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Elva Treviño Peña was born on October 31, 1930 in Agujita, Coahuila. She married the only love of her life Roberto Treviño Santos on November 23, 1952. For their honeymoon they drove near 1200 miles to Evanston, Wyoming where a job was waiting for Roberto with Union Pacific Railroad Company. This marriage produced 6 six children: Robert, Elizabeth, Ramiro, Hector, Oliva and Otoñiel. Robert was 6 months when their house caught fire in Evanston and burned down to the ground. Arson was suspected and allegedly caused by individuals dissatisfied with Mexicans coming in to town to take their jobs. That cold night in February Roberto and Elva wrapped up their son, Robert, and caught the first bus to San Antonio leaving behind all their belongings, including their 1942 Pontiac car. Olivia Valdez, Elva's older sister, took them in until they found housing in the Victoria Courts, a federal housing project in downtown San Antonio. Roberto worked construction by day, janitorial services by night and Elva, the entrepreneur, started buying used clothes at Goodwill and Salvation Army stores to take to Mexico to sell. With this hard work and entrepreneurial spirit they were able to send their children to a catholic school—Saint Michael's—located where Hemisfair Park now stands. In the sixties when suburban America was sprawling to the outskirts, inner city houses of San Antonio were being abandoned; many left uncared

for and dilapidated. Roberto and Elva inculcated in their children to not leave the underserved areas and instead to invest and bring business back where they are needed most. When Roberto and Elva had enough money to buy their first house they purchased one a block away from the Victoria courts. When they had enough money to buy their second home, it was three houses away from the Victoria Courts. In addition they started buying houses with their hard earned money in the Lavaca neighborhood. Following Roberto and Elva's spirit to always give back to communities most in need, Elizabeth organized annual Halloween parties for children in the Victoria Courts and the family stood alongside Charles Kilpatrick, former Editor-in-Chief of the San Antonio Express-News, and his wife Margie to build the Children's All-Around Playground in the Hemisfair Park, across from the Victoria Courts. When Robert graduated from medical school and finished his specialties in Internal Medicine and Critical Care Medicine he opened up his clinic two blocks away from the Victoria Courts. Since then him and his partners, Drs. Robert Ross and Miguel Ayala started South Alamo Medical Group with 7 clinics located in underserved areas. On September 9, 2015, at the age of 84, Elva passed on to be with the Lord. She joined her father and mother, Enrique and Francisca, her son, Ramiro, and her brothers, Enrique, Pedro and Jose Maria Chemita. From up there, Elva's spirit of hard work and stretching out a helping hand to those most in need will continue to live.

Visitation will begin on Sunday, September 13, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. with a rosary to begin at 7:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South. Services will be conducted by Father Michael DeGerolami from Saint Timothy's Catholic Church and will be held on Monday, September 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Mission Burial Park South.

For personal acknowledgement, you may sign the online guestbook at www.missionparks.com in the obituary section.