



## Aurora Larragoitiy Garza

April 8, 1918 - March 8, 2016

Aurora entered her eternal rest in the Lord's arms on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 joining her husband, Jesse Chuy E. Garza. She was preceded in death by her parents, Iganacio Larragoitiy and Tomasita Cardenas Larragoitiy, her siblings, Ignacio Larragoitiy Jr., Jesus Larragoiti, Arturo Larragoity, Enedelia Garcia, Carlos Larragoity, and Abelardo Larragoitiy. She is survived by her much loved daughter, Margaret Garza, her sister-in-law Blanca V. Larragoitiy, more than 30 nieces and nephews, several dozen grand nieces and nephews with residences in

California, Texas, and Monterrey Mexico. In addition, she is also survived by a handful of first-cousins, and numerous second and third cousins, and many dear friends.

She was born in El Paso, Texas and within her first year of life was living in Fresno, California with her parents and older siblings. She was raised in Fresno until her teenage years. She always had a great love and fond memories of her formative years in Fresno. Her parents decided to move the entire family to Monterrey, Mexico where she lived for a number of years. She later moved to San Antonio to live with her older brother and his family and met her future husband, Chuy. She moved to the Long Beach, California area. Chuy followed her there, proposed and they married. They lived in California for a few years and that was where their daughter Margaret was born. However, they missed their strong family ties in Texas and Monterrey, Mexico

and moved back to San Antonio for good.

As a Roman Catholic, Aurora was a woman of great faith and devotion throughout her life. During her life in San Antonio, she and her family were members of Sacred Heart Parish 10 years, Holy Rosary Parish 21 years and St. Luke Parish 36 years. While at Holy Rosary, they were original member of the Spanish Mass Choir, where Chuy sang and played the guitar while Aurora sang with the choir. It was also at Holy Rosary where she joined the Legion of Mary. The members of the Legion were committed to praying the Holy Rosary every day. This was a practice that Aurora fulfilled for over 45 years. The Legion of Mary members also went out into the neighborhood two by two to help bring the Good News to all. If any families were found that wanted their children baptized in the Catholic faith, receive their First Communion, or have parents married in the Catholic Church, they took down all the necessary information and brought it back to the priest of the parish. Many entered the faith through the efforts of the Legion of Mary. In addition to her daily recitation of the Rosary, she also prayed the Chaplet of the Divine Mercy and numerous prayers from her Sacred Heart Daily Prayer Booklet.

Aurora began her career in retail at the early age of 17 by working at Casa Mendez in Monterrey, Mexico which catered to well-to-do American tourists as well as notable Mexicans, such as the singer and composer, Augustin Lara. In San Antonio, she worked at The Cotton Shop in downtown San Antonio reaching the position of store manager within a year. She worked at Joske's Department store gift-wrapping during Christmas and won a cash award for her excellent work and great customer service. In addition, she also worked for W.T. Grant and Co where she was a department manager for many years. She was highly sought after by her customers and their daughters.

Special thanks are given to the staff of VITAS Innovative Hospice Care for their care of Aurora and support given to Margaret.

## Services

Visitation will be on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North from 5 PM TO 8 PM with a Rosary to be recited at 7PM.

Funeral Mass will be on Thursday, March 17, 2016 at 10 AM at St. Luke Catholic Church with Interment to follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.