



Delia Huron Saldaña

February 22, 1954 - December 22, 2008

SALDAÑA

Delia Huron Saldaña beloved mother and grandmother went to be with the Lord on December 22, 2008. Delia Huron Saldaña, Ph.D. obtained her doctoral degree at UCLA, specializing in Clinical Psychology with a second specialty in Community Psychology. She provided program evaluation and conducted health services research in diverse community-based settings. She was fluently bilingual in Spanish and English, thus bringing research skills, formal diagnostic and clinical intervention training, and language assets to a primarily Mexican American populace in the San Antonio metropolitan area as well as lower South Texas region. In addition, she conducted extensive trainings for community based provider implementation. Since 2003, audiences included pharmacologists, policy planners, mental health advocates, behavioral and mental health providers, consumers and families, national behavioral health organizations, and national multicultural leaders. She was born in San Antonio to Richard and Eva H. Saldaña on February 22, 1954, and was preceded in death by her parents. Delia is survived by her three children Chris Costley, wife Lauren and granddaughter Camryn, and Stephanie and Nick Baldoni; siblings, Esther, Richard, Rachel, and Dave. Aunts Celia and Mary Ann Saldaña and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

SERVICES

A memorial service will be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, December 29, 2008 at Iglesia Bautista Sur San Antonio, 2026 W Pyron San Antonio, Texas 78211. In lieu of flowers please donations may be made to Hispanas Unidas at <http://www.hispanasunidas.org>.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Delia will be greatly missed. Our deepest condolences. The Wellesley Class of 1976 has lost a fine spirit.*

Carol Bellhouse - April 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Dr. Delia Saldana was my professor and mentor at Trinity University.*

Her impact on my life is inexplicable.

She was an inspired educator. As the lone hispanic female professor at Trinity during the late '80s, she immediately became my role model.

Beckie Cardenas - April 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Even though I did not know her personally, I am very fond of her contributions to the Latino Community. My prayers for Delia's family.*

Maritza Guerrero - January 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *My prayers go out to Delia's family. She was a good friend and colleague. I will miss her!*

David Luna - January 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ *My prayers and thoughts to Delia's family. My thanks to Delia for her contributions on the importance of cultural competence to the Latino Conference hosted by LBHI. Delia - mil gracias!! Ambrose*

Amrose Rodriguez - January 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ My condolences to Delia's family. She will be missed because of her committment to encourage everyone she touched. She was a dear colleague and friend but more importantly a comadre. My heartfelt sadness for your loss.

Martha Medrano - January 04, 2009 at 12:00 AM

OM

“ My sincerest condolences to Delia's family. She was a colleague and friend with a great spirit and a wonderful smile.

Octavio Martinez - January 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ I offer my deepest condolences to Delia's family and friends. She taught me the importance of affirming others in their work. I will remember this of her.

*Gilberto Perez Jr.
Bienvenido Program Director
Ligonier, IN*

Gilberto Perez - January 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ In her abbreviated life, Delia made a host of contributions that extended her knowledge and reach far beyond the boundaries or needs of her own community. She enticed each of our disparate communities and nascent organizations of color to think more broad

King Davis - January 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RY

“ My heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Delia Saldana. Delia was both my dear friend and valued colleague. Her memory and legacy live on with the many people touched by her kind and gentle spirit and by her numerous professional contributio

Rick Ybarra - January 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GP

“ My prayers are with all the family members of Delia. Delia was a pioneer in her field as one of first Latina psychologist post the civil right's era. She was a dedicated and committed individual to her profession but especially to the Latino community. D

Guadalupe Pacheco - January 01, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Delia was a "gentle" person. She looked for and expected "goodness" in all those around her. I will miss the time we shared together as dear friends and co-conspirators.

Santo J. Buddy Ruiz - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ It was a pleasure to have worked with Delia on the NLBHA Board. Her leadership and clinical knowledge were such an asset. Her sense of humor was amazing. She will be greatly missed by all who were touched by her words of wisdom, compassion and love for

Rosemary Celaya-Alston - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FM

“ On behalf of the National Latino Mental Health Association NLBHA, I wish to express my heartfelt sympathies to Dr. Delia Saldana's family and close friends. It is a sad loss for Latinos in Texas and across the U.S. Dr. Saldana was a brilliant, well respect

Fredrick Sandoval, MPA - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ We are saddened by the untimely death of our friend and colleague Delia---- She will be missed by all!

Teresa Chapa - December 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ sorry to hear the death of delia my prayers are with all of the saldana family. Im the son of Margarita Saldana who worked with your mom at Dwight Jr Hi My mom passed away in August of this year GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU

joe saldana - December 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

YC

“ Delia was both a friend and colleague. I came to know her well during work together in Laredo. I will miss her soft voice, her laughter, and her encouragement. My condolences to those that loved her best - her family and friends.

Yolanda Cantu - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ My condolences, to the Saldana family, I had the honor to work with Delia on behave of mental health consumers I myself am a consumer and she always belived that recovey was possiable, she will be dearly missed, among the mental health advocates and con

Martha Oretgon - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ On behalf of University United Methodist Church, I offer my deepest sympathies to your family at the loss of Delia. May God's presence bring you peace as you mourn together. Do let us know if we can help in anyway.

*In Christ our Hope,
Leslie Tomlinson*

Rev. Leslie Tomlinson - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ My heartfelt condolences to all of her family. I know she will be greatly missed. As a friend and former co-worker, I will miss her and her smile.

Mary E. Bogardus - December 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Our prayers are with the Saldana and the Baldoni families. May Delia be at peace.

Dino Baldoni and Family

Dino Baldoni and Family - December 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ Chris, Stephanie, Nick, Lauren, Camryn and Family,

Please know how saddened we were to hear of Delia's passing. Words alone are never adequate when attempting to express our sorrow upon the loss of someone who is so loved and cherished. Always know th

Linda, William, and Peter Nielsen - December 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AM

“ *We are so sorry about Delia's passing. Our condolences to her family.*

Alec and Doris Miller - December 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM