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On January 25, 2018, **Helen Beatrice Hunt Johnson** left her earthly home on Angel's wings to begin her journey to the presence of our Heavenly Father where, as a child of God, she will dwell forevermore without pain or sorrow. She was born April 9, 1920 near Mathis, Tx to Samuel Franklin Hunt and Beatrice Anderson Hunt. The family moved to Sinton, Tx on January 1, 1923 when her father began his long-time service as Sheriff of San Patricio Co. For many years their home was in the upstairs living quarters of the county jail which was a memorable experience for young children. As a teenager she professed her faith in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and was baptized in the First Baptist Church in Sinton, Tx. In 1940 she married Robert Nelson Johnson in Morgan City, La where he had been transferred by Plymouth Oil Co. In 1942 they returned to Sinton where they lived for the remainder of their lives. In 1953 they adopted their beloved daughter Joanna. Through the years they spent many days and nights traversing the sand and shell beaches of Mustang and Padres Islands in their various Jeeps. Helen (lovingly called "Hedy" by her family) graduated from Sinton High School in 1937 where she was a charter member of the National Honor Society. In 2012 she and three other charter members were honored on the 75th anniversary of that organization. She was a Rainbow Girl, member of the Sinton and Portland Order of the Eastern Star, charter member of the San Pat County Historical Commission, member of the San Pat County Library Board and Sinton Public Library Board. She worked many years as Executive Secretary for Plymouth Oil Co. in Sinton. Hedy was a painter in oils and enjoyed donating her paintings to various organizations for fundraising. She was involved in the painting of the historical murals at Jackson Square in Sinton in 1976. She twice assisted in complete restorations of these murals and continued to maintain them until she could no longer climb ladders. Hedy was the matriarch of the Hunt family and extended family. She was a caregiver to several family members during their times of need. She considered helping others a blessing and her true calling in life. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and daughter. Also by four brothers (Sam, Jerry, Lewis and Bobby) and sister (Janie) and four nieces and nephews. She is survived by 10 nieces and nephews and numerous great and great-great nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her dear friend and companion Perfecta Cordova and her little rescue dog Grace Kelly. A memorial service was held at 1 PM Monday, January 29, 2018 at the First Baptist Church. Those who wish to do so may make memorial donations to the Al-Amin Shrine Temple, Children's Burn Hospital (Galveston, Tx) or any pet adoption agency. "Think of me now and again, as I was in life, at a moment when it is a pleasure to recall."

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William "Bill" Kastner, 79, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend passed away Wednesday, March 16, 2022 after a long illness. Bill had been employed as a maintenance supervisor for Odem-Edroy I.S.D. He enjoyed woodwork, yard work and bossing people around. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Sylvia Kastner, his sons, Curtis Kastner of Odem and Mark Kastner of Lampasas, Tx, his sister, Jeannette Kocurek of New Braunfels, Tx, eight grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 10 AM Friday, March 25, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with Rev. Willis Moore officiating. The family requests that masks be worn at the service.

Charles Elton Kellum aka "Stuffy Kellum" passed away on Saturday, September 10, 2022. Stuffy was born in Beeville, Texas on June 1, 1946, on a very stormy night. He is preceded in death by his father, Charles M. "Rusty" Kellum of Sinton, Texas and his mother, Henry Ella Granberry Kellum of Sinton, Texas and his sister, Mary Lynne (Marvin) Havelka of Blanconia, Texas. He is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Stuffy acquired his namesake when he was just an infant. The only way they could keep Stuffy from crying was to "stuff" his face full of food and the name just stuck. Stuffy was a Sinton High School graduate in 1965 and was involved in band and heavily involved in FFA where he raised cattle and horses and also worked at the Red Barn Steakhouse. Stuffy attended Texas Lutheran University. After college, Stuffy returned home and served as an administrative assistant and right-hand man for multiple families including the A.C. Jones family of Beeville, Texas, the Kleberg family of Kingsville, Texas, BFI as a lab technician, and Tony and Joan Kunitz of Sinton, Texas. Stuffy retired after a massive heart attack in 1981, he took care of his mother until her death. Stuffy is mourned by his friends that he considered family around Sinton and especially at "The Biscuit Barn." He will be deeply missed. A visitation will be held Wednesday, September 14, 2022, from 5 PM to 7 PM at RitcheaGonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM, Thursday, September 15, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Sinton Cemetery in Sinton.

Rhoda Dee Kirchman, 89, loving mother and grandmother passed away on Sunday, July 31, 2016 following a short illness. She was born on November 27, 1926 in Luling, Texas to George and Lorena Carter. She had resided in Odem since 1952 and had been employed as a

cashier and office manager for the Odem Grocery Store until her retirement in 2007. She was preceded in death by her husband Gernal Kirchman, her grandson, Warren Nix, two brothers and two sisters. She is survived by her loving family, daughters, Barbara Mann of Sinton and Shirley Nix of Odem,(4) grandchildren, (21) great grandchildren and (9) great great grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 10:00AM Monday, August 8, 2016 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with Rev. Willis Moore, officiating. Interment followed at Evergreen Cemetery in Odem.

John Richard Kuehler, 89, of Castroville, passed away April 4, 2018. He was born to the late John and Eunice Kuehler, on June 20, 1928 in Groom, TX. After some adventurous years of bachelorhood, including a trip to Alaska, Richard married Kathleen Steineman in 1963, and they were long-time residents of Sinton, TX. Richard was a master mechanic and owner of Richard's Garage in Sinton for many years. He was also an active member of the Independent Garagemen's Association of Texas. Richard was as honest as he was competent as a mechanic, helping many area farmers and families during their times of need. Richard was also an avid, semiprofessional photographer and captured many weddings and other significant memories for area residents. When he wasn't fixing cars or taking photos, he enjoyed camping, watching car races, speaking on amateur radio, and talking politics. Richard is preceded in death by his wife Kathleen. He is survived by his son John Kuehler and his wife Katerina of Cortlandt Manor, NY; daughters Gretchen and Theresa Kuehler of San Antonio; daughter Charlotte Weilacher and her husband JR of Poquoson, VA, and daughter Sandra Boenig and her husband Chris of Uvalde, TX. He also is survived by five grandchildren. Visitation and rosary were held at 7 PM Friday, April 13 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton. A funeral mass was celebrated at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday at 10 AM. Following mass, Richard was laid to rest next to Kathleen at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Refugio, TX. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to Sacred Heart Church in Sinton or the ASPCA.

Tony Kunitz, 93, went to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 15, 2016 following a short illness. Tony was born to Richard Kunitz, Sr. and Cecile Bomba Kunitz on December 25, 1922 in Sinton, Texas. He was a practicing Roman Catholic and attended Sinton High School, Texas A&M, College Station and Texas A&I Kingsville. He married Joan Tollett of Berclair, Texas on April 2, 1956. He started welding at 18 years of age and started H&K Construction Company, Inc. in 1950 and H&K Vacuum Truck, Inc. from 1962-2004. Long hours and hard work were the guidelines on which Tony based his success for over 40 years in the pipeline construction industry. At one time H&K Construction Company, Inc. was considered one of the largest

nonunion pipeline construction companies in the world. In 1991, Tony retired but only on a part-time basis. Tony devoted his time to ranching, bird hunting and attending prize fights. Tony was unselfish and was known for his giving heart. Tony has been honored through the years for assisting many individuals, organizations and communities. He was preceded in death by Richard and Cecile Kunitz, Dickie Kunitz, Col Maricielis Kunitz, Ralph Kunitz, Richard Kunitz Jr., Jon Kunitz, Jr., Rickie Kunitz, Agnes Liles, Chas and Nell Tollett and Mary Nell Rooke. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Joan Kunitz and faithful and beloved Paul Ohler and Nancy Wood, Cecil (Bill) Martin of Arlington, Bill (Annette) Liles of Georgetown, Mike (Kathy) Liles of Killeen, Dr. Richard Anthony (Elaine) Liles of Largo, Florida. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Saturday, December 17, 2016 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton. Funeral mass was celebrated at 1:00PM Sunday, December 18, 2016 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Paul Rajaregam as celebrant. Private burial followed at the Sinton Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Matt Petrus, Will Petrus, Rob Thomas, Justin Ohler, Brian Barnick, Danny Lorberau and Chris Arriaga. Honorary pallbearers will be Don Horne, Houston Broughton, Buddy Wood, Hughes Thomas, David Edwards, Ronnie Smothers, Dr. Rene Acuna and Dr. Mickey Wiener and the many men that he treasured and loved, you know who you are and you meant the world to Tony. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the San Patricio and Aransas County Agriculture and Homemakers Show (A&H Show) or a charity of your choice. A meal will be served after the mass at the San Patricio County Fairgrounds Civic Center.

