan F. Psencik**, 94, passed away Saturday, December 23, 2017 in a Portland, TX Care Center following a long illness. He was born in Smithville, Texas on May 7, 1923. He graduated from Smithville High School in 1941. He served in the United States Army Air Force from 1943-1945. He married Beatrice M. Nink in 1947 and together raised four children from 1950-1976 when the youngest went to college. They were together until her death in 2010. They had been residents of Sinton for 60 years where he carried on and completed a 29 year career with United Gas (Entex/CenterPoint) as a gas utility serviceman. He was preceded in death by his wife Beatrice (Nink), parents RC & Albina (Svec) Psencik, his brother Ernest (Bo) and his sisters and brother-inlaws Olga & Steve Sablatura, Lillian & Bob Lievens and Francis & Madison Sowder. He is survived by his three sons: Michael Psencik and wife Jeanne of San Antonio, Texas, Stephen Psencik of Austin, Texas and Thomas Psencik of Sinton, Texas, his daughter: Kathleen Deupree and husband, Richard of Athens, Texas and four grandchildren: Susan, Andrew, Erin and Kristen Deupree. Ivan lay in state Friday, December 29, 2017 from 1:00 PM to 9 PM with the family present from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM and a Holy Rosary recited at 7:00 PM at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:00 AM Saturday, December 30, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Ignatius Nwankwocha as celebrant. Interment followed in the Sinton Cemetery.

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**Diana Molina Quilimaco**, 68, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend passed away on Monday, January 17, 2022. Diana is survived by her loving family, her husband, Fernando Quilimaco of Sinton, her son, Guadalupe Bustillos of Dallas, her daughters, Jessica Monroy,

Heather Quilimaco and Justine Quilimaco of Sinton, her brothers, Richard Molina of Sinton and Roy Molina of Gregory, eight grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Serving as pallbearers will be Jessie Cordova, Guadalupe Bustillos, Issac Bustillos, Ian Bustillos, Ira Bustillos, and Derrick Nunez. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM, Saturday, January 22, 2022 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton. The family requests that masks be worn at the funeral service.

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**Juanita Ramirez**, 89, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and sister passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2021. She was born on June 24, 1931, to Pablo and Beatris Torres Moreno. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Juan Ramirez, her daughter, Paulita Avelar, her sons, Natividad Ramirez and Juan Ramirez, Jr., and her grandson, Adrian John Ramirez. She is survived by her daughters, Eva Hernandez of Edroy, Irene Ramirez and Lisa Del Bosque of Mathis, her brother, Pablo Moreno, Jr. of San Antonio, and her sister, Rosita Uresti of Chesterfield, Michigan, 10 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and 4 great greatgrandchildren. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Friday, January 29, 2021, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Saturday, January 30, 2021, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

**Maria Dolores (Loly) Espinoza Ramirez** (October 25, 1938 - July 21, 2023) joined our Heavenly Father and Blessed Mother in His Heavenly Kingdom on Friday, July 21, 2023. She was a beautiful daughter, wife, sister, aunt, niece, mother, grandmother, and friend to many people during her life. Family members describe her as being a wonderful, loving, caring, understanding, kindhearted, thoughtful, generous, and especially a faithful "Woman of God". Our wonderful Mom was a shy person, but her brightness shined through her love for everyone. Her favorite color was yellow, and she especially loved yellow roses. She was a devoted Catholic member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church all of her life and even served as a CCD Teacher Aide, Youth Retreat Sponsor, and Baptismal God Mother. "Loly" as called by her friends and family attended Sinton ISD schools. Our Mother believed that an education was important no matter what the person's age might be, so she was most proud when she received her GED Diploma presented by the Former Senator Carlos Truan. She also attended Bee County College for some time. She was preceded in death by: Husband-Reynaldo Ramirez, Sr.,

Infant Daughter-Patricia Ramirez, Mother-Juanita and Eusebio Fuentes, Father-Manuel Espinoza, Maternal Grandparents-Dolores and Panfilo Garza, and Paternal Grandparents-Santos and Carlos Espinoza. Maria Dolores was a devoted wife to Reynaldo "Nano" Ramirez, Sr. (deceased), for 32 years. They raised seven children together. Left to cherish her memory are her seven children and their spouses: Reynaldo Ramirez, Jr., Gracie (Rodrigo) Sanchez, Olga Moreno (Raymond Chavez), Manuel (Leticia) Ramirez, Patricia R. Sosa, Viola (Pete) Saenz, and Carlos (Pat) Ramirez. She is also survived by her two sisters Olga Parker (Shelton (deceased)) and Mary Lou Moreno (Lolo (deceased)). She especially loved her role as being a grandmother to 19 grandchildren. She even enjoyed traveling to Kingsville, Houston, Laredo, Denton, Austin, Florida, Hawaii, Oregon, Washington, and California to attend her grandchildren's graduations, weddings, priestly ordinations, vacations, and births. She is survived by her grandchildren: Amanda Rae Vasquez (Billy Gonzalez), Reynaldo Ramirez, III (Tanya), Omar Rene Ramirez, John David Ramirez, Robert Calamaco, Jr. (Sadie), Anna Marie Castillo (Bryan), Orlando Calamaco (Samantha), Maria Luisa Garza (Juan), Jo Ann Herrera (Robert), Tanya Moreno, Fr. Nicolas Ramirez, Laura Ybarra (Miguel), Fr. Jacob Ramirez, Elizabeth Marie Sosa, Francisco Javier Sosa, Gerardo Reynaldo Sosa, Evelyn Rae Blackwell (Clay), Veronica Medrano (Martin), and Luis R. Garcia (Amanda). She is also survived by 32 great-grandchildren. Calvin Vasquez, Christopher Vasquez, Carolina Nino, Brianna Gonzalez, Arianna Gonzalez, Ernie Lee Michael Ramirez, Belinda Arcelie Ramirez, Samuel James Calamaco, Apolonia B. Calamaco, Anastacia M. Sanchez (Josh), Sarah C. Castillo, B. Kaleb Castillo, Caitlyn Calamaco, Harrison Cruz Calamaco, Addison Grace Calamaco. Jonathan M. Garza (Kristen), Steven R. Garza (Stephanie) Brittanie N. Garza (Rudy), Haley Pena (Luis), Hannah Anderson (Devin), Kennedy Wade (Dominic), Karina Herrera, Roman Herrera, Miguel Ybarra, Zavier Ybarra, Elijah Ybarra, Summer Haven Garcia, Ezra Medrano, Eden Medrano, Elea Medrano, Shelby Lynn Garcia, and Saleen Lee Garcia. She is survived by eight great-great-grandchildren. Miguel Santillana, Jason Garza, James Garza, Jeremiah Garza, Jordan Garza, Jackson Garza, Leo Garza and Carter Montgomery. She even has two more future great-great-grandchildren waiting to enter this world later this year. Also surviving her are numerous nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly. A special thanks to our neighbors, Isidro (Felipa) Flores and Santos (Aurora) Tijerina, who looked out for our beautiful Mom while she lived alone in St. Paul. She also leaves this earth having touched numerous relatives and friends. Our Mom's life was a living example of this Bible Verse, Ephesians 4:32 - "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as God forgave you in Christ." The Ramirez Family will be receiving guests on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, from 4:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Ritchea Gonzalez Funeral Home, 120 S. McCall Ave, Sinton, Tx., 78387. A rosary will be

recited at 7:00 pm and everyone is invited to participate. Funeral services will be Wednesday, July 26, 2023, from the funeral home to Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, 725 Sodville St., Sinton, Tx. Funeral mass will begin at 10:00 am officiated by her two grandsons, Fr. Nicolas Ramirez and Fr. Jacob Ramirez. Interment will follow immediately at Eternal Rest Cemetery, 9129 US-77 BUS, Sinton, Tx., 78387. Pallbearers are Manuel Ramirez, Carlos Ramirez, Robert Calamaco, Jr., Francisco J. Sosa III, Luis R. Garcia, and Omar Rene Ramirez. Honorary Pallbearers are Reynaldo Ramirez, Jr., Raymond Chavez, Pete Saenz, Rodrigo Sanchez, Fr. Nicolas Ramirez, Fr. Jacob Ramirez, Gerardo Reynaldo Sosa, Orlando Calamaco, John David Ramirez, Reynaldo Ramirez III, Juan Garza, Robert Herrera, Rick Moreno, and Carlos Porras.

**Raul R. Ramirez** passed away on August 31, 2022, at the age of 88. Raul was born on April 8, 1934, in Mercedes, Texas to Jose Ramirez and Margarita Ramirez. He was a resident of Sinton, Texas. Raul was a former Mariachi player, barber, and a baker with The Ramirez Bakery, owned by his parents. His passion was drawing and painting. He painted numerous signs throughout Sinton. Raul served in the United States Army. He was a loving brother, uncle, nephew, and friend who will be missed by all who knew him. He is preceded in death by his parents and sister-in-law, Esperanza Ramirez. Raul is survived by his brothers, Ruben R. Ramirez (Maria Elena) of Houston, Texas, Rene R. Ramirez of Sinton, Texas, Romeo R. Ramirez (Amparo) of Corpus Christi, Texas, and numerous nieces, nephews, and aunts. All services will be private.

**Rebecca Reese Ramirez** was born June 19, 2020 and gained her wings peacefully in her sleep on Sunday, August 16, 2020 in her home. Her time on this Earth may have been short but she filled the hearts of her family with an abundance of love and happiness with her beautiful brown eyes, gorgeous hair, and infectious smile. She loved being held by her mommy and daddy, but she especially loved the hugs and kisses from her big brother. Rebecca is survived by her parents, Roger and Karina Ramirez, her loving big brother, Theodore Roger Ramirez, her maternal grandparents, Alejandro Rodriguez of Edroy, Texas, Dorothy Martinez Rodriguez of Edroy, Texas, paternal grandmother, Sandra Calvo of Corpus Christi, Texas, grandparents, Rogelio and Cristina Ramirez of Midland, Texas. Open visitation was held Thursday, August 20, 2020 from 3 PM to 5 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. The Ramirez family is grateful for all the love and support they have received from family and friends.

**Viola O. Ramirez** was born on February 12, 1946 to Pablo and Manuela Ramirez in Sinton, Texas and passed away on October 7, 2021. She was a lifelong resident of Sinton and was also known as Nancy and Tia Nene. Viola leaves behind two sisters, Margaret Sambrano and Julie

(Bonifacio) Guerra and one brother, Luis Ramirez, all of Sinton, along with numerous nieces and nephews. Preceding Viola in death were her parents, whom she missed every day of her life. At the end of her days on earth, she was reminded that she would be reunited with them and even though she no longer could use her words, she smiled to acknowledge, and we are sure the reunion was beautiful. Also preceding her in death were her sister-in-law, Alice Ramirez, brother-in-law Edward Sambrano, and niece, Linda Lopez. This reunion also brings the family comfort. Viola was born with polio and even though she faced many obstacles, she was a stubborn woman that lived her life as she wanted. In a time where traditional school was not available to her, she made the best of what she had and lived independently before moving to Windsor Nursing Home in Calallen in 2016. The family would like to acknowledge and thank Windsor Nursing Home and Harbor Hospice for the care given to Viola. A funeral mass will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021 at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Sinton at 1 PM and burial at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Rosa M. Ramos**, 73, loving mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt passed away on Saturday, June 19, 2021. She was strong-willed and strong-hearted, she never gave anything up without a good fight throughout her life. She thoroughly enjoyed a wide variety of music and always kept her record and album collections from her teen years. She especially enjoyed time with her family and barbecues. She is survived by her loving family, her sons, Bobby Trevino of Sealy, Jerry Trevino of Corpus Christi, and Benny Trevino of Portland, her daughter, Belinda Ray of Corpus Christi, her brothers, Agapito Molina and Salvador Molina, Jr. of Sinton, her sister, Ester Garcia of St. Paul and 13 grandchildren. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Sunday, June 27, 2021 at Ritchea- Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Monday, June 28, 2021 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

**Leonila Rea** passed away on Sunday, December 24, 2023, at the age of 84 of natural causes. She was born on January 17, 1939, in San Pablo Ranch to her father, Felix Salas and mother, Lydia Dora Salas. Leonila met her husband, Benito Rea Sr., while they were both picking cotton. They married in July of 1959 and started a family in Freer, Texas. In January of 1972, Leonila and her husband, Benito Rea Sr., moved to Odem, Texas where they became lifelong residents. Leonila was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, aunt and friend whose kindness was known by many. Leonila is preceded in death by her husband, Benito Rea Sr., her father, Felix Salas, her mother, Lydia Dora Salas, her sisters, Clemencia Salas and Ludivina Garza. Leonila is survived by her children, Benito Rea Jr., Iris (Freddie) Asevedo,

Duvelia (John) Roehling, Gerardo Rea, and Lydia (Mauro) Aguirre, 12 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren. A visitation will be held on December 28, 2023, at Ritchea Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton Texas from 9am-12pm. The service will be held at 2pm and interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery. Pallbearers are Jacob Asevedo, Joshua Galves, Tony Candela, David Cano, Alejandro Flores, and Jon Bravo; honorary pallbearers are Freddie Asevedo and Mauro Aguirre.

**Jeremy Reyna**, 28, passed away on Friday, December 25, 2020. Jeremy was born on November 1, 1992, in Corpus Christi to Jennifer Guzman and Rodolfo Reyna, Jr. He had been employed as a concrete tester. He is survived by his grandmother, Janie Rodriguez of Sinton, his mother, Jennifer Guzman of College Station, his father, Rodolfo Reyna, Jr. of Sinton, his brother, Isaiah Garcia of College Station, his sisters, Dannielle Cardenas and Audrey Garcia of College Station. A prayer service will be held at 7 PM Saturday, January 2, 2021, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 AM Sunday, January 3, 2021, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Matthew James Reyna**, 16, passed away on Sunday, April 21, 2019. He was a student at Odem-Edroy High School. He is survived by his parents, Santiago, III and Kimberly Reyna of Edroy, his sisters, Kayla Reyna, Mariah Reyna and Jordan Reyna of Edroy, his paternal grandparents, Santiago, Jr. and Mary Lou Reyna of Odem, his maternal grandparents, Nelda Melendez of Corpus Christi and Jose De Leon of California, his nephew, Ethan Reyna and his niece, Raelynn Villarreal. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Wednesday, April 24, 2019 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Thursday, April 25, 2019 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant.

**Rosendo "Nune" Reyna, Jr.**, 55, loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend passed away Sunday, October 8, 2023. Rosendo was born on November 20, 1967, to Simona and Rosendo Reyna, Sr. in Sinton, Texas. Rosendo loved fishing, BBQ cookouts and doing small projects. He was a father figure to a lot of his nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his mother, Simona C. Reyna, his sister, Amy Barrientz, his grandmothers, Aurora L. Carranza and Carmen Reyna and his grandfather, Nicolas Reyna. He is survived by his wife, Rachel L. Garcia of Sinton, his son, Rosendo Reyna, III of Sinton, his daughters, Julia (Joseph) Reyna Villarreal of Sinton and Cassandra (Brandon) Almaguer of Odem, his granddaughter, Jalissa Raina Villarreal of Sinton, his father, Rosendo Reyna, Sr. of Sinton, his brothers, Randy (Daisy) Reyna, Sr. of Sinton and Rey Lee Reyna of San Antonio, his sisters, Lisa Reyna of

Sinton and Jennifer Reyna of Metarie, Louisiana, his father-in-law and mother-in law, Manuel and Tina Garcia of Sinton. A rosary will be recited at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, October 17, 2023, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2023, from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7:30 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held at 10 AM, Wednesday, October 18, 2023, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton. The family would like to give a Special Thanks to the staff at Doctor's Regional Hospital, Fresenius Kidney Center in Sinton and especially Dr. Amber Kaldas for always going above and beyond and always treating him like a "Movie Star".

**Helen Anna Richter**, 91, died August 14, 2016. Now with the Lord, she has rejoined her beloved husband, Paul, who predeceased her four years ago. Helen was born on July 12, 1925, in Taylor, Texas, to Albert and Ludmila Gola. Helen was an active member of Sacred Heart Church. She enjoyed being involved in all of the church's fundraisers, funeral dinners, and served on the Parish Council. Helen especially loved working on the beautiful quilts made by the Sacred Heart Quilting club until her health prevented her from participating anymore. Besides quilting, Helen loved reading, gardening, playing Bunco and dominoes. Helen goes home to the Lord to reunite with her Husband, Paul; son, Henry Lee; grandson, Aron Allan; and parents, Albert Gola, and Henry and Ludmila Michalik. Helen leaves behind to cherish her memories one daughter, Patricia Olson of Corpus Christi; three sons Richard Richter of Corpus Christi; Charles Richter (Penny) of Mathis; Randal Richter (Sabina) of Sinton; seven grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and her beloved "Kitties", Skillet, Nubbin, and Big Boy. Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Adam Richter, Kevin Olson, Bryan Richter, Randal Richter, Richard Richter, III, and Jason Smith. Helen's family would like to express our deepest gratitude to all her caregivers, Chaplain Tim Henson, and New Century Hospice who ministered to our mother in her final years. Their compassion and concern were blessings to all involved. Services were held Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Rev. Andrew Hejdak officiating. Viewing began Tuesday, August 16, 2016 from 1:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Viewing was also held at 9:00 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. at The Sacred Heart Catholic Church, followed by the rosary, with Holy Mass starting at 10:00 A.M. Services will conclude at the church. At her request burial will be private. In lieu of flowers you may make a donation in her name to an animal shelter of your choice. As we celebrate her life and shed tears in our grief, we rejoice knowing that our father and our mother are together once again in heaven.

**Jose Rico**, 73, passed away on Saturday, December 4, 2021 following a long illness. Jose was born on May 19, 1948 in Sinton, Texas to Eleno Rico and Luz Ramirez. He was a retired farmer. He is survived by his sons, Luis Rico and Miguel Rico of Wisconsin, his brother Ricardo Martinez of San Antonio, his sisters, Maria Luisa Serna, Yolanda Castillo, Juanita Martinez and Cruzita Cancino of Sinton, numerous nieces and nephews. A visitation will be held Friday from 1 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Saturday, December 11, 2021 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. The family requests that masks be worn at the visitation and at the church.

**Jeanette Shuptrine Rieder**, devoted wife, mother, friend, and farmer was born in Athens, Texas on November 30, 1954 to Stuart Shuptrine and Bonnie Dover Shuptrine. She went to her forever home on September 30, 2021. Jeanette will be incredibly missed by her surviving family: her husband of 44 years, Bobby; three sons: Josh (Amber), Jake (Ericka), and Joey (Jennifer); eleven grandchildren: Elijah, Weston, Tristan, Eirabelle, Valen, Tatum, Lester, Birdie, Hailey, Emmy, Garrett, and one on the way; one older brother: John Shuptrine, and triplet sisters: Jane Hubert and Judy Shuptrine; also ten nieces and nephews who were very special to her. She also had a host of special friends that she considered family. Jeanette was the rock of her family and a pillar in her community. She met her husband and best friend in college and was faithfully by his side since. She supported him for over 40 years in their farming operation and was instrumental in its success. She could work circles around most people, still finding time to volunteer at community agriculture events. Jeanette was always the first there and the last to leave. One of her favorite community events was Ag In The Classroom and she helped make it successful every year. She fiercely loved her family and was incredibly proud of each of her children and grandchildren. The walls of her dining room were full of crafts and drawings from her grandchildren. She was lovingly known as "Not Not" to them. She had the most creative ideas to make their visits to her house special every time they were there. It brought her joy to take care of her family and she loved fixing breakfast and lunch for them anytime they stopped by. Her house and kitchen were always open. She loved to sit on the porch in the rocking chair and drink coffee in the morning or a beer in the evenings with Bobby. She had a wonderful sense of humor. You could always count on her for good advice and a good laugh. She could plan a party like no other and added her own special touches to everyone. The name Jeanette means "God is gracious" and there could not be a more accurate description of her than gracious. Jeanette loved God, her friends and family and her life. Even though she left a void that we cannot fill, we are comforted by the fact that she lived everyday like it was her

last, made sure her family knew just how much she loved them, and was joyful and content with her life. To our wife, Mom, Not Not, sister, and friend, we will love and miss you always and we will "see you soon"! All friends of Jeanette are invited to a celebration at Tynan Hall on October 16, 2021 from 12 - 4 PM. Food will be provided. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Al Amin Shrine, 2001 Suntide Road, Corpus Christi, Texas, 78409, in memory of Jeanette S. Rieder for the Shriners Children's Hospital.

**Judith LaJuan Rittiman**, 87, passed from this life on March 30, 2016. She was a registered nurse, a past International Council President of Epsilon Sigma Alpha and more importantly, a member of the Borden Street Church of Christ in Sinton. She was devoted to her husband, Melross, for 54 years before his death in 2003. They spent many hours side by side in the operating room of the Ewing Hospital in Sinton, Texas. After they retired, they spent much time together playing golf and traveling. She is survived by her daughter, Karen Yates, her son Chuck (Kathy) of Sinton and her son, Michael of Las Vegas, Nevada. She was predeceased by three brothers, John Carroll, Don and Jack Snowden, son-in-law Joe Yates, and one great grandson, Douglas Carawan. She is also survived by five grandchildren, Jay (Stacy) Yates, Meagan (Doug) Carawan, Jenell (Ray) Cole, Ross (Lyndsey) Rittiman and Meredith (Tommy) Bowers, 17 great grandchildren and one great-great grandchild. Also surviving her are numerous sorority sisters. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Judy's favorite charity. The address is 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Services were conducted on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 2:00PM at the Borden Street Church of Christ. The family received visitors before the services at 1:00PM in the church building. Interment followed at Palms Memorial Gardens between Taft and Gregory.

