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Arturo Saldana, 50, passed away on Monday, May 7, 2018. He was a longtime resident of Sinton and had been employed as a farmer. He is survived by his sons, Mark Anthony Saldana and Arturo Saldana, Jr., his daughter, Kimberly Ann Saldana, his brother Daniel Garcia, his sisters, Modesta (Arturo) Cordova and Orlanda Hinojosa all of Sinton and one grandchild. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Friday, May 11, 2018 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11 AM Saturday, May 12, 2018 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

Ricardo G. Salinas, was born to Gabriel and Cruz (Gonzales) Salinas the 22nd of August 1933, in Saint Paul, Texas. He passed away January 21, 2020 after a long illness at the age of 86 at his home in Odem, Texas surrounded by his loved ones. On May 26, 1963, he was married to Guadalupe (Lupe) Rodriguez in Odem where he lived the majority of his life. Ricardo was a retired diesel mechanic and truck driver. He served in the Army during the Korean War. He was one of the organizers and members of the civic organization known as the Odem-Edroy Care Club during its existence and being a devout Catholic, was a parishioner of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church of Odem. He was active until his failing health prevented his participation. He was preceded in death by his parents and his son, Gerardo, two brothers, Gabriel and Alejandro, and his sister, Elida. Survivors include his wife, Guadalupe, daughter, Veronica who resides in Miami, Florida and son, Gustavus (Gus) of Corpus Christi, five grandchildren, Julianna Salinas and Colby Cavitt, Richard (Kassidy) De La Garza, Ananda Salinas and Gustavus Salinas, Jr. (LG) and three great-grandchildren, Clifford and Birdie Cavitt and Issa De La Garza. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Thursday, January 23, 2020 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday, January 24, 2020 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Pete Elizardo as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery with full military honors.

Alberto Sanchez, Sr., 81, loving father and grandfather passed away on Sunday, August 14, 2022. Alberto loved fishing, hunting, and gambling. He is survived by his loving family, his son, Alberto Sanchez, Jr. of Detroit, Michigan, his daughters, Lori Ann Landin and Mickela (David) Hernandez of Sinton, 8 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel from 1 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Wednesday, August 17, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Services will conclude at the church.

On Sunday evening, September 27th, God welcomed **Alicia Sanchez** into his Kingdom. She had a sudden and brief illness. For the six days that she was in the hospital, she appreciated all of the love and prayers sent her way. Alicia was a lifelong resident of Odem and she was a strong Christian hardworking woman who loved and cared for her family deeply. She prayed and blessed all her family members daily. She will be dearly missed but we know she is now resting and at peace in heaven. She had been a lifelong resident of Odem. She was a homemaker and a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, and great grandmother. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jesus and Cruz Chapa, her brothers, Francisco, Estevan, and Tomas, and her sisters, Jesusa Aranda and Anita Garza. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Reymundo Sanchez of Odem, her daughter, Nora (Rick) Romero of Odem, her sons, Oscar (Mauny) of Odem, Ray (Carmen) of Bovina, and Kris (Elizabeth) of Corpus Christi, 13 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren, her brother, Benito (Mary Lou) Chapa of Aurora, Illinois, her sisters, Leonor Garcia, Maria Cruz (Jessie) Corona and Eva Garcia all of Houston, numerous nieces and nephews. Per her request, her life was honored and remembered with a private ceremony for her immediate family only.

Javier Domingo Sanchez, 55, "Superman" loving father, grandfather, son, brother and friend passed away on Monday, June 19, 2023. Javier was always willing to help anyone who needed help, was a big Texas Longhorn fan and was a member of Texas Most Wanted BBQ team. He was preceded in death by his father Tiodulo

Sanchez. He is survived by his loving family, his son, Johnathan Sanchez, his mother, Clemencia Sanchez of Edroy, his brothers, Hector (Patsy) Sanchez of San Juan, Ramiro (Odilia) Sanchez of Odem and Oscar (Janie) Sanchez of San Antonio and his grandson, Liam Sanchez, and many relatives and friends. A visitation will be held on Wednesday, June 21, 2023, from 1 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Thursday, June 22, 2023, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy with Father George and Father Pete Elizardo as celebrants. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem. Acting as pallbearers will be Lazaro Lara, Armando Soto, Arnold Ortiz, Joe Sanchez, Paul Sanchez, and David Sanchez. Honorary pallbearer will be Martin Lara.

Merida Gomez Sanchez, 61, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 11, 2022. Merida enjoyed reading and crocheting. Her family always came first, especially her grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, Angel Gomez and Dominga Arroyo Gomez, her daughter, Rebecca Sanchez, her siblings, Jose Gomez, Raul Gomez, Yolanda Garza and Elena Perez. She is survived by her loving family, her husband, Abel Sanchez of Sinton, her son, Abel (Krystal) Sanchez of Portland, her grandchildren, Brody Sanchez and Carson Sanchez, her brother, Rey Gomez of McKinney, her sister, Sylvia Medina of Sinton, several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A visitation will be held Tuesday, June 14, 2022, from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Wednesday, June 15, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

Nicolas Sanchez, Jr., 59, loving father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend passed away on Wednesday, January 4, 2023. Nicolas was born on November 19, 1963, in Sinton, Texas to Nicolas and Jovita M. Hernandez Sanchez. Nicolas was a great father, master carpenter and the best fisherman. He is survived by his loving family, his son, Jose J. (Sally) Sanchez, their children, Krysta Maree Sanchez, Miriah Nevaeh Sanchez, Jose Emiliano Sanchez and James Alfonso Sanchez of Ingleside, his daughter, Nicole M. (Rene) Livas and their children, Andre (Nevaeh) Livas, Alexsya Livas, Arya Livas and Ayden Livas of Louisiana, two great grandchildren, Ezekiel Livas and Easton Livas, his brother, Bartolo Sanchez of Corpus Christi, his sisters, Sara (John T.) Decker, Blanca Estella Aleman of Corpus Christi and Guadalupe Canales of Portland and other relatives and friends. No services will be held.

John D. Sandoval, 54, loving father, grandfather, son, brother, uncle and friend went to be with the Lord on Saturday, June 11, 2022. John was born on May 18, 1968, in Karnes City, Texas to Jesse and Anita Sandoval. He had been employed as a heavy machine operator and was a hard worker. He is survived by his loving family, his daughter, Joyce Sandoval of Sinton, his granddaughter, Delilah Lopez, his father, Jesse Sandoval of Kenedy, his mother, Anita Sandoval of Sinton, his sisters, Judy Martinez of Corpus Christi, Norma Jean Hinojosa and Rosemary Castillo of Sinton, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A visitation will be held Saturday, June 18, 2022, from 3 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 11 AM Sunday, June 19, 2022, at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

Aucencio "Teto" Santellana passed away Monday, August 1, 2022, surrounded by his family. He was 77 years old. Teto was born on February 11, 1945, in Odem, Texas, to the late Cruz Sr and Francisca Santellana. A farmer and a self-taught musician, he played accordion, bajo sexto, guitar and sang. He was in many bands, had his own band Los Grandes Seis and helped other musicians over the years. He also played for the church band. Upon retiring, he spent his time mowing lawns, playing music, watching his westerns, sitting on the porch smoking his cigarettes. He met his wife, Suzann Arismendez Santellana in 1959 and they married 7 years later on April 22, 1966. Teto is preceded in death by his parents, Cruz Sr & Francisca Santellana; his sisters Virginia Garza, Esther DeLeon; brother Amado Santellana. Survivors include his loving wife of 56 years, Suzann A. Santellana; his daughter, Sophie (Carlos) Aguirre; granddaughter Carla (Estevan) Aguirre and great-grandson Carlos Jose Delbosque; his son, Sergio Santellana; grandson Rogelio Sanchez; granddaughters Anabella & Zhavia Santellana all from Odem, Texas. Brothers, Cruz Santellana Jr, Santiago Santellana, Juan Santellana of Odem, Texas; Ramon Santellana of Sinton, Texas; Frank Santellana of Victoria Texas; Richard Santellana of Corpus Christi, Texas. Sisters, Olivia Perales of Odem, Texas; Eloisa Urbina of Sinton, Texas and many nieces

& nephews and extended family. Teto will be forever remembered by all those whose lives he touched, whether through his love of music or his jokes. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, August 3, 2022, from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea- Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Thursday, August 4, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father George as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

Georgia Agnes Martinka Schmidt, 91, went to her heavenly home with the Lord on Saturday, January 13, 2018. She was born on January 8, 1927 in rural West St. Paul, San Patricio County, Texas to Peter Martinka and Mary Anna Krchnak. Georgia was born to a large Catholic Czech farming family. The Martinka, Vanecek and Rozypal Families moved to San Patricio County from Williamson County in the mid 1920's. Georgia started school in 1933 at the Miculastic School, a rural country school located about 5 miles west of St. Paul. Georgia spent several years in Vattman near Riviera living with her eldest sister, Lillie and attended Vattman School. The family endured the hardships of the Great Depression. Georgia graduated from Sinton High School in 1946. Following graduation after WWII, she helped with the family and farm. Georgia married William Schmidt in 1947 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton. They met after the war at a Catholic Youth Dance in San Patricio. Shortly after their wedding, they purchased a farm from Georgia's cousin, George Vanecek, and made it their homestead for 71 years. Georgia worked tirelessly to turn the homestead into a home and she and William raised nine children on the farm. Later in life, the two enjoyed spending time there with their grandchildren and great grandchildren. Georgia also assisted William during his agricultural career engaging in the production of hogs, cattle, hay, silage, vegetables, cotton and grain. They were innovative farmers in the forefront of activities such as irrigation, custom grain harvesting and vegetable production. In 1972, Georgia and William took over operation of Pete's Place and after a fire in 1974, rebuilt the establishment as Schmidt's Country Store, which they operated until their retirements in 2007 at the age of 80. Georgia was known as a friendly, caring, loving and helpful person. Everyone was a friend. She enjoyed painting, dancing, dominoes, canning, cooking and especially, family life on the farm. As a lifelong Catholic, she was diligent in her service to the Catholic Church. For many years, Georgia was the Schmidt Family matriarch and loved spending time with her large family. She was a member of the Greatest Generation, weathered the Great Depression and World War II, lived her whole life on a farm and exemplified the American Dream. But above all, she served her Lord, Jesus Christ. She is preceded in death by her parents, Peter and Mary Martinka, husband, William Schmidt, sisters, Lillie, Theresa, and Bernice, brothers, Paul, Rudy and Lewis and son, Randy. She was the last member of a family generation that included 110 first cousins. She is survived by daughters, Mandy (Gwynn) Senf of Sinton, Macy (David) Culpepper of Sinton, sons, William III (Gayle) of Richmond, Texas, Louis (Carol) of Tuleta, Texas, David of West St. Paul, Allan of West St. Paul, Lawrence (Loretta) of Ardmore, OK and Robert (Robin) of Sinton. She is also survived by 22 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchildren, numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, relatives and friends. She is also survived by sister-in-law, Joan Winsauer of Odem. Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Chad Schmidt, Casey Schmidt, Wesley Schmidt, Andrew Schmidt, Randal Schmidt, Richard Schmidt, David Schmidt and Kenneth Schmidt. A holy rosary was recited at 6 PM Thursday, January 18, 2018 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:30 AM Friday, January 19, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment followed at Sinton Cemetery.

Maria Yolanda (DeLeon) Segovia, age 69, left us on Friday, May 25, 2018. Since her birth in Sinton, Tx till her death, she has been a contributing member of the community. She was born and raised in Sinton, Texas, the fifth child born to Lino O. DeLeon and Aurrora DeLeon. There she attended and graduated from Sinton ISD. She then attended Delmar College and worked for the San Patricio County News. She then married her high school sweetheart, Juan Manuel "Johnny" Segovia in 1969 while he served in the United States Air Force. One could say they were true soul mates from the moment they were born. Having been born on the same day, at the same hospital, and in the same town back in 1949. When Yolanda returned to her hometown, she showed her generosity and commitment with over 40 years of service with Sinton ISD. Left to honor Yolanda and remember her love are her Husband, Johnny Segovia, her three daughters, Melissa (Steve) Sepeda, Sandra (Roger) Rocha, and Lori (Richard) Painter; her five grandchildren Hallie Nicole Sepeda, Deric Jon Rocha, Mia Aurora Painter, Abigayle Kalin Rocha, and Adam Preslley Painter. She was also survived by six sisters

Guadalupe Salinas, Alice Castillo, Mary Lerma, Minerva Amador, Irene Herrera, and Janie Gonzalez and one brother Lino DeLeon. She is preceded in death by her parents, Lino O. DeLeon, Aurora (Hernandez) DeLeon, and a grandson, Jonathan Steven Sepeda. Services were open to the public beginning May 31, 2018 at 1:30 P.M. and a rosary was recited at 7:00 P.M. Friday, June 1, 2018 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 A.M. Saturday, June 2, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton. Interment followed in the Eternal Rest Cemetery.

Modesta Riojas Segovia, 93, loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister and friend went to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 21, 2017 surrounded by her family following a sudden illness. She was well known in the community of Sinton where she was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and a member of the Crusillistas. She always welcomed her children and friends and always had an abundance of food for them to enjoy. She is preceded in death by her husband, Candelario Segovia, her sons, Candelario Segovia, Jr. and David Segovia, her son-in-law, Andy Gomez and her grandsons, Candelario Segovia, III, J.D. Segovia and Jonathan Segovia, her brothers, Adan and Adolfo Riojas and her sisters, Estella Flores and Elidia Martin. She is survived by her loving family, her sons, Ronnie (Linda) Segovia of Taft, Johnny (Yolanda) Segovia, Daniel (Sylvia) Segovia and Salvador "Chava" (Sandra) Segovia of Sinton, her daughters, Angelica "Terry" Gomez of Taft, Elva (Joe) Pereida of Portland, Joyce (Brian) Powell of Austin and Dolores (Eliseo) Lopez of Houston, her brother, Richard Riojas of Corpus Christi, her sisters, Eva Rivas and Emma Garcia of Corpus Christi, Linda Marple and Irene Ochoa of San Antonio, 26 grand-children, 34 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Wednesday, December 27, 2017 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Thursday, December 28, 2017 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery. Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Jacob Segovia, Jose Pereida, Shane Segovia, Christopher Dominguez, Andy Gomez and Ryan Segovia.

Wanda "Pee Wee" Louise Senf, 90, passed away on Monday, April 22, 2019. She was a homemaker and was preceded in death by her husband, Gwynn N. Senf, her son, John Elton Senf and two grandchildren, Katie Senf and Shamus Senf. She is survived by her sons, Gwynn Andrew Senf of Sinton, Robert Allen Senf of La Vernia and James Paul Senf of Austin, her sister, Estelle Roberts of Illinois, 9 grandchildren and 21 great grandchildren. No services are planned.

Toribio "Toby" Serna Jr., 46, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2015 following a long illness. He was born on June 1, 1969 in Sinton, Texas where he was raised. He attended Sinton schools and was last employed by the city of Sinton as a maintenance man. He is survived by his sons, Toribio Serna III and Joshua Serna of Sinton, his sister, Brandie Vargas of Sinton, his brother, Francisco Serna of Dallas, his aunt Sulema^[SEP]Gutierrez of Corpus Christi, cousins and friends. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM^[SEP]Sunday, August 2, 2015 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was celebrated at 9:00AM Monday, August 3, 2015 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Patrick Serna as celebrant.

Candelario (Cande) Serrano, 60, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 following a short illness. Candelario was born on October 15, 1961. He was a lifelong resident of Sinton and was employed by Herc Equipment for eight years. He was a graduate of Sinton High School Class of 1980. After graduation he joined the US Navy. He was preceded in death by his parents, Felipe and Anita Serrano, sisters, Aida Lopez and Maida De Leon and his brothers, Wallie Garza and Andrew Serrano. He is survived by his loving family, his son, Candem Felipe Serrano, his fiance, Amanda Rojas, his sisters, Irma Rodriguez, Diana Chapa, Mary Soliz, Isabella Mayuex, Patricia Lopez and Dora Ramirez, his brothers, Felipe (Willard) Serrano, Ismael Serrano, Pedro Garza and Gabriel Serrano, numerous nieces, nephews, family members and friends. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Monday, January 24, 2022 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 9:30 AM, Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. After the mass, interment will follow at 11 AM at Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery in Corpus Christi with full military honors. The family requests that masks be worn at the visitation-rosary at the funeral home, mass at the church and the cemetery.

Felipe G. Serrano, 87, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, January 20, 2016, on the third anniversary of his wife's passing, following a long illness. Felipe was born in Gonzales, Texas and had been a lifelong resident of Sinton. He had been a longtime member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church and had been employed by J.C. Weaver Construction until his retirement. He was preceded in death by his wife, Anita M. Serrano, his parents, Tomas and Candelaria Serrano, two sons, Guadalupe Garza and Andres Serrano, one daughter, Maida DeLeon and his siblings. He is survived by his loving family, his sons Pedro Garza and Ismael Serrano of Corpus Christi, Felipe Serrano Jr. and Candelario Serrano of Sinton and Gabriel Serrano of Van Vleck, Texas, his daughters, Dora Ramirez of Skidmore, Aida Lopez, Patricia Serrano, Irma Rodriguez and Diana Chapa of Sinton, Maria Anita Soliz of Michigan and Isabel Mayuex of Louisiana, his brother Panfilo Serrano of Richmond, Texas and his sister, Jesusa Alaniz of Sinton, 28 grandchildren, 30 great grand-children, 7 great great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews and friends. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Friday, January 22, 2016 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 9:00AM Saturday, January 23, 2016 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Patrick Serna as celebrant.

Panfilo G. Serrano, of Corpus Christi, Texas passed away on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at the age of 94. He was born to Tomas and Candelaria Serrano on June 1, 1926, in Gonzales, Texas. He worked for South Texas Construction Company in Corpus Christi, Texas for many years before retiring and moving to Clute/Lake Jackson. He loved music, his Houston Astros, Dallas Cowboys, and was a devoted Catholic. He will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, uncle, and brother. He is preceded in death by his late wife Lina Torres Serrano, his sons, Victor and Reynaldo Serrano, his brothers, his sister, and his parents. He is survived by his wife Cruz Serrano, his children, Pete Serrano (Tina), Jovita Pardo (Isidro), San Juanita Quintanilla (Ismael), Maria Garza (Frank), Nicolas Serrano, Adolfo Serrano (Edith), Isabel Serrano-Garcia (Paul), his step children, Lupe Guerrero (Joe), Millie Samarripa (Andy), Lorraine Elizondo (Valentine), Benny Delgado, Bebe Delgado, Cindy Payne (Jr), his sister, Jesusa Serrano-Alaniz, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nephews, and nieces. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 10, 2021, at 4 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. A rosary will begin at 7:00 pm that evening. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 am on Thursday, March 11, 2021, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Sinton, Texas. Burial will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

Victor Torres Serrano, 73, passed away on Friday, March 1, 2019. He was a retired US Army veteran who served his country. He is preceded in death by his mother Lina Torres Serrano and his brother, Reynaldo Serrano. He is survived by his father, Panfilo Serrano of Corpus Christi, his sons, Benjamin Hart Serrano of Dallas and David Lee Serrano of Monterrey Park, California, his daughter, Tarifa Serrano Lopez of Jonesboro, Tx, his brothers, Pedro Serrano of Three Rivers, Adolfo Serrano and Nick Serrano of Houston, his sisters, Jovita Pardo and San Juanita Quintanilla of Sinton, Maria Garza of Palestine and Isabel Garcia of Houston and six grandchildren. A rosary was recited at 6 PM Wednesday, March 6, 2019 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 9:30 AM Thursday, March 7, 2019 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment followed at 11 AM at Coastal Bend State Veterans Cemetery with full military honors.

Michael Douglass Shipman was born January 25, 1939, in El Paso, Texas, to Jimmy and Ruth Shipman. He passed away March 14, 2022, at 3 PM. Shortly after starting school, his family moved to Lubbock, Texas. He completed his education at Texas Tech with two degrees. Immediately upon graduating from Texas Tech, he joined Uncle Sam in the Army during the Korean War. He was in the Army two years and two years in the Army Reserves and was discharged a Sargent. He was a Mason and a member of the American Legion. (I asked him if it was hard becoming a Mason and he said extremely hard!) After leaving the Army, he was hired by Kroger and managed a Kroger grocery store in Dallas, Texas. He had some humorous stories and some serious experiences to tell. He moved to Houston and worked for Crown Zellerbach, a large company headquartered in California. He worked for several companies, always in sales. He worked for Royal Paper Company that had over 80 salesmen. Each year end the company had a sales party announcing different sales awards. Mike won Salesman of the Year five years in a row. He lost the sixth year to a company that had twelve salesmen. He

congratulated the men and then said he would beat them the next year, and he did! He and his wife, Betty, moved to Kerrville, Texas, where they started their own company, Mike Shipman and Associates. They had five salesmen working for them and his territory included five different states. Mike had a stroke in 2009 and was unable to continue his business. Mike and Betty moved to Odem, Texas, in 2010, Betty's hometown where she was born and had numerous family that she could depend on for help in taking care of Mike. Mike had two sons - Michael Douglass Shipman II and wife, and Bryan Stephen Shipman and wife, Ivana. He had three grandsons, Michael Douglass Shipman III, James Mathew Shipman, and John Michael Shipman, one great grandson, and one great granddaughter. He had two stepdaughters, Dian Kay Oppel and Connie Lynn Hunter, eight step grandchildren, and eleven step great grandchildren. He had several cousins and numerous friends. If you were fortunate enough to have known Mike, you would never forget him. Graveside services will be held at 10:30 AM, Thursday, March 17, 2022, at Evergreen Cemetery in Odem.

Ernesto "Ernest" R. Silvas, Jr., 75, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, cousin, and friend went to be with the Lord on Friday, March 4, 2022. Ernest was born on October 21, 1946, in Mathis, Texas to Ernesto R. Silvas, Sr. and Dolores R. Rodriguez. He had been employed as a park supervisor by the city of Sinton. He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Emilio Silvas, his sisters, Alicia Muniz and Linda Dominguez. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Estella Silvas of Sinton, his sons, Jerry (Linda) Silvas of Fate, Texas, Ernesto (Susan) Silvas, III of San Antonio, Richard (Alba) Silvas of Sinton and Anthony (Joeniva) Silvas of Corpus Christi, his daughters, Mary Jane (Ernest) Gutierrez of Odem and Krystal (Abel) Sanchez of Portland, his sisters, Lydia Martinez of Odem, Rachel Muniz of Garland and Esmeralda Hernandez of Sinton, 20 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren. A visitation will be held from 2-9 PM on Monday, March 7, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton. The family would like to give thanks to the Spohn Shoreline staff who took very good care of their loved one. Also, a big thank you to all their family and friends for their love and support. The family requests that masks be worn during the visitation, rosary, and at the mass.

Robert William Simpson, age 91, passed away peacefully on January 29, 2016. Robert was a kind, generous, loving and happy man who will be greatly missed by his friends and family. Born June 9, 1924 in Beaumont, he spent most of his childhood in Rockport and San Antonio. After serving in the Army in the Philippines during World War II, he settled in Corpus Christi, where he met and married his wife of 61 years, Margaret Simpson. In 1967, Robert, Margaret and their three children moved to Portland where he spent the remainder of his life. Robert enjoyed a varied career, first selling sporting goods and athletic equipment to schools throughout South Texas, then working as Inspector of Boxing and Wrestling for the Texas Department of Labor and Standards. Robert enjoyed sharing many colorful stories about his time as inspector, meeting many well-known boxers and wrestlers of his time. Robert was a devoted and cheerful family man. He adored his wife, children and grandchildren. Even though he did not have the opportunity to meet his great granddaughter in person, he loved hearing updates and seeing pictures and videos, which he shared with all his visitors. Robert was preceded in death by his wife Margaret, son John, parents Francis and May Simpson, and brothers, Charles Simpson and Francis Simpson. He is survived by his son, Robert (Mary) Simpson of Fort Davis, daughter, Rebecca (Chris) Pease of Lacombe, Louisiana, three grandchildren, Allison Pease (Drew Dittmer) of Lubbock, Emily Pease of Austin and Dylan Simpson-Wilk of Portland and his great granddaughter Hazel Margaret Dittmer of Lubbock. The family wishes to extend special thanks to Clare Gilmore, Lee Johnson, Madonna Moore, Christy Evans and Israel Blanco of Christus Hospice and Dr. Lee Sang and his staff for their extraordinary care during Robert's prolonged illness. We will always remember the kindness and comfort they provided to Robert and the entire family. Services were held at 3:00 pm, Saturday, February 20, 2016 at the First Christian Church, 1103 Lang Road, Portland.

Alex Maurice Smith was born on May 25, 1935 in Sinton, Texas to the late James Smith and Alvera Wright. Maurice was a faithful member of Zion Fair Baptist Church and was the Superintendent of the Sunday School. He did a lot of work to the church. He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Virginia Mae Smith, his

brother, A.B.Valdez, three sisters,Verna Mae Taylor, Janette Taylor and Carolyn Brasfield Oliver. He is survived by his brother, Rev.James T. (Gloria) Smith of San Antonio, his granddaughter, Tiffany Lopez, special friends, Donnie and Barbara Davis and Charleston "Chad" Bess.Numerous nephews, nieces, family and friends. Funeral services were held at 10:00AM Saturday, October 7, 2017 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Interment followed at Heaven's Acre Cemetery.

Our beloved mother, **Janet Marie Myrick Smith**, age 84, of San Antonio, Texas, passed away on Monday, January 28, 2019. Janet was born on December 12, 1934 in Sinton Texas, the first of three children born to Ace Curtis Myrick and Janie Omega Williams Myrick. She graduated from Sinton High School in 1953, was a member of the national honor society, high school choir, acted in theater, and played the clarinet in the high school marching band. Janet married Charles Heywood Smith, Jr. on June 1, 1958. They resided in San Antonio during their years of marriage. She and Heywood were the proud parents of three children. She was a member of the Sinton First Baptist Church, and a lifetime member of Alamo Heights OES in San Antonio. Retiring in 1995 from Northside ISD in San Antonio, Janet pursued lifelong hobbies of family events, line dancing, country western dancing, dominos, cruises with friends, and fellowship with all. She loved attending the Sinton High School Reunions to visit with all her Sinton friends.

Janet was preceded in death by her husband; parents; in-laws- Charles H. Smith Sr. and Lillie Mae Smith; brother- Ace (Eddie) Myrick and wife Marilyn Haynes Myrick; brother- Robert Curtis Myrick; brother-in-law - Willis Stebbins; and nephew - Ryan Myrick. She is survived by her children, Paula Owens; Darlene Stander and husband Steve; Charles Smith III and wife Pam; sisters-in-law Linda Myrick and Katherine Stebbins; Grandchildren Breanna Smith, Brittney McClellan and husband John David; Justin Stander and wife Lauren, David Stander, Destiny Savage, Jessica Melton and husband Kobe, LaCoda Torres and husband Valentin; 6 greatgrandchildren, numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, extended family and friends. The family would like to extend a sincere thanks to the staff of Greenwood Home Care of San Antonio for their care and support. Visitation was held on Friday, February 8, 2019 from 5 pm to 7 pm, at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. A graveside service was held Saturday, February 9th, 2019 at 11:00am at Sinton Cemetery, with Pastor Randy Samuels of the Sinton First Baptist Church officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

Ofelia De Leon Smith, 76, loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister, aunt and friend went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, February 9, 2022. Ofelia was born on January 20, 1946, in Sinton, Texas to Manuel and Blasa De Los Santos De Leon. She was a homemaker. She is survived by her loving family, her husband, Kyle Smith of Sinton, her sons, Christopher (Yuleima) and Eric Dean (Ivy) Smith of Sinton, her daughter, Chelsee Smith of Sinton, her brothers, Manuel (Gracie) De Leon, Jr. of Sinton and Reynaldo De Leon of Taft, her sisters, Eloise (Jesus) Moreno, Elma De Leon, and Mary Helen De Leon of Sinton, five grandchildren, two great grandchildren, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Graveside services will be held at 10 AM Friday, February 11, 2022, at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton with Father Yul Ibay officiating. Interment will follow.

Phyllis Irene Smith, 88, passed from this life on Thursday, September 8, 2022, in Mount Vernon, Ohio. Phyllis was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Kenneth Ray (KR) Smith, her parents, Frank and Marguerite Brouillette Horton and her siblings, Kay, Harrell, Glenn, and Ann Janet Harris. Phyllis leaves behind a brother, John Horton, four children, Brenda (Gary) Cunningham, Mount Vernon, Ohio; Kenda (Gary) Steckel, Luling, Louisiana; Ken (Judy) Smith Jr., Corpus Christi, Texas and Glenda Smith, Saginaw, Michigan as well as eight Grandchildren and sixteen GreatGrands. Other family include a myriad of cousins, nieces and nephews and dear friends. Mother cherished her memories of home, raising her children, watching her grandchildren grow up and enjoyed time with her great grandchildren. Although Phyllis moved to Ohio in 2019, she always considered Corpus Christi her home. Leaving behind a legacy of Christ-likeness and service, her family is thankful for her example. Visitation will be held Thursday, September 22, 2022, at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home (120 S. McCall, Sinton, TX, 78387). Burial and graveside services will be at 10 AM, Friday, September 23, 2022, at Sinton Cemetery (507 Cemetery St.). Flowers and condolences can be sent to Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home.

Ofelia Barrios Soto, 79, passed away on Thursday, December 15, 2016 following a long illness. She was born in Karnes City, Texas and had been a resident of Sinton for the past 45 years. She was a housewife and was preceded in death by her husband, Reyes Cantu, Sr. and her brother, Amado Barrios. She is survived by her sons, Bernabe Gonzales, Jr. of Campbellton, Tx. and Magdaleno Gonzales of Beeville, her daughters, Norma Jean Lopez of Sinton and Duvelza Cantu of Corpus Christi, her brothers, Herminio Barrios, Jr. and Rogelio Barrios of Sinton and Manuel Barrios of Port Lavaca, her sisters, Marcela Silguero of Port Lavaca, Anita Sandoval of Sinton and Manuela Cantu of Three Rivers, 10 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. A prayer service was held at 7:00PM Saturday, December 17, 2016 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services were held at 3:00PM Sunday, December 18, 2016 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel with Linda and Debra Cantu officiating. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

Richard G. Soto, 73, passed away Tuesday, February 18, 2020 after a sudden illness. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend. His passion was cooking which led to the start of Antonio's Drive-Thru Taqueria. He will be dearly missed by all who knew him. He is preceded in death by his parents Jose and Paula Soto, siblings, Jose Soto, Jr., Pedro Rodriguez and Amanda Trejo. He is survived by his loving family, his wife of 44 years, Antonia V. Soto, his son, Antonio N. Hernandez, Sr., his daughters, Velma (John) Gonzales and Brandie Vargas, his beloved grandson, Antonio N. Hernandez, Jr., step grandchildren, Crystal (Alex) Horne and Roland Castillo and Carol Gonzales and John E. Gonzales, Jr., his siblings, Alvina Arriaga, Esperanza Benavidez, Lupe (Christina) Rodriguez, Concha (Pedro) Cordova, Nancy Samudio, Elvia (Robert) Velandia, Heno (Robert) Zamora, Edelmira "Mimilo" (Salamon) Rodriguez, Marcelo Soto and Jesse (Mamie) Soto, numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Visitation was held at 2 PM Thursday, February 20, 2020 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10 AM Friday, February 21, 2020 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy with Father Pete Elizardo as celebrant. Interment followed at Edroy Cemetery.

Jesus David Soto, 62, was born on April 26, 1958, and passed away on October 8, 2020, surrounded by his loving family at his side. He was preceded in death by his parents, Paula and Jose Soto, brothers, Richard Soto, Jose Soto, Jr., and Pedro Rodriguez. Jesse was raised in Edroy, Texas, and was a graduate of Odem High School in 1976. He married the love of his life, Mamie Ann Soto, in 1978. They gave birth to three children, Orlando Soto of Odem, David (Alma) Soto of Houston, and Jessica (Marisol) Soto of Odem. Jesse had six grandchildren, Andrew Michael Soto, Ashton David Soto, Trenton Zane Garces, Vada Rose Soto, Mia Grace Soto, and Davidson Orion Soto. Jesse loved his family, cooking, and humor everybody loved. He was a big fan of the Houston Astros and the Dallas Cowboys. Jesse used his cooking and food to bring family and friends together. He had many friends and many nieces and nephews who loved him dearly. He also had many brothers and sisters. He is survived by Esperanza Benavidez, Lupe Rodriguez, Ascencion Cordova (Concha), Nancy Samudio, Edelmira Rodriguez, Marcelo Soto, Elvia Velandia, Erminia Zamora, and Alvina Arriaga. Visitation will be held on Monday, October 12, 2020 from 1 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Tuesday, October 13, 2020, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father Richard Gutierrez as celebrant. Interment will follow in the Edroy Cemetery in Edroy.

Naomi "Jeanne" Walker Spacek was born in Sinton, Texas on November 1, 1948 to Harold and Roberta W. Walker. Her sisters, Francine and Sharon, were her best friends. She attended Del Mar College in Corpus Christi, Texas and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in science, majoring in Home Economics from Southwest State University in San Marcos. She met her husband Victor Spacek in Hallettsville, Tx where they were both teachers. They married on May 28, 1972 and moved to Victoria, Tx. They had two children, Stephanie and Brian. Jeanne was loved by everyone she met. She was a talented seamstress, collector of antiques and teacups, scrapbooker, and loved to decorate her beautiful home. Her love of the holidays, especially Christmas and Halloween inspired her children and grandchildren to follow in her footsteps. Her Christmas Snow Village was a magical site to behold. She transformed an entire room into a winter wonderland. Jeanne's talent for teaching and decorating led her to leading unforgettable vacation bible school programs and teaching Sunday

School at Northside Baptist Church. She loved to read and always wanted to visit Australia. A kid at heart, Nana knew how to have fun. She spent hours teaching chess to her grand kids and playing board games, puzzles and make believe. Guilt trip extraordinaire, she knew exactly how to keep her family in line, always out of love. Her faith was evident by sharing scriptures and verses with her family. Her strength was inspiring proof of the love she had for Jesus. Jeanne went home to the Lord on May 10, 2021 and is singing and dancing in heaven. Jeanne is survived by her loving family, her husband, Victor Spacek of Victoria, her son, Brian Spacek of Victoria, her daughter, Stephanie Hamilton of Garden City, Kansas, her sisters, Francine Lukehart of Waskom, Tx and Sharon Cobb of Aransas Pass, Tx, seven grandchildren and six great grandchildren and many other relatives and friends. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Tuesday, May 25, 2021 at Ritchea Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton. Interment will follow in the Sinton Cemetery in Sinton.

