



## Lilia Nelda Palacios

February 1, 1941 - January 1, 2010

### Palacios

Lilia Nelda and Pedro Hilario Palacios died on January 1, 2010. Nelda Salinas was born on February 1, 1941 in Hebbronville, TX. She was born the middle of her 4 siblings, Frank, Margot, Veronica and Cynthia. She graduated from Hebbronville High School where she excelled in playing basketball, holding state records that remained unbroken for decades after her graduation. Nelda graduated from Texas A&I College in Kingsville majoring in Physical Education and Industrial Arts. She went on to be a teacher in Hebbronville and San Antonio schools.

Pedro Palacios was born on July 22, 1939 in Laredo, TX. He was also the middle child of his 4 siblings, Elvira, Raul Jr, Gloria, and Gabriel. Pedro graduated from Martin High School in Laredo in 1957 and then went to Laredo Junior College as an Engineering major for two years. Pedro spent the next two years serving in the Navy on an Aircraft Carrier where he acted as a Radar Technician. After returning from the Navy, Pedro attended Texas A&I College where he graduated with an Electrical Engineering degree. Pedro had a successful career as an engineer working in the Civil Service for the U.S. Government.

Nelda and Pedro met at college and were married five years later in 1967. Nelda was a friend of Pedro's younger sister. After the wedding they moved to Vallejo, California, where Pedro was stationed at Mare Island Naval Shipyard. Pedro had the dangerous job of working as a Test Engineer, which involved

Sea Trials where he had to take new submarines out to sea for several days to make sure everything worked. During the eleven years in California, Pedro and Nelda had three children, Pete Jr., Marco Juliette, and Maria Mark Burke. The Palacios family moved to San Antonio in 1981. They were both very active in the Catholic Church throughout their lives. Nelda and Pedro enjoyed working with Catholic Charismatic Renewal groups and Healing Ministries. They were members of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Helotes, TX, where they both served happily as Eucharistic Ministers.

Pedro and Nelda truly loved spending time with family and friends. They enjoyed annual Palacios Family reunions in Port Aransas and numerous Salinas family gatherings. They were overjoyed to become grandparents in the summer of 2010, with two grandbabies on the way. Nelda and Pedro were preceded in death by their parents, Frank and Hortensia Salinas, Raul and Elvira Palacios, brother Frank Ernest Salinas, and brother-in-laws Manuel Gutierrez and Ruben Resendez.

Visitation will begin at 5pm on January 6, followed by the Rosary at 7pm. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10am on January 7, with a reception to follow the burial. All services and the reception will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Helotes, TX. The Family requests donations be made to the Catholic Charismatic Renewal Center or Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

# Tribute Wall

EF

“ *May God be with all of the family especially during these difficult times....A pair of angels has joined heaven and they have a direct line to their children and loved ones.*

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**Esther Firova** - January 16, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *My most sincere condolences to the family.*

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**Jose M. Pena** - January 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MN

“ *Pete Jr., Marco and Juliette, and Maria and Mark, We were so saddened by the news of your loss today. Your parents were beautiful people and will be missed by many. All of you will be in our prayers as I know this must be a very difficult time for you and*

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**Maria Snyder Nava** - January 10, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ *I was shaken by the sad news of the tragic death of your parents and/or your siblings. Nelda and I were friends since the 7th grade in Hebronville. Earlier this week I had decided to join Facebook. Unbelievably, eventhough Nelda and I had lost track o*

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**Aurora Saenz Buentello** - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Our thoughts and our prayers are with all of the family. I have so many wonderful memories of Nelda and Margot who were approximately my age. We were a small group of girls that did so many things together and especially enjoyed playing Canasta after SC

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**M. J. & Leticia Paz Peñata** - January 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ To all the Salinas and Palacios families, my deepest condolences on our great loss. I am one of the Eckhart Hall sisters who lived with Nelda in the dormitory at Texas A&I in the early 1960s. Pedro's sister, Gloria, was my roommate. I knew Nelda from h

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**Ana Maria Rodriguez** - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ My condolences to the families. "Coach" as I always called her, was a great friend. She was my high school coach and P.E. teacher in Hebbronville. She was a wonderful, wonderful person. We belonged to the same church and I had the privilege of being in

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**Norma Serna Wardlow** - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the Salinas and Palacios families. May Almighty God give you strength and peace through this sad time. My sincere condolences.

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**Elma M. Serna** - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Dear Pete, Marco and Family,  
No doubt your hearts are heavy with the sorrow of having lost your beloved parents to such an unexpected tragedy. Please know that your friends are grieving with you. There is little anyone can say that will lessen your so

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**Jim & Joni Cox** - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Dearest family,

We were deeply saddened to hear of the loss of our own Nelda & husband Hilario on January 1st. Knowing their love and devotion to each other and our lord gave us great peace. May you and all your family find peach in your hearts in th

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**Mrs. Angiolina M. Ramirez & Family** - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

YS

“ Cynthia, I heard today about Nelda and Pete. I was very saddened to hear of their passing. My aunt from Hebronville is the one who told me. I hope we can talk soon. I haven't seen you in years but remember you and your whole family fondly.

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**Yvonne Salinas** - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ Maria, Please accept our deepest sympathy at the loss of your parents. We remember them well and how supportive they were of you during your years with our volleyball club. They were wonderful parents to you and friends to us. May God bless you and your fa

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**Gary & Pam Klasing** - January 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ marco  
we are so very sorry for your loss.

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**joel and diane godwin** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ My condolences to the Palacios' and Salinas' families on the untimely loss of Pedro and Nelda. I knew Pedro at Kelly AFB where he made work a pleasure. His and Nelda's greatest reward will be in Heaven. The peace of the Lord be with you all.

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**Robert Rivera** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Cindy, I am so, so sorry. May the love of Almighty God bring you and your family peace and consolation. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Marco, Pete, Maria and the rest of the family.

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**Grace Berlanga** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LU

“ We know that know is the begining of the rest of their lives, how beutiful it is to be in the presence of Our Lord Jesus Christ and enjoying the promises of God.  
Our deepest sentiments to the family, we will miss them and their memories will remain in ou

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**Luis and Laura Urbina** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ I met Nelda and Pedro when I attended the prayer group at Our Lady of Guadalupe church in Helotes, Texas. They were such a great couple and always managed to look on the bright side and inspired everyone to do the same. They were also great prayer warri

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**Evelyn Cantu** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NZ

“ Like the seasons life is forever changing and if you are lucky you meet people that imprint themselves upon you forever sketched within your heart. The Palacios were those such people to me and even more they were a brother and sister who loved our Christ

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**Norma-Tom Zoda** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LJ

“ My condolences to both the Salinas and Palacios families on the unfortunate passing of Lilia and Pedro.

*Leonard, Ardith, and Elizabeth  
Formally of 414 Hidalgo Street, Laredo*

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**Leonard H. Anderson, Jr.** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ Pete, I am so sorry for your loss. You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers.

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**Ginny Griffith** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Our condolences to the family!*

*Nelda and Pedro will be missed by all of us, but they are happy together in Heaven!*

*We knew them from Our Lady of Guadalupe parish in Helotes and the Charismatic Prayer Group.*

*The Lord's Peace be with you all!*

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**Pat and Lewis Frazier** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

ER

“ *I met the Palacios many years ago and they were always the most beautiful couple I ever met. I am sorry for your lost but I am sure they are happy in Heaven with our Lord, the One they loved so much. I learned a lot from them and for that I will forever*

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**Emily Ramirez** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

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**Emily Ramirez** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ *My deepest sympathy on the death of Nelda and her husband, Robert.  
Nelda was a caring teacher.  
Nelda, Robert and family are in my prayers.  
Florence I. Carvajal*

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**Florence I. Carvajal** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *To Nelda and Pedro's family, our deepest sympathy during this time.  
Our cousins were special people who loved and served the Lord.  
We know that heaven has now received two special angels that will look after our families.*

*May God's love keep you sa*

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**Alice Grace Salinas, Faustino, Denise and and Andrew Dimas** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *Pete and Marco , Maureen and I express our deepest condolences.  
We will always remember getting to meet the whole family at the annual reunion in Port Aransas a few years back. We were very impressed at what a tight-knit, jolly bunch all of you were. Plea*

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**Jerry and Maureen Cobb** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TP

“ *I send to your family my deepest condolences for the loss of your parents. The Palacios were so inspiring to me of their faith in Our Lord Jesus Christ. Nelda and I shared the front pew in the chapel at OLG for daily Mass during the summer months. We s*

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**Teri Perez** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TL

*“ i was shocked to hear the news about their accident. i knew your parents from the charismatic renewal,they traveled here to uvalde and sabinal,last time i saw them was on my birthday in S.A. i wanted to attend the healing mass at the CCCR center.my mom kn*

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**terri lugo** - January 06, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SG

*“ My heart goes out to the family during this most difficult time. I came to know Pedro & Nelda 8 years ago through the Charismatic Prayer Group at Our Lady of Guadalupe. From the very beginning I knew that the friendship we would have would be a specia*

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**Stella Gonzalez** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SG

*“ We are very sorry for your loss. Our families have been good friends with the Salinas family for several generations. May God Bless all the family and give you consolation. We will be praying for you. Sergio & Mary Garza*

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**Sergio & Mary Garza** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GM

*“ Cindy, Guillermo and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and our prayers are with you and your family. God Bless all of you. Guillermo and Edna Medrano*

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**Guillermo & Edna Medrano** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ I am so sorry about your parents. Nelda was truly my angel on earth. she helped me alot when my daughter was young. Her prayers were very powerful. I will never forget all she did for me and my daughters. I had lost touch with her for a few years. Then i

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**Beatrice Montemayor** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ What will I do now without my angel? There is an empty spot in me now that will be filled when I see her again at the Lord's banquet feast.

