



## Jodie Michelle Castro-Saenz

April 30, 1979 - December 28, 2009

Our beloved Jodie Michelle Castro-Saenz went home into the arms of Jesus on December 28, 2009 at the age of 30. Jodie was diagnosed with brain cancer, though this has taken a toll on the entire family we continued to pray for a miracle. Jodie was a 5th grade teacher at Carroll Bell Elementary on San Antonio's Southside. She earned her Bachelor's in Special Education and continued to receive her Master's from Our Lady of the Lake. Jodie's love and passion for kids allowed her to unselfishly assist her kids on weekends and afterschool to tutor, so that they may achieve their own goals. Jodie was born in San Antonio and raised on the southside of town and when she searched for her dream job she chose to stay and teach the kids of the Southside. The community has had numerous fundraisers from plate sales to benefit dances to help with the financial burdens on her husband and family. The first plate sale was a miracle in itself because the people kept coming and the food never ran out. Jodie had lost her eye sight completely and was seeking treatment at the Cancer Therapy & Research Center. She is survived by her husband, Ryan Saenz, parents, Jose and Esther Castro; sister, Melissa Garcia and husband, Eliud; stepson, Nathan Saenz; mother and father-in-law, Grace and Charlie Saenz; nephews, Jordan Perez, Toby Garcia; step niece, Amanda Garcia; sister-in-law, Catherine Saenz; her grandparents and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of dear friends.

### SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 5:30 on Wednesday, December 30, 2009 with a rosary to begin at 7:30 PM at Mission Park South. Mass of the Resurrection will be celebrated at 10:30 AM Thursday, December 31, 2009 at St. Lawrence Catholic Church with interment to follow at Mission Burial Park South. Jodie's family is eternally grateful to each of you for your help. They would also like to thank the Doctors and staff at CTRC, Sonterra Medical Park and all the friends and family that followed and supported Jodie through her journey.

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ I was lucky enough to have the chance to know Mrs. Castro. She was my fifth grade teacher in 2003-2004. She was one of the best teachers i ever had. Its sad she was here for only a while, but at least we got to enjoy the time we had. I will always remembe

Jacob Mayo - April 27, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LE

“ TO THE CASTRO-SAENZ-GARCIA FAMILIES:  
MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU. THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME 6 WONDERFUL YEARS WITH MY JODIE. I AM BLESSED TO HAVE MET SUCH A CARING FRIEND AND AM HONORED TO HAVE SEEN HER DO WHAT SHE LOVED TO DO

LORI FLORES/CARROLL BELL ELEMENTARY - January 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ To the Castro Family you have our deepest condolences with the passing of your beautiful daughter. There are no words to say how much Jodie will be missed. Our prayers go out to you and the family during this difficult time.

Brenda Cardenas - December 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Castro and Saenz family. God sent us a beautiful angel named Jodie and has now called her back. She was a friend, co-worker, and my children's teacher. Teaching was truly her calling. I thank God my children had the privil

Margaret Garcia - December 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ My sincerest condolences to the family of Jodie Castro-Saenz. I had the pleasure of working with her at Carroll Bell. Although I only worked with her a year, I truly admired her and found the rapport she shared with her students very inspiring. My life is r

Lucy Martinez - December 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Mrs. Castro-Saenz was my 5th grade teacher in 2007-2008. I will miss her alot. She helped me be the best that I can be. I love you Mrs. Castro. I will make you proud.

Adrianna Garcia - December 31, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ May the Lord reveal true understanding on such a great loss to our entire family, This may come later but today we do grieve with Ryan, Esther and Joe, Grandparents and sister Melissa and many cousins. It is apparent that HEAVEN has just become a BETTER p

Daniel Servantes - December 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ I give my condolences to family and friends. Jodie was my childrens teacher & Esther Castro was my teacher. Jodie took to heart her teaching abilities and showed it to her students. She will be greatly missed by all that came upon her path.

carmen segura - December 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ My condolences to the Castro-Saenz family. Our beautiful Jodie will never be forgotten. She has touched alot of people in many good ways. We carry you in memory forever!

Ruben Reyes - December 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ I will always remember my friend from OLLU! You were a simply amazing friend and I can honestly say that you were and still are my inspiration! I will miss you dearly. You are an angel now ... i know that GOD has a special place for you. You are that light

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**Genny Lopez** - December 30, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Our continued prayers are with the entire families. We pray for Jodie to have eternal rest. Our Love always and condolences to All. Peace to All, Alonzo Family

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**Jesse G Alonzo** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ We pray the lord brings Jodie's family peace and strength throughout this difficult time. Our sincerest condolences are with everyone that was fortunate enough to take part in her short time with us all. Our world is a better place because of her and the

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**Marcy & Tommy Cantu** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ I work with Melissa and she is a breath of fresh air when she greets you. I got to know Jody through Melissa because she talked of her sister fondly and loved her very much. I am deeply sorry for your loss. May the Lord bless all of her family and loved

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**Belen Longoria** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ I send the whole family my thoughts and prayers. You have all struggled and now it is time to rest. Melissa, I will be out of town at the time of the services, but I wanted to leave you this message. Be strong.

*Tom Sisson*

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**Thomas Sisson** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PV

“ Joe, Ester, Melissa, Eliud, Ryan and family...Our thoughts and prayers go out to each and every one of you. May you each receive the Lord's love and comfort during this difficult time and always. We will dearly miss Jodie- With love always,

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**Priscilla & Mike Velasquez** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ To the Castro and Saenz Families,  
Our deepest sympathy to your family, our thoughts and prayers are with you. I worked for many years with Mr.Castro at Kelly AFB

*Rudy and Sylvia Arzola*

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**rudy c. arzola** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Ryan, Mr & Mrs Castro, Melissa & Eliud~ I was honored to know Jodie. To remember her when she was such a little girl and be able see how beautiful of a person she was is a blessing. She will forever be in our hearts. My heart breaks for each of you.

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**Cindy & Gilbert Perez** - December 29, 2009 at 12:00 AM