Charles W. Spencer, 82, passed away during the early morning of March 8, 2017 at Brookdale Northshore in Portland, Tx. Charles was born May 6, 1934 to Joe Weaver and Lena Wilson Spencer in Falfurrias, Tx. He lived in Sinton from the time he was in 2nd grade until 1978. It was then that he moved his family to Carrizo Springs. He and his wife, Lyn, also lived in West Columbia, Tyler and settled in Mathis about 1991 until his retirement in 2003. He then moved to Portland in 2004 until his death. Charles was born into, raised and lived a strong Baptist faith. He served as a deacon in nearly every Baptist church he was a member of. He had put his life and trust on God's hands at a young age and never swayed from it Galatians 2:20. He graduated from Sinton High School in 1952. That's when he went to work full-time at Commercial State Bank. He started in the bookkeeping department and at the time of his retirement he was Sr. Vice President. In 1954 he took a leave of absence from his job to enlist in the United States Air Force. He was stationed in Japan for two years. He served for 3 1/2 years and was honorably discharged in 1957. He was one of the original members of the Sinton Lions Club and he was a Lion's Club member wherever he lived. Yet in Mathis he joined the Kiwanis Club. He was always a proud member of the communities he lived in and Charles was also known for his fairness and honesty. Charles married Lyn Wolleson September 5, 1959. They demonstrated what a marriage means through sickness and health, richer or poorer until death do you part to their only child, Judy Lynne. They had a strong marriage of 40 1/2 years until Lyn's passing in 2000. Those waiting to welcome him to heaven are his wife, Lyn, grandson, Charles William Stroman, his youngest sister, Ilene Walker, nephew, Joe Weaver Spencer, parents, Joe Weaver and Lena Spencer, brother-in-law, Travis Wolleson. Left here on earth to share his memories are his daughter, Judy Lynne (Leonard) Stroman, granddaughters, Tiffany Lynne (Max) Cochran, Shannon Kay Stroman, Emily Carroll (Cameron) Smith, great grandchildren, Rebecca Joyce Cochran, Elliott Charles Stroman, Garrett Samuel and Hayden James Smith all from Portland, brother, Joe R. Spencer of Kerrville, sister, Bea McClintoc of Trinidad, Tx, brother-in-law, Jack Walker of Junction City, AK, sister-in-law, Susie Wolleson Williams, his nieces and nephews and his many friends that he held close to his heart. The family would like to thank everybody and the residents at Brookdale Northshore for their love, compassion, friendship and watchful eyes as Charles struggled with his Parkinsons and dementia. Also the compassion from Nurses on Wheels Hospice. It will never be forgotten. Visitation of family and friends was Friday, March 10, 2017 from 5:00-7:00PM with the family present at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. This celebration of life was at the chapel at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home on Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 10:00AM. Interment followed at Sinton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to your local Lions Club or civic organization or the South Texas Children's Home would be appreciated.

Eddie Mae Stephens, age 96, passed away on July 9, 2021. Mrs. Stephens was born April 14, 1925 to Ed and Clara Davis in Robstown, Texas. She accepted Christ at an early age and joined the Zion Fair Baptist Church. Eddie Mae met and married the love of her life Floyd L. Stephens. To this union there is one son Robert L. Stephens. Her husband became a minister and pastored at the Union Baptist Church in Refugio, Texas. She served as First Lady at Union for over 20 years. While at Union she worked with the Mission Board and the Pastor Wives under the Western District Association. Pastor and Sister Stephens later moved their membership back to Zion Fair Baptist Church and she became one of the Church Mothers. Some of the things she enjoyed doing was singing, going to Church, fishing and being with her friends. Other things she did was sing with the Angelic Gospel Mass Choir and the Joys of Faith Gospel Singers. Eddie Mae was one of the founders of the Silver Leaf Club. Also, she served as the Vice President of the Afro-American Historical Cultural Society. She

was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, three sisters and one brother. She leaves to cherish her memory her son Robert L. Stephens, nephews, Donald Davis (Barbara) and Tommy Green (Carolyn), her godsons, Howard Nelson, John Hollowell and Dallas Baldwin, her best friends, Marcella Laws and Tommie Rich, a host of cousins and friends and her church family at Zion Fair Baptist Church. Eddie Mae greeted everyone with "WHERE IS MY SUGAR". For 52 years Pastor and Sister Stephens called each other Honey. They are now reunited and calling each other Honey again. Visitation will be held Thursday, July 15, 2021 from 2 PM to 8 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 PM Friday, July 16, 2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with Rev. Alton Coleman officiating. Interment will follow at Heavens Acre Cemetery.

Ginger Twist Stone, 59, passed away on Saturday, December 31, 2016 following a long illness. She was born on March 10, 1957 in Sinton, Texas to Van and Ruby Twist. She had resided in Sinton until moving to Elgin, Texas in 1979. She had been employed as an administrative associate for UT Austin. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth Stone of Elgin, Tx, her sons, Hunter Stone of Elgin, Tx and Justice Stone of Corpus Christi, Tx, her granddaughter, Hailey Stone and her brother, Jesse Twist of Corpus Christi, Tx. Graveside services were held at 2:00PM Wednesday, January 4, 2016 at Sinton Cemetery in Sinton. Interment followed.

Betty C. Strain peacefully left this earth on February 3, 2023, surrounded by her daughters and their pastor. Betty was born in Beaumont, Texas on February 28, 1930, to Fritz and Mary Cooper. Betty married Odie Strain in 1950 and in 1952 they moved to Sinton, Texas. Both Odie and Betty worked for Plymouth Oil/Marathon Oil Company. Betty also worked for San Patricio County as the Assistant County Auditor. During retirement, Betty and Odie traveled, fished, and spent time enjoying their children and grandchildren. After Odie passed away in 1990, Betty continued to travel and spend time with her loved ones. In 1998, Betty met Vince Dowling, with whom she spent many years traveling and cheering on her beloved grandkids in their various activities. Vince remained a loving companion to Betty until his death in 2017. Betty was an active member of The First United Methodist Church of Sinton and served on various committees throughout her years. Betty did volunteer work for several organizations in Sinton and was always happy to help a friend. Betty is preceded in death by her husband, Odie, her parents, three brothers and two sisters. Betty is survived by two daughters, Karen Martin of Beeville, Texas, Julie (Randy) Maupin of Three Rivers, Texas; her brother, George Cooper of Alvin, Texas; her sister-in-law, Alta Cooper of Dallas, Texas; her grandchildren, Ryan (Julia) Kennedy of Fayetteville, Georgia, Lauryn Kennedy of Houston, Texas, Adam Martin of Beeville, Texas, and Randi (Cuatro) Schauer of Beeville, Texas; her great-grandchildren, Levi Kennedy, Addison Kennedy, Madelyn Bolland, Charlotte Bolland, Quint Schauer, and Bexley Schauer. A special thank you to Anysia Gomez and the staff at 801 Gramman where Betty resided the past 3 ½ years, Exclusive Home Health for the wonderful home health and hospice care Betty received, and blessings to Pastor Adrian Zamera for always being with Betty at the perfect time. A memorial service will be held at 2pm on Saturday, February 11, 2023, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home, 120 S. McCall Ave, Sinton, Texas. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the United Methodist Church of Beeville.

Barbara Jean "Dolly" Owen Sunderman of Sinton, Texas, was smiling as she passed from this earth on July 2, 2023. She was born on September 1, 1930, on the Owen family farm in West Sinton. At 92 years of age, she has now been returned in Spirit to the mischievous firecracker of her younger years. Barbara was the youngest and only sister to seven brothers and proud parents. She grew up knowing she was special and proved it every day of her life. She attended the Adams Public School at West Sinton, graduated from Mathis High School a 16, and attended Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos. She graduated with a teaching degree as a Speech Therapist. Barbara began the first Speech Therapy program in the Victoria Independent School District, before meeting Dr. Frank T. Sunderman, her husband of fifty-six years and the love of her life! Shortly thereafter, she put her great love for children into practice by adopting her beloved Mark and Becky. Barbara will be fondly remembered for her generosity and belief in providing help to those in need. She worked with the Urban Renewal program to provide homes for people who needed them. All through the year, and especially during the holidays, she delivered her beautifully decorated, bountiful boxes of food and other necessities to those in need. She loved her town and will be remembered for making sure that Sinton would be lit up for the holidays. planting flowers throughout town. and for getting candy donations to 'sweeten up' the parades for the children in

attendance. She could pull strings like no one else, including a personal call to Sam Walton, when she didn't think the local Walmart was being generous enough to the children of the town. But for many, Barbara will be remembered for the delicious smells emanating from the bounty of food in the oven and for her toe-tapping rhythmic singing as she drove. Her infinite love for her children, grandchildren, nieces, and nephews was epic. In all that she did, she passed on the knowledge that we all have special, God-given gifts and are deserving of love. Her home was an oasis for all, full of sunshine, plants, and beauty. A trip to the Sunderman's home was an extraordinary experience. With her unlimited talents, she also made the Sunday School classes she taught and the yearly Vacation Bible Schools at the Sinton First Baptist Church the place to be. She was an active member of the First Baptist Church for over 65 years. Barbara is survived by her children, son Mark Sunderman (Vivian), daughter Becky Humphrey, and grandchildren Taylor Sunderman, Maggie Sunderman Hoskins (Nolan), and Elliott Humphrey, and sister-in-law Lillian Owen (J.B., Jr.). She is preceded in death by her beloved Frank, son-in-law Kurt Humphrey, parents Jesse B. and Maggie Reed Owen, and all her brothers Alton, Loman, Ray, Bob, Leo, Joe, and J.B. Jr. The family is hosting a visitation at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home in Sinton on Friday, July 7, 2023, from 6-8 p.m. Funeral services will also be held at the Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home on Saturday, July 8, 2023, at 10 a.m., followed by a graveside service at the Sinton Cemetery. If you would prefer to make a donation in lieu of flowers, please donate to First Baptist Church of Sinton or South Texas Children's Home in Beeville (www.stchm.org).

Sandra Ann Surginer, 65, was born on March 31, 1956, and passed away on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. Sandra was a very loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister. In her early years, she was a cashier/manager at many different places, Sonic being the main one. In her free time, she could be found enjoying life with family and friends. She was an avid outdoors person from messing with her plants to fishing. She brought joy to everyone she knew and embraced life as it came. She was preceded in death by her parents, Hiarm Dudley and Gladys June Floyd, her sister, June Floyd and infant child, and her brother, James William Floyd. She is survived by her husband, E. L. Surginer, Jr., her daughters, Katrina Surginer, Amanda Surginer, Krystal Lynn Clark and Sheryl Lynn Collins, her sons, Paul Timothy Clark and Dusty Surginer, her brothers, Toby (Alice) Floyd, Gary (Sheri) Floyd, Terry (Sheri) Floyd and Larry (Neva) Floyd, her sisters, Gloria (Lucky) Smith, and June Berry Floyd, nine grandchildren and one future great grandchild due in May, numerous nieces and nephews.

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Espiridion S. Tijerina, 77, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend passed away on Tuesday, November 29, 2022. Espiridion was a big Sinton Pirates football fan who loved sports, fishing, gambling and seeing his family happy. He was preceded in death by his parents, Espiridion F. Tijerina, Jr. and Victoria Saucedo Tijerina, and his son Alexander Tijerina. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Mary Tijerina of Sinton, his sons, Adolfo Tijerina and Espiridion V. Tijerina of Sinton and Simon Tijerina of Seattle, Washington, his daughter, Viola Perez of Lockhart, his brothers, Frank Tijerina of Robstown, Santos Tijerina of St. Paul and Ruben Tijerina of Houston, his sisters, Dolores Puebla and Anita Vallejo of Corpus Christi, 11 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. A visitation will be held on Friday, December 9, 2022, from 2 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 AM Saturday, December 10, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

Anna Maria Torres, 58, loving wife, mother, daughter, sister, and friend passed away on Thursday, April 8, 2021. Anna had been employed as a cashier for HEB Grocery Store in Sinton. She is survived by her loving family, her husband, Eulalio Torres, Jr. of Sinton, her son, Oscar James Torres of Sinton, her daughter, Jessica Marie Torres of Sinton, her parents, Raynaldo and Rita Montemayor of Odem, her brother, Raynaldo Montemayor, Jr. of Odem and her sister, Laura Faye Ruiz of Odem, many other relatives, and friends. Visitation will be held from 2 PM to 9 PM Sunday, April 11, 2021, with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Monday, April 12, 2021, at

Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton.

Arturo Buentello Torres, 70, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend passed away on Sunday, November 6, 2022. Arturo was preceded in death by his parents, Juan and Dora Buentello Torres, his sister, Nestora Landin and his son, Arturo Torres, Jr. He enjoyed sitting outside on the porch listening to music and visiting with his friends, family, and his grandchildren who fondly called him "Popo". He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Kellie Torres of Odem, his daughters, Kelsie (Marco Berreles) and their children, Kallie Candela, Arturo Berreles and Jamarcus Berreles of Odem, Sabrina (Ignacio) Vela and their children, Dora Martinez and Adrian Vela of Odem, his late son, Arturo Torres, Jr. and his children, Ethan Torres and Jadon Torres, his sister, Soveida Vela of Odem and three great grandchildren. Visitation will be held on Saturday, November 19, 2022, from 12 PM to 1 PM with a service being held at 1 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home.

Arturo "Artie" Torres, Jr., 40, went to be with the Lord on Monday, June 4, 2018. He is preceded in death by his maternal grandfather Simon Vargas, his paternal grandparents, Juan and Dora Torres and his brother, Matthew Balli. He is survived by his sons, Ethan Torres and Jadon Torres, his mother, Sylvia Balli, his stepdad Steven Balli, his father Arturo (Kelly) Torres, his sisters, Sabrina (Ignacio, Jr.) Vela and Kelsie Torres, his maternal grandmother Evangelina Vargas, his nephew, Adrian Vela and his niece, Dora Torres. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Thursday, June 7, 2018 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 12 noon Friday, June 8, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Pete Elizardo as celebrant. Interment followed at San Pedro Cemetery.

Merced Torres, 90, loving husband, father, grandfather and friend passed away on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. Merced was a talented musician who enjoyed playing the accordion, banjo, guitar and the harmonica. He was a self-educated man of many trades. He is survived by his loving family, his wife, Ocelia C. Torres of Taft, his sons, Jesus J. Torres of Refugio and Adolfo (Lucy) Torres, Sr. of Woodsboro, his daughters, Maria Guadalupe (Israel) Martinez, Maria Esperanza (Arturo) Longoria, and Maria Estella (Raul) Longorio of Taft, 16 grandchildren, 28 great grandchildren, 12 great great grandchildren and many friends. A visitation will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023, from 2 PM to 9 PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel in Sinton. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Friday, May 26, 2023, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Taft with Father John McKenzie as celebrant. Interment will follow at Lamas Memorial Cemetery in Taft.

Petra Gomez Torres, 67, passed away on Monday, October 15, 2018. She was born in Sinton on October 8, 1951 to Gregorio and Margarita Torres, Sr. She resided in Sinton all her life. She is survived by her sisters Guadalupe T. Hernandez of Sinton, Elida T. (Frank) Franco of St. Paul and Maria T. (Joel) Morales of Sinton, her niece, Demicia " Demmi " (Carlos) H. Cano of Sinton and numerous nieces and nephews. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Friday, October 19, 2018 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11 AM Saturday, October 20, 2018 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery.

Ygnacia Tovar, 66, loving sister and aunt, passed away on Friday, July 7, 2023. Ygnacia loved fishing, playing board games, but most of all she loved spending time with her family. She is preceded in death by her parents, Macario and Luisa Tovar. She is survived by her loving family, her brothers, Macario (Soledad) Tovar, Jr. of Sinton and Pedro (Aurora) Tovar of Victoria, her sisters, Margarita Gonzalez and Lucia (Bruno) Lara of Sinton and Christine Tovar of Victoria, her niece, Veronica (Zach) Soliz of Sinton and her nephew, Oscar (Sarah) Lara of Kingsville, and extended family members. A prayer service will held at 7 PM on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with Pastor Betty Rodriguez from Lighthouse Church, Odem, Tx as speaker. Funeral services will be conducted at 10 AM on Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Betty Rodriguez from Lighthouse Church Odem, Tx officiating. Interment will follow at

Eternal Rest Cemetery with Pastor Mary Jane Rodriguez from Nueva Jerusalem Penetecostal Church from Robstown, Tx as speaker.

Angelita "Kene" Trevino was a loving mother, grandmother, great grandmother, and great great grandmother. She loved to cook and bake. Her tamales were the best. She loved getting together with family and friends to play bingo and Mexican Chalupa. They had several close friends, Comadres, and Compadres. They loved getting together with them for BBQing or hunting trips. Angelita was a devout Catholic and a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. She was also a Crusillista. She loved praying her rosary and would pray daily for all her family and friends. Her favorite pastime was shopping and eating out with her three daughters whom she loved very much. She is preceded in death by her parents, Jose and Angelita Sanchez, her husband, Frank Trevino, Sr., her son Frank Trevino, Jr. and several siblings. She is survived by her loving family, her daughters, Patricia (Frank) Escamilla, Gracie T. (Javier) Guerra and Alma (Leonardo) Moreno of Sinton, her brothers, Alberto Sanchez and Jerry Sanchez of Sinton, five grandchildren, six great grandchildren and one great great grandchild. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 4, 2022, from 2 PM to 9 PM, with a holy rosary being recited at 7 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 AM, Saturday, February 5, 2022, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton. The family requests that masks be worn at the visitation, rosary, and at the mass.

Juanita "Janey" Aguirre Trevino, 69, passed away on Thursday, November 12, 2020. Janey was a very loving person who loved and enjoyed life to the fullest. She was preceded in death by her son, Fernando Villarreal, Jr., her husband, Miguel Trevino, her parents, Augustine and Maria Casarez Aguirre, her brother, Juan Aguirre, and her sister, Alma Rosa Martin. She is survived by her son, Rudy Moreno of Louisiana, her brothers, Luis (Nena) Aguirre of Taft, Augustine (Debbie) Aguirre of Victoria, Regino (Eloisa) Aguirre and Jesse (Nora) Aguirre of Odem and Peter (Gracie) Aguirre of Sinton, her sister, Cristina (Lupe) Rodriguez of Odem, several grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Monday, November 16, 2020, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Tuesday, November 17 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment will follow at San Pedro Cemetery in Odem.

Valentina Bilano Trigo, our beloved Nana, passed away peacefully at her home in Austin, Texas on Monday, July 27, 2015. She was born in Taft, Texas on January 17, 1924 to Pablo and Maria Hemerejilda (Parra) Bilano. A lifelong resident of Edroy and a member of the Sociedad Guadalupana at Our Lady of Guadalupe for over 50 years. She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Atanacio Trigo and her sisters, Lucinda, Leonor, Candelaria and Maria. She is survived by her brother, Castulo Bilano, Sr. and her sister, Anastasia Luna. She leaves a legacy of love to her daughters, Rosaura Acosta, Nelli Wolverton, Tammy Chavez, Elaine (David) Cates and Evelyn Castro. (3) grandchildren, (18) great grandchildren and (14) great great grandchildren. Numerous nieces, nephews and friends. Heartfelt appreciation to Arianna Sanchez, Stephanie Palomo and Derek Acosta for their assistance with her continuous care. A holy rosary was recited at 7:00PM, Thursday, July 30, 2015 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00AM Friday, July 31, 2015 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Burial followed at the Edroy Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Juan Acosta, Robert Nunez, Cruz Lopez, David Ortiz, Henry Bilano and Claudio Esparza.

Juan Villarreal Trujillo, 90, died on July 25, 2016 at the age of 90. He passed peacefully in his sleep Monday morning at his home in Sinton, Texas, in the presence of his loving daughter Linda Ramon, daughter-in-law, Dianna Trujillo, and his grand-daughter Amber Trujillo. Juan had a long and happy life with a big family. He was born on February 8, 1926, in Woodsboro, Texas, and was the first-born son of Tomas and Ramona Trujillo, who had a family of 10 children, all born in Texas. At the age of 5, he and his family moved to Sinton, Texas where he grew up and eventually met the love of his life, Beatrice Longoria Anzaldua, upon returning home from WWII. They married four years later, on March 26, 1950 in Gonzales, Texas. They had 4 children, 10 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. Juan served in the US Army from 1945-1946. He was stationed in

Germany and France and received the WWII Victory Medal & The Army of Occupation Medal. Juan was preceded in death by his parents Tomas Hernandez Trujillo & Ramona Villarreal Trujillo; his wife Beatrice Anzaldúa Trujillo; his brothers: Victor, Pablo, Tomas, and Benito Trujillo; and his Sisters: Elvira Trujillo and Mary T. Gonzales. He is survived by his brother Jimmy V. Trujillo, and his sisters Salome T. Garza, and Nieves T. Cerda; his 2 sons: Oscar & Juan "Popo" Trujillo Jr; his daughters: Linda T. Ramon, and Sylvia T. Walter. And Cindy Ann Ivy, whom he raised and loved as his own. (10) Grandchildren and (19) Great Grandchildren. Services are as follows. A rosary was recited at 7:00PM Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 9:00 AM Thursday, July 28, 2016 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Father Patrick Serna as celebrant. Interment followed at Eternal Rest Cemetery with full military honors.

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Hermelinda Valdez, 84, loving mother, grandmother, sister, and friend passed away on Thursday, May 13, 2021 following a short illness. She had been employed in the food industry. She loved to sing and dance and tell jokes that made people laugh. Hermelinda was preceded in death by her sons, Eddie Benavidez, Jaime Benavidez, and Daniel Benavidez, her daughter, Sandra Benavidez. She is survived by her loving family, her son, Felipe (Diana) Benavidez of San Antonio, her daughter, Mary Alice (Emilio) Martinez of Edroy, her brother, Salvador Gonzalez, and her sister, Margarita Gonzalez, both of Matamoros Tamaulipas, Mexico, 11 grandchildren, and 20 great grandchildren. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Friday, May 14, 2021, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 11 AM Saturday, May 15, 2021, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Edroy with Father Isaias Estepa as celebrant. Interment will follow in the Edroy Cemetery in Edroy.

Maria Valdaso, 92, passed away peacefully in her home June 22, 2022. She was born on July 31, 1929. She was a lifelong resident of Odem. She is preceded in death by her parents, Clemente and Tomasita Hernandez, her husband, Jose Valdaso, and her son, Pedro Valdaso. She is survived by her daughter, Elvira Moreno, four grandsons, Pedro Valdaso Jr (Ida), Mathew Moreno II (Ruby), Mark Moreno (Naomi), Max Moreno (Ashley), seven great grandchildren, one great, great grandchild. She will be greatly missed by her family and all who knew her. A rosary will be recited with a funeral mass to follow at 9:30AM Friday, June 24, 2022, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem, TX. Interment will follow at Lamas Memorial Park in Taft, Texas.

Humberto C. Vasquez, "Beto", 82, passed away on Thursday, March 24, 2022, after a short illness at Christus Spohn Hospital Shoreline, Corpus Christi, Texas. He worked with numerous companies as a laborer, helper, sandblaster, and storekeeper. He enjoyed going out to eat and riding around. He was preceded in death by his mother, Elvira C. Villarreal; father, Manuel R. Vasquez; stepfather, Tomas Villarreal; brothers, Guadalupe "Tony" Vasquez from Kentucky and Valentin Vasquez from Sinton, Tx. He is survived by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He loved his family and friends and will be dearly missed. A viewing and rosary will be held on April 9, 2022, at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home Chapel from 3 PM to 9 PM. The rosary will be at 7 PM.

Ruth Frances Vanecek Valenta, 86, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, May 24, 2017 in Corpus Christi, Texas. Ruth was born on June 5, 1930 in Granger, Texas and married Adolph Valenta on October 12, 1949 in Sinton, Texas. She was preceded in death by her husband, Adolph Joseph Valenta, her father, Peter Paul Vanecek and her mother, Albina Marek Vanecek. She retired after working for San Patricio County for 30 years, where she served as secretary to the county judge. She was a skilled seamstress who sewed many of her own clothes. She will be remembered for making beautiful quilts that are treasured by her children and grandchildren. She enjoyed fishing with her family and loved pan-fried catfish. She enjoyed cooking and eating the doves her sons hunted. She will also be remembered as a sweet, gentle and kind person who was loved by her many nieces and nephews. She is survived by her loving family, her children, Gary and Nancy Valenta of

Sinton, Tx, Patrick and Vicki Valenta of Converse, Tx, Dan and Jeanne Valenta of Burleson, Tx, Laurie Valenta and Janelle Valenta DeHart of Corpus Christi, Tx, her grandchildren, Casey and Venus Valenta of San Antonio, Tx, Camille Valenta and Jason Galbreath of Corpus Christi, Tx, Kathryn Valenta and Travis White of San Antonio, Tx, Nicholas and Marie Valenta of Houston, Tx, Chase Valenta of Lewisville, Tx, Dustin Valenta of Frisco, Tx. McKenzie DeHart of Rockport, Tx and Liberty DeHart of Round Rock, Tx, her great grandchildren, Ezra and June White, Sway Galbreath, Yazzy Vela, Liam and Logan Valenta, her siblings, Estelle Havelka of Sinton, Tx, Peter & Margaret Vanecek of Bryan, Tx and Marilyn Chevalier of College Station, Tx. Visitation was from 2:00PM to 9:00PM with a holy rosary being recited at 7:00PM Friday, May 26, 2017 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00AM Saturday, May 27, 2017 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Paul Rajareegam as celebrant. Interment followed at the Palms Memorial Gardens.

Rosita Bazaldua Vega, 88, loving mother, grandmother and friend went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, March 29, 2023. Rosita had been employed as a cook at Oralia's Cafe and Little Mexico for several years before her retirement. She loved dancing and took care of six grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Luciano Vega, Sr., her sons, Gilbert Vega and Juan B. Vega, her sisters, Margarita Bazaldua Ruvacalba and Maria Perez Balderas, her son-in-law, Pascual Martinez, Sr., one great grandson, baby Vega, one great granddaughter, Jazzlyn Rae Ficklen, and one great great grandson, Jaxon Hayes Vega. She is survived by her loving family, her daughters, Mary Louise Martinez of Sinton and Rosita Alicia (David) Garza of Hobbs, New Mexico, her daughter-in-law, Juanita Vega of Lubbock, her sons, Rolando B. Vega of Sinton, Luciano Vega, Jr. of Victoria, Henry (Laura) Vega of Stamford, Tx and Guadalupe "Wally" Vega of Austin, 15 grandchildren, 30 great grandchildren, 3 great great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 2, 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 Monday, April 3, 2023, at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Sinton with Father Glen Mullan as celebrant. Interment will follow at Eternal Rest Cemetery in Sinton. Pallbearers will be Antonio Ramirez, III, Steven Vega, Henry Vega, Sr., Arnulfo Hinojosa, Abel Espinoza, and Juan Aguirre.

Treva Lavel Vickers of Anderson, Texas passed away Wednesday, January 16, 2019 in San Antonio, Texas where she resided for the past two years. Treva was born October 2, 1928 in Electra, Texas to Leland and Julia Lane and grew up in Burkburnett, Texas. After graduating from high school, she moved to Corpus Christi, Texas where she met her husband Warren T. "Buddy" Vickers. Buddy and Treva married November 10, 1946 and had four children. They lived in south Texas farming and ranching until they moved to Anderson in 2004 where they continued ranching. Treva was preceded in death by her parents, her husband of 69 years, Buddy Vickers, a son, Bub Warren Vickers, grandson, Robert Mitchell "Buc" Vickers, three sisters and one brother. Survivors include a son, Bob Vickers and wife Amy of Mason, daughter Judy Segers and husband Jim of Anderson and daughter Cherry Ethridge and husband Neal of Goliad, 8 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren. Visitation was held Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 12 PM to 1 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Graveside services following immediately at Sinton Cemetery. A celebration of life was held at 2 PM at the First United Methodist Church.

Warren T. "Buddy" Vickers passed away peacefully Friday, September 4, 2015. Buddy served three years in World War II overseas as a scout in the infantry reaching the rank of Staff Sergeant with honors by the end of the war. After returning from the war he met the love of his life Treva Lane, they married in November 1946. They would have celebrated 69 years of marriage this year. He was a country man at heart and spent his life doing what he loved most, farming and ranching. Buddy was preceded in death by his parents, Ruby Vickers and Hugh Vickers, Sr., two brothers, Roy Vickers and Hugh Vickers, Jr., a sister, Dellave "Sissy" Brittain and one grandson, Buck Vickers. Survivors include his wife, Treva and four children, Bub Vickers, Bob Vickers and wife Amy, Judy Segers and husband Jim, Cherry Ethridge and husband Neal, 11 grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Funeral services were held at 11AM Monday, September 7,

2015 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home with Rev. Tom Stockton officiating. Interment followed at Sinton Cemetery with military honors.

Anna Maria Fuentes Villanueva, 51, loving mother, grandmother, sister, and friend passed away Thursday, August 19, 2021 with her daughters by her side until her last breath after a short illness. Anna was a very proud grandmother. She was a very outgoing and strong willed and loved the Dallas Cowboys. She enjoyed dancing, listening to Tejano music, making jokes and would have done anything for anyone. She is survived by her loving family, her daughters, Alexis "Lexy" (Karim) Mickens of New Braunfels, and Allainey "Laney" (Aaron) Morin of Calallen, her grandchildren, Mason Morin, Avery Mickens, Leighton Morin, Maddyn Morin, Luka Mickens and Omari Mickens, her sisters, Angelita Ramos of Mathis, Adelita Branch of Killeen and Alice Fuentes of Corpus Christi, her brothers, Albert Fuentes and Antonio Fuentes of Dallas, Alfredo Fuentes and Armando Fuentes of Sinton, Alvino Fuentes of Rockport and Juanito Mata Torres of Mathis, numerous other relatives and friends. A rosary will be recited at 7 PM Friday, September 3, 2021 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass will be celebrated at 10 AM Saturday, September 4, 2021 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Father Yul Ibay as celebrant. The family requests that masks be worn.

Guadalupe Villarreal, Jr., 61, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, June 13, 2018. He was born in Mathis, Texas on March 6, 1957 to Guadalupe and Angelita Villarreal. He had been employed as a salesman for Plainsman Tires. He is preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Roger Villarreal, his sister, Rosa Lopez and his wife, Dominga Villarreal. He is survived by his loving family, his sons, Ronnie Villarreal and Lupe Villarreal, III of Odem, his daughter, Kimberly Villarreal of Odem, his companion, Yvette Mejia of Odem, his brothers, Jerry Villarreal and Javier Villarreal of Odem and Ruben Villarreal of Portland, five grandchildren, Justin Ryan Villarreal, Rosie Soliz, Eliana Villarreal, McKayla Villarreal, and Iris Villarreal, one great grandson, Sabastian Agulian. A rosary was recited at 7 PM Friday, June 15, 2018 at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 11 AM Saturday, June 16, 2018 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Odem, Interment followed at Edroy Cemetery in Edroy.

Ricardo Villarreal, 75, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend went to be with the Lord on Thursday, March 3, 2022. He was born on April 19, 1946, in Sinton, Texas to Abraham and Cristela Villarreal. He had been employed for Texas Wilbert Vault for 26 years and 10 years for Ortiz Security. He enjoyed participating in his favorite hobbies, Crossroads of Texas Living History Association in Victoria, Texas, Texas Pioneer Muzzleloader of Corpus Christi, and volunteering at Presidio-La Bahia in Goliad, Texas and horseback riding. He is preceded in death by his parents, Abraham and Cristela Villarreal, Sr., his daughter, Ronny Jo Villarreal Hunt, his brothers, Savas Villarreal and Abraham Villarreal, Jr. He is survived by his loving family, his wife Petra Villarreal, his daughter, Molly (Jesse) Ortiz, sons, Israel (Christine) Villarreal, Eric Villarreal, Joseph Villarreal, Daniel Villarreal, Jose Villarreal, Juan (Anna) Villarreal, Willy (Veronica) Villarreal, Eric Jordan Villarreal, Ricky Villarreal and Henry (Stephanie) Villarreal, grandchildren, Joshua Richard (Stephanie) Ortiz, Marissa (Chris) Ortiz-Ceballos, Justin Ortiz, Lorenzo Villarreal, Cecilia Villarreal, Madeline (Maddy) Hunt, Juhvana Villarreal, Roman Villarreal, Marcos Villarreal, Luciano Villarreal, Anthony Villarreal, Jacob Villarreal, Benjamin Villarreal, Aracelie Villarreal, Zack Villarreal, Ava Villarreal, Kenneth Villarreal and Kaimen Villarreal, great grandchildren, Mindy Ceballos, Addison Ceballos and Judson Ortiz, his brother, Juan Jose (Elva) Villarreal, numerous nieces, nephews and other extended family. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, from 2 PM to 9 PM at Ritchea-Gonzales Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 AM Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at the First United Methodist Church in Odem with Pastor Harold officiating. Pallbearers will be Joshua Ortiz, Justin Ortiz, Lorenzo Villarreal, Benjamin Villarreal, Andy Hunt and Savas Villarreal, Jr., honorary pallbearers will be Kenneth Villarreal and Judson Villarreal. Services will conclude at the church. The family requests that masks be worn at the visitation and at the church.

Benjamin Eber Voorhees IV (63), went up to be with the lord on November 22, 2021 after a long illness. Ben was a retired banker and salesman. He loved spending time with his family and friends listening to music and barbecuing. Ben knew no stranger as he made friends with everyone. Ben loved all things outdoors including hunting, fishing, sports, and of course drinking a cold Coors Light. Ben always welcomed old and new friends

into his home and was always the life of the party. He was never too shy to sing a song or dance and claim that every country song that would come on was sang by Clint Black. He was a man among men and touched the lives of many people. Ben is survived by his wife of 36 years, Rosario and their children, Justin Voorhees (Olivia) of Odem, Texas, Rhonda Voorhees (Jeff) of Corpus Christi, Texas, and Eron Voorhees (Brooke) of Odem, Texas, seven grandchildren, Azleigh, Benji, Hudson, Riggs, Ryder, Alex, Ben, and many other aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Ben was preceded in death by his parents Benjamin Voorhees III and Manuela Voorhees, his son Benjamin Voorhees V, and his sister Noelia Voorhees. A celebration of life will be held on December 11, 2021 at his home, 4727 CR 2221, Odem, Texas 78370 at 2PM.

Manuela Gonzalez Voorhees went to be with our Lord in Heaven on August 23, 2021. She passed away peacefully in her home surrounded by her family. Manuela was born on September 4, 1928 in Odem, Texas to Raul Morin Gonzalez and Librada Lugo. Manuela married Benjamin Eber Voorhees, III on June 27, 1954. Together they had three children, Noelia Elena, Benjamin Eber IV and Blain Eldon Voorhees. Manuela is preceded in death by her parents, Raul and Librada, her husband Benjamin III, her daughter Noelia and Grandson Benjamin V. Manuela was an LVN for many years where she dedicated a big part of her life to helping others. After retiring from nursing, she went to work for Sinton ISD. Manuela enjoyed listening to music, crafting and sitting on her front porch. Survivors include Benjamin IV (Rosario) of Odem, Texas, Blain (Yvonne) of Katy, Texas, siblings, Jesusa (Jerry) Brown of Albany, Indiana, Joe Jose Gonzalez of Odem, Texas, Diana (Jack) Hendrix of Corpus Christi, Texas, Yolanda Harrison of Odem, Texas, Hector Gonzalez of Odem, Texas, also Bonnie Lou Voorhees, 7 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Services are pending for a later date.