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**Sherry & Jerry Montemayor** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ We admired your parents greatly! They were a compassionate couple that showed God's Love to us and anyone they encountered. They were a beautiful example to us and the world of the sanctity and vocation of marriage. May the Lord comfort you today and a

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**James and Terri Chavez** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ My heart is so sad for all of you,after losing the the most wonderful couple God has put on this earth. How very blessed you were to have them as your parents. They have been my friends in Christ for the past five years as we prayed together, laughed and

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**Carol Fabian** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ My condolences to your family, Pedro was a good friend from Kelly AFB.

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**Raul Penalzoa** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Teresa,

*I will be praying for you and your family. You are in my thoughts.*

*Love,  
Roseann Williams  
Houston, Texas*

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**Roseann Williams** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *We were blessed to have first met Nelda and Pedro through their sons, Pete and Marco, at the Kerrville Folk Festival. Each year they brought out a cake to celebrate Pete's birthday, and we were honored to be a part of the festivities. However, our real ins*

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**Mark & Charlotte Schneider** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ *We loved your mom and dad very much. We are very saddened by their passing. We always appreciated their praying for us and their love for us. We admired their commitment to their family and to God. They were very proud of all of you and loved you very*

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**Tio Chicho and Tia Tonni** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *I first met Nelda & Pedro through the Charismatic Prayer Group @ Our Lady of Gaudalupe Church in Helotes, Tx! From the very first moment that we met, they embraced me with open arms!! Nelda was always smiling and telling me how much she loved me!! My*

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**Jessica Gonzalez** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ I was shocked and saddened by the tragic news of your parents' accident. They were lovely people. Be strong.

Betty Schiappa - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ We will miss both of our cousins especilly Nelda who grew up with me in Hebbroville. Both were full of life and working with the church, which was Nelda's love. Pete, Marco and Maria you had a great set of parents who loved you very much. They will be

James & Irma Salinas - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Cindy, I am so very sorry for your loss. I will keep you and your family in my prayers.

Sam Schertz - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ Pete - I'm so sorry for your family's loss. We'll be praying for you all.

Laura Goff Breeden - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AC

“ Our deepest condolences.

Arturo A. Carreon - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ I had the pleasure of meeting Nelda once at a Catholic retreat in Boerne, TX. I drove up there with Cynthia from Harlingen, TX. Throughout our few days at the retreat, Nelda was truly a spiritual leader. She nurtured Cynthia as a "big" sister would. It w

Felicita Gutierrez - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ *My heart goes out to the entire family in this unexpected tragedy. May your healing period be filled with loving memories.*

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**Debbie Barrera** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *Nelda, our angel from heaven. The Lord blessed us the day we met. You touched our hearts with your never ending love, warmth and compassion. Our Heavenly Father has called you home and we must release you. Oh how it hurts to let you go but we know someday*

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**Rudy & Esme Ramirez** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

DQ

“ *We were so suprised and saddened to hear Pedro & Nelda had been killed. Their deaths are such a waste here on earth. But now they are sitting with Jesus; there must be something more important for them to do. Keep doing His work!!*

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**Dan and Nanette Quaderer** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ *Pedro was a special part of Kelly and is mourned by all of the Kelly Family.*

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**Major General Ret Richard Smith** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ *My heartfelt condolences to the family of such a wonderful couple. I, too, was a part of the Kelly AFB family and had great respect and admiration for Mr. Palacios.*

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**Norma Favaro** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ Our deepest condolences to the family. We know the pain and hurt you must be feeling right now but be sure that your dad and mom are together in heaven happy in the presence of God. So be glad for that, for they have accomplished their mission, Amen!

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**Mario & Priscilla Salinas** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EH

“ My condolences to your family.

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**Esther Herrera** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ great engineer and friend

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**joe arce** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

FG

“ I was saddened to learn of the tragic loss of Mr. & Mrs Palacios. My prayers are with the family, and I hope it will comfort you to know how well-liked and respected Mr. Palacios was at Kelly AFB. The Kelly Family remains strong in friendship and love;

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**Frances Garza-Alvarado** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Nelda was one of the first PE teachers here at Woodrow Wilson Elementary. Her smile was seen daily here in the halls at Wilson. She was all business in PE but the children still loved her. We missed her when she was transferred to Franklin Elementary b

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**Shirley Melenyzer** - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NA

“ I met Pedro and Nelda a year ago when I first started working for The Catholic Center for Charismatic Renewal as the office administrator. They welcomed me with open arms and made me feel right at home. Everytime they came to the Center, Nelda would gree

Norma Alaniz - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Please accept our condolences during this difficult time.

Michael & Susan McHugh - January 05, 2010 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ Wishing the family comfort and hope surrounded by God's blessings and the warmth of His Love. Norma

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DE

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family.

Deacon LArry & Pat Edwards - January 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM

BO

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**Belia Almeida Ornelas** - January 04, 2010 at 12:00 AM