



## Delfina Alderete Rosales

July 31, 1919 - March 10, 2012

Delfina Alderete Rosales born on July 31, 1919 in Seguin, Texas. Died peacefully with her children and family by her side on Saturday, March 10, 2012 in San Antonio, Texas. Preceding her in death: Father, Guadalupe Alderete, Mother, Severa Valadez Alderete, Brothers: Joe Victoria, John Rita, and Guadalupe Blanca Alderete, Sisters: Hermina Sotero Vasquez, Adelina Raymond Gil, Emily Orozco, and Josephina Alderete. She is survived by children: Kathleen Botello, husband Ron; Robert Jr. and wife Cynthia; Richard E. and wife Christine; John Raymond and wife Suzy; Sara Anne and husband Roger Guerra. Numerous nieces, nephews and god-children. Also survived by 12 grandchildren: Monica, Meledy, Lita, Natalie, Robbie, Robert Ray, Rianna, Jennifer, John, Ursula, Richard, Lori Nicole, and 10 great-grandchildren.

Delfina nearly lost her life after a serious auto accident at the age of 19--but her mother held vigil at her daughter's bedside until her recovery. Sweetie, as she was known by most, went on to live for 73 more years. Delfina married her childhood sweetheart Robert E. Rosales on May 3, 1942. Together they lived in Massachusetts, Missouri and Texas. While her husband was overseas, Delfina worked for Edgar Tobin Aerial Survey and at Ft. Sam Houston Air Force Base as a map layout artist. Upon her husband's return from the war, when most women returned to their role as wife and homemaker, Delfina, defying the norm of the times, stayed in the workforce until the birth of her last child in 1961. A life-long catholic, Delfina and her husband raised five children in the church--and remained residents of the

southside of San Antonio and members of St. James the Apostle Catholic Church until her passing. Delfina and her husband were active well into their 80s building lasting relationships with close family friends and those associated with the 36th Division--141st Infantry, the American Legion and VFW organizations. One of her life-long dreams was to travel to Hawaii and she was able to do so while attending a National Convention of the Fighting 36th Division in the 1980s. She lived a long and glorious life--full of laughter and love--finding pleasure with God, her family, and her flowers. Delfina cherished being outside, tending to her garden, and watching her plants flourish. A special appreciation is given to those at Park Lane West Nursing Home. Sweetie will be truly missed by all who knew and loved her. Visitation will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a rosary to be recited that evening at 7:00 p.m. at Alamo Funeral Chapels. Funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 at 9:30 a.m. at St. James Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. For personal acknowledgement you may sign the guest book at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the obituary section.