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Victoria (Vickie) Lane gained her wings on Wednesday, November 22, 2023. Vickie was born on July 30, 1934, to Tomas Guerra and Margarita (Barrientes) Guerra. She was a lifelong resident of Sinton, Texas. Vickie was the oldest of a family of 15 children. For many years she was employed by John and Ophelia Whitley as a caregiver in Odem, Texas. Vickie was preceded in death by her husband, Sam Lane, her mother, Margarita Guerra, her father, Tomas Guerra, seven brothers, Marcelino (Max) Guerra, Lazaro (Larry) Guerra, Reymundo (Rey) Guerra, Juan Guerra, Daniel (Danny) Guerra and two other brothers, Amador and Ruben Guerra, that passed away as infants. Also preceded in death by three sisters, Dominga (Minga) Guerra, Romana (Mana) Guerra, and Susie Heiman. Survivors are one brother, Pantaleon (Leon) of Houston, three sisters, Maria (Alice) Czaja of Sinton, Stella Compean of Laredo and Gloria Rankin of Sinton, numerous nieces and nephews, and one special niece, Penelope

Rankin of Anchorage, Alaska. Vickie was her nanny from the time Penelope was a tiny baby of four months old until she was in the third grade at Sinton Elementary. It is with heavy hearts that we say goodbye to Vickie until we meet again. Go find Mom, Dad and all our siblings. Give them a big hug from all of us. A visitation will be held on Monday, November 27, 2023, from 5 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 Tuesday, November 28, 2023, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton. Pallbearers are Frank Guerra, Daniel Guerra, Omar Guerra, Steven Rankin, Nick Guerra, Lee Guerra, and honorary pallbearer, Ruben Barrientez.

Alfredo Lara, Jr., 66, passed away on Monday, March 11, 2019. He had been employed in the construction industry. He is survived by his sons, Freddy Lara and Moses Lara of Sweetwater, Tx, Joey Lara and Jesse Lara of Mathis, his daughter, Angela Lara of Sweetwater, his sisters, Noelia Lara and Ermelinda Garcia of Odem. Visitation was held on Thursday, March 14, 2019 from 1 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM.

Augustin Lara, Sr, age 72, was called by Our Heavenly Father on August 28, 2018. He was born to Lazaro & Estella Lara on September 1st, 1945, in Edroy, Texas. Augustin was a lifelong resident of Edroy, a graduate of Odem High School (Class of 1964) and a proud parishioner of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Edroy. Augustin wore many hats throughout his lifetime. He was a farmer, a carpenter, an electrician, a plumber, a mechanic, a fisherman, a gardener, a grocery manager, and a car salesman. But most importantly, Augustin was a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great-grandfather, a son, a brother, an uncle, a cousin, a nephew, a neighbor, and a friend. Augustin was always ready to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. Augustin is preceded in death by both of his parents, two brothers (Lazaro Jr and Manuel), and his favorite dog, King. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Maricela Lara of Edroy; daughters, Anna Alicia (Rudy Moreno) Lara and Angelica Eloisa (Rudy) Vidaurri, both of Mathis, Alma (Rene) Perez and Amanda (Jason Lopez) Lara, both of Edroy, and Amalia "Angie" (Tom) Silguero of Katy; sons, Adrian (AnnaLisa) Lara of Edroy and Augustin "AJ" (Valerie) Lara Jr. of Corpus Christi; nine sisters; 31 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Rudy Jr & David Moreno, Rene II & Gabriel Perez, Joshua & Jeremy Vidaurri, and Zachary & Joey Aguirre. Honorary Pallbearers will be Claudia Garza (Silguero) & Clarissa Hernandez (Silguero). Viewing services at Ritchie-Gonzales Funeral Home (Sinton, TX) began on Thursday (30th) 3pm - 9pm and Friday (31st) 9am - 9pm; Rosary was on Friday at 7pm.

