



Alice V. Ward

December 23, 1923 - May 19, 2009

Our precious Mother, Grandmother, Aunt and Friend, Alice "Licha" Ward, began her beautiful journey into the light of our Lord on Tuesday, May 19, 2009. She was born December 23, 1923 in Mapimi, Durango, Mexico. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her children, grandchildren, great grandchild and nephews. She was known as "Nana" to her grandchildren and all of their friends and was the life and grace of all events she attended. Her spirit filled every room and she always danced the night away. Alice attended St. Joseph's Academy also known as St. Joske's in downtown San Antonio. During this time she, her sister Lupe and a group of other girls would run out of the school during their lunch break and run to the USO to dance with the GI's. This went on until one of the nuns at St. Joseph's figured it out and promptly put a stop to it. Alice met the love of her life Joseph A. Ward, Sr. shortly after he had returned home from the war. Though she was on a blind date with another soldier, when Joe saw Alice he knew she was the one for him. This started the dance of their lifetime which lasted 58 years. Alice gave birth to three children Joseph, Elizabeth and Patricia. Alice spent much of her early life studying the piano and was being groomed to attend a music conservatory. She was very creative and studied painting and leaves behind many beautiful works of art. Alice is also responsible for designing and sewing many intricate ball gowns and costumes for her children and grandchildren. During the '60s and '70s she spent much of her life as a retailer at Frank Brothers, Wolff & Marx and Joske's of Texas where she was a lady of style

and taught many young women the tricks to a great wardrobe. Along with her husband Joe, they would attend and support as many athletic games and fine arts performances of their children and grandchildren. Alice was sometimes coined as the "oldest groupie" at her grandson, Joseph's, rock concerts on 6th Street in Austin, Texas. She became "Nana" not only to her grandchildren but to hundreds of other children and teens during her lifetime. During her final weeks, Alice held her rosary given to her by her dear friend and travel companion, Lucy, who had passed just 3 weeks before. The two were a dynamic pair, and along with their husbands would spend weeks traveling and dancing, which they are surely all doing now in heaven. "No hay mal, por que bien no venga" is something Alice would always tell her family and friends to comfort them. This simply means: when something bad happens to you, there is always good that comes to you as well. Alice never failed to say "God bless you," or "Vaya con Dios," every time someone left her side. Her prayers were strong and her belief in everlasting life even stronger. On the day before she died, Alice continued to say, "I believe, I believe," which were her last words. Her unwavering faith shines through her words and she is undoubtedly with the Lord. Her grace, wisdom and amazing attitude toward life and her family leave a legacy that is unforgettable. Alice is preceded in death by her husband, Joseph A. Ward, Sr., her parents Manuel and Manuela Barbosa Prince, her brothers Perfecto, Alfonso, Valeriano, Manuel, twin brother Guillermo and Segundo Prince. She is survived by her sister Lupita Reyes, children Joseph A. Ward, Jr., Elizabeth Ward Moore, Patricia Ward King, grandchildren Rachel Ramsay Young, Donna and Keith Brune, Joseph and Katrina, Jonathan, Cassandra and Priscilla King, Elise and Hasan Tawfiq, Ryan Ward and great grandchildren Kole and Chase Brune and Myla Tawfiq. She is also survived by many beloved nephews and nieces. Rosary and visitation will be Friday from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio, TX 78230. Mass will be Saturday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, 700 Dewhurst Rd., San Antonio, TX 78213, followed by internment at Ft. Sam

Houston. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Alice's name to the Alzheimer's Association at www.alz.org, or to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

Tribute Wall

CN

“ I only knew of your Nana from Lucy, my grandmother, but she sounds like a wonderful woman who will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with the entire family.

Carlye Nystrom - May 27, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ Dear Betty, Joe, and Patty,
I am so terribly sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. My most sincere condolences to each of you and to your families. I remember you Mother's smiling face and sweet demeanor from my childhood in San Antonio. May you each f

Linda Kincaid James - May 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Dear Betty, Patty and Joe,

I am so sorry for your loss. Please accept my most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family during this difficult time. Sincerely Rachele Dawson Mann

Rachelle Mann - May 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Dear Betty,
It is so hard to lose our parents and your mom was always one the sweetest. Both of your parents were very willing to be a "friend" to your friends and that was a special remembrance growing up with you as a close friend. May our Lord be with

Joan Wiethorn - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ Dear Joe, Betty, and Patty- I am so sorry to hear of your mom's passing. I was in Arkansas this past week, and this morning catching up on newspapers, when I read about your mom. I am sorry I missed the funeral, but I want you to know that my prayers ar

Joe Gonzales - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I loved Nana and cherish my many memories of her. She has been a blessing in my life. You are all in my prayers. Love and peace to you all. Kay

Kay Scroggins - May 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ To Alice's children and family. My grandmother, Genoveva Barbosa Prince de Gonzalez-Cigarroa, was your grandather's sister. Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to you at this time of sadness. I am ill at this time and unable to physically atte

Mrs. Rose Mary Gonzalez-Ramos - May 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ I am very sorry about your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Jan

Jan Cross - May 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ Dear Betty, Joe, and Patty,
We are so sorry for the loss of your mother. In the days to come,
your hearts will be full of beautiful memories and that will ease the
pain. She was such a sweet lady and she will be missed! Thinking
of you-
Guy & Sally Roge

Sally and Guy Canfield - May 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Ward family, I am so sad to hear of the death of the Matriarch of
your family. She indeed was a true lady, I know she will be missed. I
was one of the many children who called her "Nana" and have
many fond memories of her. She could always make me laugh

Shelly Billingsley - May 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ Dear Betty, Joe, and Patty,
Please accept our condolences on the the passing of your
mother. She was a sweet lady who, I could tell, loved all of you very
much. She is with your father and I know is very happy where she
is. Life will be hard without

Pablo and Nancy Cardenas - May 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM