



Bertha Gil Rodriguez

October 30, 1920 - June 22, 2013

Our Beloved mother spent her last days at home enjoying her great grandchildren. Bertha Gil Rodriguez was a role model to her daughters and worked with her husband to give them the best education possible. Bertha was born in Eagle Pass, Texas, where as a teenager she began a career in photography that lasted a lifetime. She moved to San Antonio with her husband who came back from World War II and began work at Kelly AFB. In San Antonio she worked with Beverly Studios, Fox Photo and eventually bought and worked her own photography studio in downtown San Antonio. In 1997, her photos were exhibited in a show "American Voices" at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. Most of all, she was passionate about family and enjoyed traveling. She was recognized by the city for her volunteer work with the Department of Community Initiatives. Bertha fought for justice in the workplace and left an archive of photos that documented an era of community history. Seven years ago her husband Reynaldo Luis Rodriguez preceded her in death. She is survived by her four daughters: Diana Rodriguez, Bertha Gonzalez, Pita Rodriguez, Sandra Rodriguez and son-in-law Raul Guerra. Her grandchildren Ana Laura Gonzalez, Hector Rey Cardenas and her great grandchildren Diego Joaquin Chapa and Orlando Luis Chapa will miss her deeply. Bertha is also survived by her two close sisters Petra Gil Oliphant and Eloisa Battaglia.