



Carmen Rea Uriegas

April 15, 1928 - May 24, 2013

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Carmen Rea Uriegas, a long-time resident of San Antonio, died peacefully at home Friday, the 24th of May.

Born in 1928 in San Antonio, Carmen was a proud graduate of Burbank High School. She worked at J.C. Penney and Harlandale Bank for 15 years, then decided to stay home to care for her grandchildren. Carmen loved books and children. In her seventies, she was able to satisfy her love for both by volunteering at St. Leo's Catholic School library where she read to children and tidied up the stacks.

Carmen delighted her family with exceptional cooking as her cornbread dressing, chicken mole, and calabasita are legendary. She was an excellent seamstress who meticulously made not only home décor, but also many costumes and clothes. Carmen devoted much of her time to cultivating her garden which, in its prime, could rival any spread in Better Homes and Garden. Each morning, a myriad of birds came to her back yard in anticipation of her feedings as she put out generous servings of seed, bread and water. She was also a devoted Spurs and Cowboys fan. Her lasting impression on others will be her great wit and illuminating smile.

Carmen was preceded in death by her father, Guadalupe Rea; mother, Elena C. Rea; brothers Ruben, Mike, Manuel and Joe Rea; her husband, Tom Uriegas, and great granddaughter Gabriella Lerma. After a long separation, Carmen is now reunited with her beloved son, Tony Uriegas.

She is survived by her daughter Josie Martinez Robert; son Albert Uriegas Theresa; son Frank Uriegas Velma; daughter Yvonne Uriegas; daughter-in-law Sylvia Uriegas Contreras; sisters, Josephine Chin and Della Martinez; brothers Guadalupe Rea Stella; Tony Rea Sara and John Rea; grandchildren Paul Lerma Leticia; Brian Uriegas Deanna; Mark Uriegas, Eric Martinez, Adam Martinez, Jarrett Uriegas, Natalie Uriegas; and great grand-children Paul Anthony Lerma, Frank Lerma, and Isabella Lerma.

In Lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Good Shepherd Catholic Academy St. Leo's School
119 Octavia Pl San Antonio, Texas 78214.