Funeral mass was held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Edroy at 10am on Saturday, September 1st, with burial following at the Edroy Memorial Cemetery.

Manuel Lara, 60, went to be with the Lord on Sunday, July 12, 2015 following a sudden illness. Manuel was born in Edroy, Texas to Lazaro and Estella Lara, Sr. He attended Odem-Edroy ISD and he joined the Army in 1973. He later received his GED while serving in the Army. He received a degree in Petroleum Engineering from the University of Texas in Austin and another degree in Drafting and Design from South Texas Vocational College. He owned his own janitorial business in Austin. He later moved back to Edroy and served as City Manager for the City of Mathis from 1998 to 2008. He served as City Manager for the City of San Benito from 2008 to the present. He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Lazaro Lara, his brothers-in-law, Bacilio Ortiz, Johnny Lopez and Daniel Pina. He is survived by his loving family, his sons - Paul Anthony Lara and Daniel Lazarus (Jennifer) Lara, his daughters - Sara Elise Lara and Araceli Clarissa Lara, grandchildren - Noah Abraham Villarreal, Ava Danielle Alvarez, Mia Grace Lara and Lazarus Aries Lara, his brother and sisters - Genoveva Ortiz, Petra (Raul) Cavazos, Augustine (Maricela) Lara, Leonor (Onofre) Flores of Edroy, Aurora (Salvador) Garcia, Maria Nieves (Lorenzo) Olivarez, Ofelia Lopez, Beatrice Pina, Estella (Robert) Martinez of Odem and Eufemia (Rene) Cantu of Freer.

Maria Lara, 77, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 following a long illness. She is survived by her sons, Martin Lara of Edroy, Juan Lara of Mathis and Lazaro Lara, III of Corpus Christi, her daughter, Esmeralda Dominguez of New Braunfels, her brothers, Emilio Ortiz of Victoria, Domingo Ortiz of Corpus Christi, Juan Ortiz of La Grange, Robert Ortiz of Odem and Ramiro Ortiz of Edroy, her sister, Sara Gonzalez of La Grange, 10 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7:30 PM Thursday, May 10, 2018 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Friday, May 11, 2018 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Pete Elizardo as celebrant. Interment followed at Edroy Cemetery. A prayer service was held at 7:00 PM Thursday, July 16, 2015 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM Friday, July 17, 2015 at the First Baptist Church, 307 W. Turner St., Odem, Texas. Interment followed at the Edroy Cemetery in Edroy with full military honors.

Ruth Ybarra Lemos, 77, loving mother, grandmother and friend went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, December 27, 2016. She was born in Harlingen, Texas on February 12, 1939 and had been a longtime resident of Sinton. She had been employed as a housekeeper for the Kelly

family until her retirement. She is preceded in death by her husband, Alejandro Lemos, Sr., her mother, Santos Leyva Ybarra, her son, Ruben Lemos, her brother, Juan Leyva, her sisters, Andrea Gonzales, Josefina Villarreal and Raquela Ojeda and her great grandson, Michael Reyes. She is survived by her loving family, her sons, Alejandro (Mary) Lemos, Jr. of Three Rivers and Benito (Sandra) Lemos of Sinton, her daughters, Ruth Avila Padilla of Corpus Christi and Teresa Casas of Houston, 13 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Thursday, December 29, 2016 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00AM Friday, December 30, 2016 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Patrick as celebrant. Interment followed in the Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton. Pallbearers will be Steven Lemos, Alejandro Lemos, III, Aaron Lemos, Marcos Lemos, Bo East, Richard Bone, Mateo Reyes and Joe Cardenas. Honorary pallbearer will be Darby Troup.

Dorothy Boscamp Lightfoot, 89, passed away on Wednesday, March 9, 2022. Dorothy was born March 29, 1932, to the late Arthur and Carrie Boscamp in Sinton, Texas. She grew up in Sinton and graduated from Sinton High School with the class of 1949. Dorothy married her high school sweetheart, Kenneth Evans Lightfoot who preceded her in death. Dorothy was a devoted housewife and loving mother. Dorothy is survived by her daughter, Judy Lightfoot Krohne, her sister, Pauline Boscamp Stewart and her niece, Brenda Dyer Englebert. She is preceded in death by her brothers, Clinton Boscamp and Bobbie Boscamp. Graveside services will be held at 1:30 PM Sunday, March 13, 2022, at Sinton Cemetery.

Mary Grace Limon passed away on Monday April 15, 2019. She was born in Sinton and was preceded in death by her parents, Edwardo Benavidez and Rebecca Pena. She is survived by her daughter, Jessica (Javier) Santellana, her sons, Jeffrey Villanueva and Jeremiah Villanueva, her grandchildren, Mia, Sara and Emma Villanueva, Kristen (Rene), Javier, Jr. (Rebecca), J C (Casey) and Jasmine (Jorge) and 8 great grandchildren, her siblings, Alma, Lois, Cindy, Sally, Lucy, Nora, Fred, George, and Jimmy and their children.

David (Niko) Lee Livar, age 27, passed away on September 6, 2021. He was born July 25, 1994 to Belinda Moreno and Cipriano Livar in Corpus Christi, Texas. David was a lifelong resident of Odem, Texas. He attended OEISD and graduated class of 2013. David was a great part of the Odem community. From little league baseball president to OYFL Cheer Director, he was all about the youth and he was the spirit of the Odem Owls. David was family to all that had the honor to meet him, with the biggest heart ever! No matter what life threw his way he

took it head on and pushed through. David had a laugh and smile that was contagious to any and everyone. He will be deeply missed not only by his family, but by the whole Odem community. David is survived by his father Cipriano (Linda) Livar, mother Belinda (Elio) Amador, sisters Crystal and Cassandra Livar, brother CJ (Ashley) Livar and Adam Livar, grandparents Domingo (Olga) Moreno, Sr., grandfather Casimiro Livar, Jr., nieces, Kaylee, Karina, Adelaide, Kamila, Kambri, Avery and Yolanda Livar, nephews, Rosvin Zuniga, David Lenon, Adrian and Andres Livar. All of his aunts, uncles and endless cousins who loved him so much too! He is preceded in death by his loving grandmother Yolanda Livar. David loved all his nieces and nephews like no other, they were his pride and joy. As they grow up they hope to make him proud. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Wednesday, September 15, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Thursday, September 16, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father Pete Elizardo as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem. Masks will be strictly required at the rosary and mass at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Masks will be available at the church for use. Those refusing to wear masks will be asked to leave.

Armando Ignacio Longoria, 52, passed away on Monday, November 9, 2020. He was born on July 31, 1968, to Sara and Anecleto Longoria, Jr. in Sinton, Texas. He had been employed as a stocker at Walmart. He was preceded in death by his father. He is survived by his mother Sara Longoria of Sinton, his brothers, Anecleto Lino Longoria and Andres Luis Longoria of Sinton, his sisters, Elma Lou Riley, Cynthia Ann Longoria, and Diane Lee Longoria of Sinton. Burial will be held at a later date.

Jesusa V. Longoria, 85, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, and friend passed away on Sunday, March 19, 2023. Jesusa was devoted to praying the rosary and to her family. She also loved to cook, sew and make jewelry. She was preceded in death by the father of her children, Francisco P. Gonzalez, her grandson, Tony Gonzalez, her great granddaughters, Heaven Lee Rodriguez and Miricle Faith Rodriguez, and her pet, Toby. She is survived by her loving family, her sons, Martin (Hilda) Gonzalez of Odem and Clemente Gonzalez of Corpus Christi, her daughter, Maria Rodriguez of Odem, her brother, Anecleto Martinez of Pharr, her sister, Esmeralda Padilla of Alice, 8 grandchildren, 16 great grandchildren, and her nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A visitation will be held on Thursday, March 23, 2023, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday, March 24, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in

Sinton with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

Adelia Bernal Lopez, 80, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend passed away on Monday, July 31, 2023. Adelia loved spending time with her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She loved going out and having a good time, dancing and her soap operas. She is survived by her husband, Juan Lopez of Odem, her son, Juan Daniel Lopez of Odem, her daughters, Laurie Ann Lopez of Odem, Lou Ann Marin of San Marcos and Lina Ann Garcia of Sinton, her brother, Juan Bernal, Jr. of Corpus Christi, her sisters, Guadalupe Balboa and Lenny Magellan of Corpus Christi, nine grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. Visitation will be held from 3 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM on Thursday, August 3, 2023, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday, August 4, 2023, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

Antonio "Tony" Lopez, 57, passed away on Thursday, May 12, 2022. Most who knew Tony know that he lived life to the fullest. He definitely lived life "his way" but his crazy lifestyle never kept him from helping any and everyone who may have needed it. He was a constant fixture in our little town of Edroy, often stopping to help any family, friends, or neighbors that would need it...and always with some good laughs and conversation. He will be missed by everyone who knew him. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Amy Lopez of Edroy, his brothers, Ernesto (Maria) Lopez, Domingo (Elva) Lopez, Rey (Elda) Lopez and Mario Lopez of Edroy, Richard (Gracie) Lopez and Alex (Felecia) Lopez of Odem, Rudy (Roanne) Lopez of Corpus Christi, Peter (Isabel) Lopez and Manuel Lopez of Minnesota and Orlando (Arlene) Lopez of San Antonio, his sisters, Emma Morin and Viola Hernandez of Edroy, Esmeralda Trigo of Michigan, Maria Lopez and Lisa Beltran of Corpus Christi, many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022, from 3 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday, May 20, 2022, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy with Father George as celebrant. Services will conclude at the church.

Carolina G. Lopez, 83, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and friend, passed away on Saturday, January 13, 2024. Carolina was a great cook who loved everybody. She had been employed as a CNA for many years and fought a long battle with diabetes. She is preceded in death by her sons, Johnny Joe Pena and Alfred Pena, her grandson, Calobe Perez,

her sisters, Maria Munoz and Amelia Alafa and her brother, Ricardo Galindo. She is survived by her loving family, her husband, David Lopez of Sinton, her sons, Roque (Sarah) Pena of Ingleside, Robert (Doris) Pena of California and Anthony Lopez of Odem, her daughters, Eloisa Hoy and Linda Pena of Portland and Stephanie (Ruben) Pena of Sinton, numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren and great great grandchildren, A visitation will be held on Friday, January 19, 2024, from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. A funeral mass will be celebrated at 2:30 PM on Saturday, January 20, 2024, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton. Serving as pallbearers will be Xavier Pena, Joseph Pena, Anthony Lopez, Aaron Pena, Eric Pena and Jaime Pena.

Juan A. Lopez, 88, loving father, grandfather, and great grandfather passed away on Friday, September 8, 2023. Juan was a hardworking man who grew up picking cotton. He was a people person, and he was everyone's Grandpa. He is survived by his loving family, his sons, Juan Daniel Lopez, Juan H. Lopez, Jesus Lopez and Joey Lopez of Odem, his daughters, Laurie Ann Lopez of Odem, Lou Ann Marin of San Marcos, Lina Ann Garcia of Sinton, Diana Sosa Emerson of Portland and Delia Lopez of Calallen, numerous grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Sunday, September 10, 2023, at RitcheaGonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Monday, September 11, 2023, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem. Pallbearers will be Scott Castillo, Brandon Beltran, John Ray Lopez, John Richard Lopez, Joe Garcia, and Tanis Serrano.

Maria Benita Lopez, 85, loving mother and grandmother went to be with the Lord on Sunday, May 29, 2016 following a long illness. She was born in Sinton, Texas and had been a lifelong resident of Odem. She was a housewife and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and a member of the Guadalupanas. She loved doing crossword puzzles and watching her Novelas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Nicanor Lopez, Sr., her three daughters, Ofelia Gomez, Juanita Gamez and Olivia Cruz, one grandchild, Nicky Lopez, her parents, Benito and Jesusa Coronado and one special godmother that raised her from childhood, Bernaida Coronado. She is survived by her loving family, eight children, Maria Lopez of Ricardo, Tx., Ruben (Janie) Lopez of Zapata, Tx., Juan Lopez and Linda Lopez of Odem, Nicanor (Charlene) Lopez, Jr. of Baytown, Tx., Robert Lopez, Rudy Lopez and Rene Lopez of Odem and one special grandson, Adam Lopez, 17 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and 4 great great

grandchildren, her special sister-in-law, Virginia Garza of Odem. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00AM Wednesday, June 1, 2016 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment followed at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