**Elida Ortiz Rivera**, "Beve" or "La Beve", was called to her eternal home on Thursday, June 8, 2023. She was born on June 12, 1936, to Petra and Blas Ortiz at La Rosita in Sinton, Texas. She was met at heaven's door by the love of her life Manuel Rivera, her beloved son Cristobal, by her parents, her 11 siblings, many comadres and compadres, friends, and a host of family members. Even though she was the youngest of 12, she was the matriarch of a very large family. It was clear that she was the favorite tia to many of her nieces and nephews. She loved cooking for large groups and was a great hostess to her family members that would come visit. They could always find a place to stay and also enjoy homecooked meals at her home. She served as president of the Guadalupanas at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church for many years, helping with numerous fundraisers, breakfasts, and jamaicas. She was also housekeeper and cook for various priests that served at that church. Before that she was a seamstress at Haggard

Slacks in Robstown for 20 years. Her favorite title, though, was "Wela". Her grandchildren, the joys of her life, are Gabriel Rivera, Erika Rivera, Tanya Rivera (Joseph Aceves), Benjamin Trujillo, Michael Trujillo (Kayla), Matthew Trujillo (Brittany), Monica Saldana (Rolando), and Melinda Moreno (Gabriel). Great-grandchildren are Jasiah Rivera, RJ and Christiano Reyna, Bethany and Braxton Aceves, Raelynn, Chase, and Christian Saldana, Hayden, and Addie Jo Trujillo, and Jase and Tate Moreno. In addition to the above mentioned, Elida is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Flora and Benito Trujillo, and daughter-in-law, Esmeralda Rivera. She also leaves behind many nieces and nephews. Her legacy will continue through those whom she loved and those who loved her. Many thanks to Visiting Angels, Del Cielo Hospice, and Premiere of Alice Assisted Living and Memory Care Facility. Arrangements are under the direction of Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton. A rosary will be recited at 10:30 AM Thursday, June 15, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with a funeral mass to follow at 11 AM with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant.

**Manuel S. Rivera**, 80, was called home on Sunday, March 26, 2017 where he was greeted at the gates of heaven by his son Cristobal, who preceded him in death. Manuel was born on September 21, 1936 in Taft, Texas to Porfirio and Flora Saenz Rivera. His mom passed when Manuel was very young, and he was later raised by his loving stepmother, Juanita. He had 11 siblings; Leonardo, Arnulfo, Angelina, Eduardo, Alfredo, Ruben, Javier, Leticia, Roberto, Andres and Michael. He attended schools in Taft and later served in the U.S. Army for two years. He married the love of his life, Elida Ortiz of Sinton on December 26, 1958. Manuel worked in the auto parts business for over 40 years and later at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church until he retired in 2012. He was a very quiet, humble and kind man, as well as a dedicated Dallas Cowboys fan. He leaves behind to continue his love and legacy his devoted wife Elida, daughter, Flora Trujillo (Benito), daughter-in-law Esmeralda Rivera (Cristobal) his 8 grandchildren who fondly called him "Welo", Benjamin, Michael (Kayla), Matthew (Brittany), Monica (Rolando Saldana), Melinda Trujillo, Gabriel, Erika and Tanya Rivera (Joseph Aceves) and his 10 great-grandchildren who always put a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eyes, Bethany, Jasiah, Raelynn, Hayden, Chase, RJ, Addie Jo, Christian, Braxton and Christiano. A rosary was recited at 6:00PM Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Funeral mass was celebrated at 2:00PM Friday, March 31, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Paul Rajaregam as celebrant. Funeral arrangements entrusted with Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home.

**Daniel G. Rodriguez**, 57, passed away on Wednesday, December 2, 2021. Daniel was born on November 7, 1964 in Sinton, Texas. He is survived by his husband, Israel De Leon, Jr. of 26 years, his mother, Alice Rodriguez, his siblings, Gracie Torres, Richard Rodriguez (Nora Gonzales), Pete Rodriguez (Lupita Rodriguez), Leticia Pizana (ViVi Pizana) and Lisa Hernandez (Marcos Ortiz), nine nieces and one nephew, twenty-three great nieces and nephew. He is preceded in death by his dad, Pedro G. Rodriguez, Sr. Sometimes you go through life and if you're lucky you meet someone special that changes you to be your best. Daniel was that person who always brought laughter, fun and his heart into every relationship he touched. Daniel loved his family and friends and will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him. A visitation will be held Monday, December 6, 2021 from 3 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary to be recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Tuesday, December 7, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Pete Elizardo as celebrant. The family requests that masks be worn at the visitation and mass.

Precious baby boy, **Jeriyah Rodriguez**, was born on Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 12:26 p.m. to parents Adrian Rodriguez and Gabriella Vasquez of Odem, Texas. He weighed 5 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18 inches long. Heartbreakingly, Jeriyah was not able to remain with us in our world and passed away at birth. Jeriyah is forever loved by his mommy and daddy and his big sister Skyla. His paternal grandparents Adrian and Maria Del Carmen Rodriguez, his maternal grandparents Jose and Estella Vasquez, his paternal great-grandmother Maria de Jesus Montreal, his maternal great grandmother Carmen Vasquez will forever hold Jeriyah in their hearts. His aunts and uncles, his cousins and many others will cherish him and his memory always. Jeriyah will always remain his parents' precious baby and Skyla's little brother, and they will reunite with him again in heaven one day. Visitation will be on Wednesday, March 20, 2024, from 12 PM to 2:30 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home (120 S McCall, Sinton, Tx, 78387) with a mass being held at 3 PM at Sacred Heart of Jesus (401 West Willis, Odem, Tx 78370). Burial to follow at San Pedro Cemetery on Highway 77 in Odem.

