



Belinda F. Rischner

February 5, 1949 - November 13, 2011

Belinda Figueroa Rischner, beloved mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, friend, entered our Lord's house on Sunday, November 13, 2011; at age 62 after a courageous battle with cancer. Belinda was born to Agapito and Amelia Figueroa on February 5, 1947 in San Antonio, TX. She is preceded in death by her parents; sister, Maria Esperanza F. Barrera; brother, Albert M. Figueroa; and nephew, Vincent Opio. Belinda is survived by her daughter, Stephanie Casillas Carrillo Santos; granddaughter, Kathrine Harley; sisters, Alma Henderson, Mary Rose Elizondo Armando, Diana Figueroa, Elizabeth Hernandez Frank, and Denise Figueroa Melisa; brothers, Raymond Figueroa Sheila, Robert Figueroa, Gilbert Figueroa Mary Ellen, and Frank Figueroa Pamela; and many nieces and nephews. Belinda graduated from Brackenridge High School in 1967. While working at the Baptist Hospital's Coffee Shop, Dr. Guillermo Marcos and Dr. Hugo Muzza saw great potential in her and sent her to LVN School; where she graduated in 1974 from St. Phillips College. Belinda worked at a hospital for 14 and 1/2 years. In 1988 she decided to try Home Health; which she loved and worked until October 2010. Belinda was a life member of the Marine Corps League Aux. She started out as a card carrying member and soon became a unit officer; including consecutive terms as President. Belinda also served honorably as an officer at the state level and as National Southern Division VP for three years. She was nominated for and received the Chapel of Four Chaplains "The Legion of Honor Award". She also received the State's Auxiliary Member of the Year

Award. Her greatest love was her family and being an advocate for children in need. She touched many lives with her loving and caring ways; and always had a positive outlook on life. Belinda believed that things happened for a reason. Her family wishes to thank Odessa Hospice staff for the loving care they gave her, also to Dr. Richard Fischer, Dr. John Garcia, and the staff at CTRC for helping her throughout her illness. In lieu of flowers, the family request that you donate to your favorite charity.