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Mrs. Hortence "Hardy" Rooks, age 92, daughter of Amador and Juanita Buentello passed away peacefully at home on June 3, 2016. She was born August 2, 1923 in San Antonio. She lost her father when she was only six years old, leaving her widowed mother to care for her three children during the depression years. Mom had only a few years of elementary education but she learned to develop pictures in a photo shop/café where she worked during WWII taking pictures of G.I.'s before they were shipped overseas. It was at that photo shop that she met her future husband, Hiram Wesley Rooks who was stationed at Ft. Sam Houston. She continued working at the photo shop until dad came home from the war. Later in life she worked at home babysitting children for several years. Mom was a very kind and compassionate person who never turned away a hungry person or someone needing clothing or a place to stay. She was a stay-at-home mom who was happy cooking and sharing meals with her children's friends, or neighbors who were housebound. Although she suffered many trials in her lifetime, her faith in the Lord was strong and never wavered. She loved her children and grandchildren unconditionally and she will be missed by all. She was a member of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Mom was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years; her son, Randy Rooks; her brother Al Buentello,

her sister, Lilia Escobedo, and grandson David Rooks. She is survived by her son Charles Rookswife Mae, and her daughter, Laura Rooks Faust, along with grandchildren: Clyde Rooks, Patrick Joseph Rooks, Deanna Huff, Conan Rooks, Jerry L. Faust, Jr., Casey Rooks and Daniel Rooks; as well as several great grandchildren and great great grandchildren. Pallbearers: Conan Rooks, Casey Rooks, Daniel Rooks, Clyde Rooks, Patrick J. Rooks, and Jerry L. Faust, Jr.

Visitation will be held on Monday, June 6, 2016 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North. Funeral Services will be celebrated on Tuesday, June 7, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. also at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North with Pastor Steven Kabah officiating. Interment will follow in Mission Burial Park North. Flowers are appreciated, however, for those who desire, memorial contributions may be made to the local Salvation Army, or the San Antonio Humane Society.