



## Carol JoAn Pantoja

April 4, 1941 - April 25, 2009

Carol JoAn Pantoja, 68, former Project Manager of Casa Helotes Senior Citizen Center died after an extended battle with COPD on Saturday, April 25, 2009. Carol was born in Okabena, Minnesota on April 4, 1941, where her father, Maynard Bloom was a Depot Agent for the railroad and her mother Catherine Kay Plut Bloom was the Postmistress for the US Postal Service. She graduated from Okabena High School in 1959 as Salutatorian of her class. After high school, Carol received a certificate in accounting and followed in her mother into the postal service. She became Postmaster in Okabena in 1974. After moving to San Antonio, Texas in 1979, she continued her service in the USPS as a letter carrier. In 1982, she became postmaster in Helotes, Texas. She also was an active member of Delta Sigma Epsilon for many years serving the Helotes community. In 2005, she was named Outstanding Civic Leader of the Year by the Helotes Masonic Lodge #1429. She is survived by her husband of 27 years, Severiano Pantoja, Jr. Survivors also include three children Teresa, John, and Christine; 4 stepchildren Cynthia, Stephanie, Sam and Cathy; a brother Ron Bloom of Minnesota; 7 grandchildren; one great grandchild, several beloved cousins and many cherished lifetime friends. A 7:00 p.m. Memorial Service will be celebrated on Thursday, April 30, 2009 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. A 10:00 a.m. Mass will be celebrated on Friday, May 1, 2009 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Helotes, TX followed by a brief Inurnment Service in Mission Burial Park North. Carol was

a devoted wife, beloved mother and cherished friend. She will be sorely missed.

# Tribute Wall

JT

“ To Carol Bloom Pantoja's Family,

*I am Joyce Bender Tulloss from Tucson, Arizona. I grew up with Carol in Okabena, Minnesota. We lived a mile east of Okabena, so were friends with her family. Mrs. Bloom was a very good friend of my Mom, Sally. JoA*

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**Joyce Bender Tulloss** - July 15, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Extending our heartfelt condolences on the loss of your loved one. Directors & Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North*

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**Mission Park Funeral Chapels North** - April 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BZ

“ *Sam and family,*

*I was saddened to read of Carols passing and to know she suffered with COPD. She was a good friend to many fellow Postmasters. You must have been proud of her volunteer work in the community and for other people.*

*I am sorry for you*

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**Barbara Zoeller** - April 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *I am saddened by Carol's passing and feel a deep loss of personal history and friendship. She was the friend I had known the longest. Our friendship began when we were 10 years old, and we shared many good times. Carol will be greatly missed by everyone*

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**Sue** - April 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ *Carol JoAn Pantoja*

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**Fred Burns** - April 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *Dear Serviano and Children,*

*May God keep and comfort you during this difficult time. May He softly ease your sorrow. May you feel His presence near you as you go on with your tomorrows. And may you always remember the "Good Times".*

*Sincerely,  
Alice B*

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**Alice Briones-Ditmer** - April 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Sam and family,  
Our heartfelt sympathies for your family, Carol will truly be missed.*

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**Joel Bloom and family** - April 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM