



## Josefa Escalera Gonzales

June 10, 1915 - January 31, 2007

### G O N Z A L E S

Josefa Casillas Gonzales, age 91, went to be with the Lord on January 31, 2007. She was born in Thelma, Texas on June 10, 1915. Preceded in death by her parents: Ignacio Casillas and Jesusa Escalera Casillas; her husband, Julio M. Gonzales; her son, Joe Casillas Gonzales; and daughters-in-law: Josie Gonzales and Gloria Gonzales. Survivors include her nephew, Bill Horrall Casmiro Casillas; 3 sons: Julio Gonzales, Jr., Roger C. Gonzales, and Carlos C. Gonzales; 2 daughters: Antonia DeLosSantos and Sylvia Mancillas. Mother raised us with a very firm hand and dedicated her entire life to her children. Our Mother was a very strong and strict Woman. She is greatly loved by her family, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and will be missed dearly. When our Dad was in the Military during W.W.II, she raised us by herself until his Military commitment was complete.

Josefa was a descendant of Carlos Casillas, the first Casillas Spaniard to come to Texas in the 1700's. Her grandfather Casimiro Casillas was a Confederate Soldier during the Civil War. Her Great-great-great Uncles, Mateo, Pablo, and Juan Jose Casillas were Scouts for Sam Houston during the siege at the Alamo in 1836.

### S E R V I C E S

Visitation will begin at 3:00 PM on Thursday, February 1 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South with a Rosary recited at 7:00 PM. Funeral Mass will be

offered at 2:30 PM on Friday, February 2, at El Carmen Catholic Church with interment to follow at El Carmen Cemetery.

# Tribute Wall

GM

“ To my Grandmother,

*You have only been gone 6 days, and I miss you so much already. I will never forget you, and everything you have done for me. I will always remember the good times we had together. I know you are in heaven with Grandpa, Aunt Gloria,*

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**Gregory Mancillas** - February 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SY

“ To our mother:

*Thank you for all of your Blessings, We will miss you for the rest of our lives.*

*Thanks to Gregory Mancillas & Elia Segura for all your support and help.*

*Daughters, Sylvia Mancillas & Toni Delossantos.*

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**Sylvia** - February 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM

Jl

“ Our grandmother cared for us grandchildren very much and I take solace in the knowledge that her love is still with us and that she has left this imperfect world to be in peace with Christ.

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**Julio Gonzales III** - February 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EE

“ *My prayers are with you at this time of your great loss. Josefa was very special to me because she and my father Joe Escalera were very close. We loved her very much.*

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**Estella Escalera** - February 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ *Roger, Lydia, and family,  
We prayed for the repose of the soul of Josefa at Mass today  
Medical Center. I will continue to keep you and your loved ones in  
my prayer. God bless you all!*

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**Victor Laroche** - February 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RZ

“ *For the family:  
  
May the lord bless and comfort you in this sorrowful time.*

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**Rick & Yolanda Zambrano** - February 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *May the Lord bring you peace and comfort that she is in his  
embrace.*

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**Gilbert and Gladys Lares** - February 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Lydia and Roger,

*My prayers are with you all in your time of greif. Please remember that you all are in the Grace of God and He is always with you and your family.*

*Blessing,  
Amy*

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**Amy Moreno** - February 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ Dear Roger and family,

*My prayers and thoughts are with you as you grieve your mother's death.*

*Mary Davis*

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**mary davis** - February 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ With my deepest sympathy and prayers . Maggie Jones

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**Maggie Jones** - February 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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**Maggie Jones** - February 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GR

“ For all my grieving Uncles & aunts & cousins, Grandma will be missed very much. "I LOVE YOU"

*Gregory Mancillas*

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**Gregory** - January 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you, Mema Toni. We love you.  
Fernando, Kandy, Seth and Ethan*

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**Fernando, Kandy, Seth and Ethan Castaneda** - January 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ *My thoughts and prayers to all in the Family. She will be missed.*

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**Berna** - January 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *My thoughts to my Mom, Aunt and Uncles during this time. I will miss her.*

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**Diane De Los Santos** - January 31, 2007 at 12:00 AM