**Juan Gomez Rodriguez**, 70, born on May 15, 1945, passed away on Friday, December 18, 2015 in Corpus Christi, Texas. He was preceded in death by his wife Odilia Rodriguez, father Gregorio Rodriguez, his mother Josefa Gomez Rodriguez, his brothers, Martin and Jose, his sisters Pauline Rodriguez and Petra Blanco. He is survived by his brother Pablo (Yolanda) Rodriguez, his sister Margarita Flores and special grandniece Enola Cordova and a special friend Stephanie Garza. He was a former employee of the South Texas Health System for three years and a former employee of the United States Postal Service for 29 years. He was a Vietnam

veteran and a recipient of the Commendation medal plus other military medals. He was a lifelong member of American Legion of Rockport, Texas, the VFW of Ingleside, Texas and the Disabled American Veterans of Texas. He was a 1964 honor graduate of Sinton High School and a 1966 graduate of Del Mar College. He received his BBA degree from Texas A&I University in Kingsville in 1974. He was loved by family members and friends and he will be missed dearly. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Sunday, December 20, 2015 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00AM Monday, December 21, 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Paul Rajaregam celebrant. Interment followed at 12:00PM at the Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery with full military honors.

**Julia Tovar Rodriguez**, 71, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister aunt and friend went to be with the Lord on Sunday, April 2, 2023, following a sudden illness. Julia enjoyed cooking, sewing, spending time with her family and gossiping. She is survived by her loving family, her sons, Manuel (Misty) Rodriguez of Odem and David Rodriguez of Ohio, her brothers, Ambrosio Tovar, Patricio Tovar and Julian Tovar, Jr. of Rio Hondo, her sisters, Herminia Alvarez and Ofelia Owens of Rio Hondo, Jesusa Bravo and Alicia Torres of Odem, four grandchildren and one great grandchildren. A visitation will be held on Monday, April 17, 2023, from 1 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 9:30 AM, Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father George as celebrant. Interment will follow at Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery in Corpus Christi.

**Laverne Lee Soto Rodriguez**, 64, loving wife, sister, and friend passed away on Sunday, October 10, 2021 following a long illness. She is survived by her husband, Jose Rodriguez of Knox City, Texas, her brothers, Danny Martinez, Augustine Martinez, Jr., and Jack M. Martinez of Abilene, Eddie Martinez of San Antonio, and Robert Martinez of Colorado, her sister, Helda D. Martinez of Abilene and numerous other family members. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM, Thursday, October 14, 2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with Pastor Joshua Robinson officiating. Interment will follow at the Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

**Manuela Zamudio Rodriguez**, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, great great grandmother, aunt and friend passed away August 16, 2015. She was born May 19, 1916 to the late Julian and Apolonia Zamudio, she was the last surviving child of six children. Dona Manuelita was a long time resident of Odem, Tx. and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church where she was a member of the Guadalupanas and acursillista. She was a loyal Odem

Owls and Dallas Cowboys (Los Estrellas as she would say) fan. She was preceded in death by her husband, Felipe Rodriguez, Sr., daughter Marina Rodriguez, her son Mayor Jessie Rodriguez, Sr., daughter Liceria Chapa, grandson Gerardo Salinas, four brothers, one sister, several nieces and nephews. She is survived by her son Felipe (Elsie) Rodriguez, Jr., daughters, Lupe (Ricardo) Salinas, Delores and Janie Rodriguez and daughter-in-law Delia Rodriguez, numerous grandchildren, great and great great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11:00AM Thursday, August 20, 2015 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem. Interment followed at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem. Serving as pallbearers will be her grandsons Gus Salinas, Jessie Rodriguez, Jr., Felipe (Phillip) Rodriguez, III, Jonah Rodriguez, Carlos Garza and Thomas Chapa, Jr. Honorary pallbearers will be great grandsons, Jessie Rodriguez, III, Christian Rodriguez, Ivan Rodriguez and Gus (L.G.) Salinas.

**Pedro Rodriguez, Sr.**, 84, loving husband, father, and grandfather passed away on Monday, June 22, 2020 following a long illness. He served as Pct. 3 Commissioner for San Patricio County until his retirement in 2006, he served as a council member for the City of Odem for two terms, served as a school board member for OdemEdroy I.S.D. for 15 years and served as Director for the San Patricio County Community Action Agency for 22 years. He is survived by his wife, Irma Rodriguez of Sinton, his sons, Pete (Lupita) Rodriguez, Jr. of Odem, Danny (Israel) Rodriguez of San Antonio and Richard Rodriguez of Odem, his daughters, Gracie Torres, Leticia (Vivi) Pizana and Lisa (Marcos) Rodriguez of Odem, his sister, Martina (Manuel) De Ruedo 10 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at Sacred Heart Church with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

**Rachel Rodriguez**, 35, loving mother, sister, aunt and friend passed away on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. Rachel is survived by her loving family, her sons, Jose Bello Cantu, Jr. and Aiden Rey Bello Cantu of Taft, her boyfriend, Jose Bello Cantu of Taft, her brothers, Mike Rodriguez of Aransas Pass, Bobby Rodriguez of Sinton, Rudy Rodriguez, Randy Rodriguez, and Ronnie Rodriguez of Taft and Roy Rodriguez of Victoria, her sisters, Kayla Rodriguez of California, Rosa Rodriguez of Odem and Ruby Rodriguez of Taft, many relatives and friends. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Monday, November 22, 2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Tuesday, November 23, 2021 at Immaculate

Conception Catholic Church with Father John McKenzie as celebrant. Interment will follow at Lamas Memorial Park Cemetery in Taft.

**Ramiro (Ram) M. Rodriguez**, 66, of Odem, Tx passed away of natural causes on October 24, 2020. Ramiro M. Rodriguez was born in Sinton, Tx on October 9, 1954 to Dario Rodriguez and Maria Montoya Rodriguez. He attended Odem High School and received his GED in Odem and continued on to receive his Welding Certificate in 1981. Ramiro was married to the love of his life Judy G. Rodriguez on October 1, 1971, and were married for 37 years when she passed. Ramiro was a devoted loving father and grandfather. A loyal friend; someone who never hesitated to lend a helping hand. Ramiro enjoyed watching old westerns and was a loyal Dallas Cowboys football fan. Most of all he enjoyed spending time with his family. His days off were dedicated to listening to music, singing, dancing, and spending time outdoors. Ramiro will be lovingly remembered for his big smile, warm hugs, and caring soul. Ramiro is preceded in death by his wife, parents, his brother Jesse Rodriguez and sister Maria Cordova. He is survived by his three daughters, Cynthia Rodriguez of Sinton, Rebecca Kidd (Scotty) of Odem, and Victoria Rodriguez of Sinton, four adoring grandchildren, Martin, Mathew, Megan, and Bailey Castillo, his brothers, Inez (Martha) Rodriguez of Sinton, Sabino (Cathy) Rodriguez of San Antonio, and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home on Thursday, November 5, 2020, from 1 PM to 9 PM, with a rosary held at 7 PM. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 2 PM Friday, November 6, 2020, at Sacred Heart Church in Odem to be officiated by Father Peter Elizardo. Burial will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem on November 6, 2020. The memories of the love he showed us will live forever in our hearts!

**Ramon Rodriguez**, 77, loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather passed away on Sunday, February 20, 2022. Ramon was a loving, caring and wonderful man to his family. He had been employed as a truck driver and had many hobbies. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Oralía Rodriguez of Sinton, his sons, Michael Rojas of Sinton and Raymond Rodriguez, Jr. of Corpus Christi, his daughter, Eva Rodriguez of Flour Bluff, three grandchildren, Chancery Rojas of South Carolina, Guadalupe Rodriguez and Roberto Rodriguez of Corpus Christi and numerous great grandchildren.

**Reynaldo Rodriguez, Jr.**, 58, passed away on Thursday, March 11, 2021. Reynaldo was born on October 1, 1962, in Sinton, Tx to Reynaldo, Sr. and Rosa Abrego Rodriguez. He was preceded in death by his father, Reynaldo Rodriguez, Sr. and his sister, Sylvia Jimenez. He was

the definition of creative. As he aged, his favorite pastime became building home decor from scratch. He could turn a 2x2 piece of wood into a beautiful work of art. His eye for design allowed him to fill a room with personality. Those who knew Rey, knew that he was not lacking in personality. He was a man whose mission was to make people laugh and he delivered on that promise at every chance he could. Even now, his family still smiles as they think of the impact he made on their lives. He was a loving father, husband, brother, son, and friend. Although cancer may have taken its toll on his body, it never touched his spirit. His strength, kindness, love, and humor will be as strong and everlasting as his spirit in the hearts of those who loved him. He is survived by his loving family, his husband, Robert Rodriguez, his sons, Adrian Michael Rodriguez of Sinton, Reynaldo Kieser of Phoenix, Az and Mayson Rodriguez of Grand Forks, North Dakota, his mother, Rosa Veliz of Sinton, his brothers, Raymond Rodriguez and Fred Rodriguez of Sinton, his sisters, Paula Garza, Delfina Reyes and Rosa Saye of Sinton and two grandchildren. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Saturday, March 13, 2021, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 1 PM Sunday, March 14, 2021, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

**Onofre G. Rojas**, 89, passed away Thursday, September 16, 2021 following a short illness. He was born on March 23, 1932 in Bishop, Texas to Fabriciano and Francisca Galvan Rojas. He had been employed as a carpenter. He is survived by his loving family, his brothers, Ernesto and Mary Rojas of Robstown and Raul Rojas of Sinton and his sister, Oralia R. and Ramon Rodriguez of Sinton. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

**Faustino Romero**, 79, passed away Saturday, October 6, 2018 after a short illness. He was a Veteran and former employee of Union Pacific Railroad. He is survived by his two daughters Lisa Beavers and Tina Buffa, both of Sinton, three sisters, Lolie Shewey, Alice Waddle, and Mary Elena Evans, and two Grandchildren. A rosary was recited Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 7 P.M. at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Chapel. A Christian service was held at 12 P.M. Monday, October 15, 2018 at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Interment followed in the Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery with full military honors.

**Santos Jose Romero, III**, 39, passed away on Monday, August 9, 2021 following a short illness. He is survived by his loving family, his wife Jasmine Romero of Edroy, his sons, James Alexander Romero, Adam Jacob Romero, and Isaac Luke Romero, his daughter, Isabella Genesis Romero all of Edroy, his parents, Santos and Helen Romero, Jr. of Edroy, his brothers,

Arturo Romero and Marcos Romero of Edroy, and his sister, Heather Effron of Florida. Graveside services will be held at 10 AM Monday, August 16, 2021 at Edroy Cemetery in Edroy. People attending must wear masks.

**Arah Sue Roth**, was larger than life. She was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on July 31, 1946 and passed away Easter Sunday from a year long battle with cancer April 16, 2017. She is preceded in death by her husband, Harry Roth. What an amazing gift she passed into the arms of Jesus on the very day we celebrate His victory over death. She was a proud member of the Daughter's of the Republic of Texas and had a love for family, friends, neighbor's children, animals, quilting and knives. She is survived by her two daughters, Sheila Roth Carter (Michael Carter) and Sherry Roth Elshaug, (Aaron Elshaug) four grandchildren, Raquel Gage, Matthew Carter, Bjorn Elshaug and Ingrid Elshaug and one great granddaughter, Isla Gage. She was very much loved and will be greatly missed. May she rest in peace. Visitation was held on Friday, April 21, 2017 from 9:00AM to 4:00PM with the family receiving friends from 5:00PM to 7:00PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services were held at 1:00PM Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Evergreen Cemetery with Rev. Willis Moore officiating. Interment followed.

**Edwin Ray Rothlisberger**, 89, passed away on Monday, May 2, 2022, following a long illness. Edwin loved the Lord and being a choir leader in the church. He also loved listening to music and dancing. He is survived by his sons, Allen Rothlisberger of Odem, Chuck (Stephanie) Wood of Odem, Rick (Christina) Wood of Virginia, and Rodney Wood of Corpus Christi. He is also survived by his daughters Pam (David) Metting of Odem and Janis (Bern) Prather of Camp Wood; his brothers Gerald Holubeck of Tynan, Texas; Larry Holubeck of New Braunfels, Texas; and Gary Holubeck of Skidmore, Texas; his daughter-in-law Sharon Rothlisberger of Sinton, 16 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild. Graveside services will be held at 10am Wednesday, May 4, 2022, at Evergreen Cemetery in Odem with Pastor Willis Moore officiating.

**Arlene Gale Rothlisberger**, 80, loving wife, mother and grandmother, passed away on Wednesday, November 10, 2021 following a long illness. Arlene enjoyed going to church, going to the Senior Citizen Center and loved to dance and travel. She is survived by her loving family, her husband, Edwin Rothlisberger of Odem, her children, Janis (Vernon) Prather, Rickey (Christina) Wood, Chuck (Stephanie) Wood, Rodney Wood, Pam (David) Metting, Allen Rothlisberger, Barbara (Ken) Roebuck and Sheryl (Richard) Luedecke, 16 grandchildren, 19 great grandchildren and 1 great great grandchild. Graveside services will be held at 12:00 PM

Wednesday, November 17, 2021 at Memory Gardens Cemetery in Corpus Christi with Rev. Willis Moore officiating. Interment will follow.

**Pastor Ramiro S. Rubio**, 66, of Odem, Texas passed away on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. He was born March 4, 1957, in Robstown, Texas, the son of Domingo Rubio and Guadalupe Sanchez Rubio. He was happily married to Dolores Rubio for 50 years. Our dad, Pastor Ramiro Rubio was a God-fearing man, who dedicated his life to serving God and others. He was called to ministry in 1985, allowing him to share the word of Christ for 39 years. He has impacted so many lives in this world, with his beautiful kind heart, some of which we are unaware of. His smile lit up room and his kind heart always found a way to encourage others, especially those in need. He was an incredible example of Christ who exemplified his heart for others, as a husband, father, father-in-law, grandfather/great grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. Thank you Dad for everything that you have done. Today we will say our goodbyes, even though your spirit has left us, your memories will always be in our hearts. We love you daddy! Ramiro is preceded in death by his parents, Domingo and Guadalupe Sanchez Rubio, his siblings, Irma Rubio, Robert Rubio, Domingo Rubio, Jr., Adan Rubio and Martin Rubio. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Dolores Rubio of Odem, his son, Ramiro Rubio, Jr. of Odem, his daughters, Belinda (Juan) Pena, Dolores (Henry) Martinez and Noemi (Billy) Reyna all of Odem, his brothers, Armando Rubio of Robstown, Juan Rubio of Odem, Jesse Rubio, Victor Rubio and Roy Rubio all of Ohio, and Eddie Rubio of Odem, his sisters, Odilla Flores of Dallas, Diana Cardenas of Robstown and Sylvia Perez of Odem, 11 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren and many extended family members. A visitation will be held on Saturday, October 14, 2023, from 12 PM to 9 PM with a prayer service at 7 PM at the Full Gospel Church (6067 Hwy 77) in Odem. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Sunday, October 15, 2023, at the Full Gospel Church (6067 Hwy 77) in Odem. Interment will follow at the San Pedro Cemetery in Odem. Ni lo alto, ni lo profundo, ni ninguna, otra cosa creada, nos podra sparar, del amor de Dios, que es en Cristo, Jesus Senor Nuestro. Romans 8:39 / Nor height, nor depth, nor any other, creature, shall be able to separate us, from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:39.

**Agustin Caballero Ruiz**, 87, loving husband, father, grandfather and friend went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Augustin was a retired farmer, was well known in Odem for selling watermelons, and had many other hobbies. He was preceded in death by his sons, Ramon Ruiz, Ruben Ruiz and Agustin Ruiz. Jr. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Veronica Ruiz of Odem, his daughters, Sylvia Ruiz of Odem, Norma Placencia of Lubbock, and

Olga Ruiz of Levelland, 24 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren and 10 great great grandchildren. No services will be held.

**Michael Anthony Ruiz**, 36, passed away Monday, September 7, 2020. He was born on May 8, 1984 in Sinton, Texas to Sandra Perez and Michael Ruiz. He is survived by his mother, Sandra Cano of Amarillo, his father, Michael Ruiz of Houston, his stepfather, David Joseph Rodriguez of Corpus Christi, his brother, David Joseph Rodriguez of California, his stepsister, Stephanie Ruiz of Humble and his maternal grandmother, Eva Adkins of Beeville, numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. A memorial mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday, October 9, 2020 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Following the mass, the family will have a visitation from 1 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home.