Reynaldo Nieto Lopez, 78, loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and brother went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 following a short illness. Reynaldo was a devout Catholic and his faith was very important to him. He was a retired truck driver with a passion for dogs, having been employed by DeSoto Petroleum for sixteen years, Mission Petroleum for fifteen years and Superior Crude Oil for three years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Juan and Teresa Lopez. He is survived by his family, his wife of 47 years, Olivia O.Lopez of Odem, his sons, Ray (Maria) Lopez of Odem and Gary (Rick) Lopez Wiltshire of Ingleside, his daughters, Yolanda (Patrick) Lopez Rettew of Laguna Niguel, California and Belinda Lopez Ware of Texas City, Texas, his brothers, Alfredo Lopez and Esequiel Lopez of Mathis and Juan Lopez of Corpus Christi, his sister, Susie Sendejo of Corsicana, Texas, six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Visitation was held Friday, March 24, 2017 from 1:00PM to 9:00PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel with a holy rosary being recited at 7:00PM. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11:00AM Saturday, March 25, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment followed at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

Robert Lopez, 55, loving brother, uncle and friend, passed away Wednesday, December 1, 2021 after a long illness. He enjoyed Western Movies, was a big Pittsburgh Steelers fan, and a diehard Yellowstone fan. He had a nephew, Adam "The Kid" Lopez, who he loved as a son. He was a member of the Memorial Team Detachment #430 Marine Corp League of Corpus Christi. He is preceded in death by his parents, Nicanor, Sr. & Benita Lopez, his brothers, Juan, Nicanor, Jr., and Ruben Lopez, his sisters, Ofelia Gomez, Juana Gamez, Olivia Cruz, uncle and aunt, Gilberto & Virginia Garza, and a nephew, Nicky Lopez. He is survived by his brothers, Rodolfo Lopez & Rene Lopez of Odem, his sisters, Linda Lopez of Odem and Maria Garza of Zapata, two sister-inlaws, Janie Lopez of Zapata and Charlene Lopez of Alvin. A rosary will be recited at 7 P.M. Friday, December 3, 2021 at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 A.M. Saturday, December 4, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery.

Ruben Ruiz Lopez, 77, passed away on Wednesday, August 25, 2021. Ruben was an all-around handyman, was always willing to lend a helping hand, and enjoyed having a good time. He is survived by his loving family, his sons, Mario Lopez of Corpus Christi and Joe Rodriguez of Kenedy, his step-daughter, Linda Lopez of Waxahachie, his brothers, Matthew Lopez, Frank Lopez, and Mario "Moe" Lopez of Memphis, his sisters, Fina Gonzalez, Frances Garcia, Dominga Morquecho and Julia Ruiz of Memphis and Janie Gonzalez of Mexico, 8 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren and many other relatives. A rosary will be recited Friday, August 27, 2021 at 7 PM at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home chapel. Funeral mass will be Saturday, August 28, 2021 at 11 AM at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow in the Eternal Rest Cemetery.

Refugio Lucio, Jr., 76, passed away on Wednesday, Sept.15,2021 following a sudden illness. He is preceded in death by his parents, Refugio Lucio, Sr. and Adelita Lucio, his wife, Alicia P. Lucio, his brother, Ricardo Lucio, and his sister, Beatrice Lucio. He is survived by his sons, Gerardo Lucio and David Lucio of Sinton, his daughters, Melinda (David) Gonzales, Cristina Lucio and Bella Mead of Sinton, his brothers, Rogelio Lucio of Brownsville, Ruben Lucio of San Antonio, Juan Lucio and Alejandro Lucio of Corpus Christi, his sisters, Alvina Lugo of Taft and Salome Molina of Corpus Christi, and two granddaughters, Meagan Mata and Sabrina Rayne Gonzales. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Tuesday, September 21,2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 9 AM Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

Angel Garcia Luna, Sr., 78, loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle, cousin and friend passed away on Monday, July 11, 2022. Angel was a hard worker that was dedicated to his job. He is survived by his son, Angel Luna, Jr. of Alamo, his brothers, Jesse Luna, Robert Luna and Leroy Luna of Odem, his sisters, Frances Rangel and Rosie Flores of Robstown, Janie Cardenas of Sinton and two grandchildren. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, July 13, 2022, from 2 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Chapel with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM, Thursday, July 14, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father George as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.