



Eloisa Rivera Espinoza

November 3, 1919 - December 10, 2015

Eloisa Rivera Espinoza, our loving Mother and Grandmother went to be with the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on December 10, 2015. She was born in Kenedy, Texas on November 3, 1919. She was preceded in death by her husband of 70 years, Jesus G. Espinoza, her parents Francisco and Julia Rivera, Sisters Conception Torres, Martina Gutierrez, Carmen Vega and Brother Luis Rivera.

She is survived by her brother-in-law Paul Vera and children: Helen and Husband Gilbert Gonzales, Daniel and wife Alice Espinoza and Anna and husband Charlie Torres. Her beloved Grandchildren: Elizabeth and Husband Homero Salinas Jr., Ruth and Husband Chris Grasty, Daniel and Wife Claudia Espinoza, Timothy and Wife Kayla Gonzales, Abigail Gonzales and Aaron Torres. She has ten great-grandchildren and one on the way.

Eloisa served at Jerusalem Baptist Church as a children's Sunday School Teacher, Women's Union Leader, choir member and Deacon's wife. She was loved and esteemed by many friends and relatives and her brothers and sisters in Christ.

She was an avid nature lover, who enjoyed fishing, horses and gardening. One of her self-taught skills was sewing. She would make her children's clothes and later clothes for her grandchildren. She was a great fan attending all of her family's sporting events. Even when her children quit playing, she and Papi would go to Five Diamonds to watch a game. All of us have great memories of playing ball with her in the backyard ending the game with tea

and homemade cookies; she kept ready in the icebox.

She encouraged her Grandchildren to use their gifts and talents in service to the Lord. With a limited formal education, she taught herself to read in both Spanish and English, having done this she valued education and encouraged her children to pursue a college education; all three of them became teachers. Our fondest memory will be the time she spent reading God's word at the breakfast table with a cup of coffee. Always lifting her family and friends up in prayer.