



## Lillie G. Zepeda

August 14, 1935 - July 25, 2013

Lillie Garcia Zepeda entered the Kingdom of Heaven on Thursday, July 25, 2013 at the age of 77; after a valiant 7-year battle with kidney cancer. Lillie lived a full and joyous life in service to our Father and Lord. A native of San Antonio, Lillie graduated from Fox Tech High School in 1953. She entered the Federal workforce at Kelly Air Force Base as a clerk typist and progressively rose to a GS-12 supervisory position, overseeing 15 employees in the highly specialized logistics management field. Although the majority of her federal career was spent at Kelly AFB, she also held a tour of duty with the Department of the Interior National Parks Services, Atlanta GA. Serving as a budget analyst, she was responsible for the distribution of funds to all the National parks in the Southeast region. At Kelly AFB, Lillie was part of the management team that worked on the acquisition of the C-17 aircraft, the world's most capable and most reliable airlifter at the time. As an extra duty, she served as Special Project Coordinator for the development of a marketing film depicting the work of the local United Way which was presented to employees base-wide. Her work led to a successful fund-raising drive, raising \$1 Million for the combined federal campaign. Upon attaining a first-line supervisory position in materiel management, she mentored and helped others to succeed. She was one of the founding members of Kelly Hispanics for Higher Education KHHE, a non-profit organization dedicated to raising funds for college scholarships. Lillie was also an active member of the Kelly Management Association and the Federal Women's Program Council. She

received many awards and honors during her 35 ½ year federal career. Lillie retired in 1990 to help raise her grandchildren. In 2009, she was commissioned a Yellow Rose of Texas by Governor Rick Perry in honor of her many service accomplishments.

Lillie lived life to the fullest with her husband Richard Zepeda, traveling all over the world, fulfilling her dream of visiting Rome in 2001. Her U.S. travels took her to California, Washington D.C., Hawaii, New Jersey, New York, Las Vegas, Missouri, New Mexico and Florida. Her favorite spot in the U.S. was Branson, MO. She visited Branson with many friends and Disneyworld in Orlando with her grandchildren numerous times. She also visited and maintained close relations with her 10 nieces and nephews her sister's children who grew up in New Jersey and moved across the country. Her European travels took her to Spain, Italy, England, France, Austria , Germany and Holland. Never a stranger to anyone, Lillie made friends with everyone she encountered. And loving the company of friends, she hosted frequent parties attended by 30 or more guests with a mariachi band providing her favorite entertainment.

Lillie's strong faith in God guided her throughout her life and she instilled her faith in her children and grandchildren. She loved all her children and grandchildren dearly. She participated in all their activities, frequently acting as a cheerleader at her grandsons' sporting activities and granddaughter's dance recitals.

Lillie is survived by her loving husband, Richard C. Zepeda, married 59 years; son Richard A Zepeda Leticia Zepeda, grandchildren Alyssa & Richard Zepeda; daughter Kathleen Zepeda, grandson Max Phillips; daughter Lorraine Z. Massie, spouse Mark Massie and grandsons Troy & Kyle Massie; and numerous sister- and brother-in-laws, nieces, and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, Louis F. and Josephine Garcia, and

siblings, Josephine Uhrig and Louis Garcia, Jr.

The family would like to express our deepest gratitude to Lillie's dear friends, Joe & Irma Castiglione who supported her with great sacrifice and compassion during the last 7 years and sister-in-laws Margie Garcia and Cynthia Farmer for their caring assistance during the last few months of her life.

#### SERVICES

The family will receive friends from 6-8:00PM at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North on Tuesday, July 30, 2013. A Holy Rosary will be recited at 7:00PM. A Mass of The Resurrection will be celebrated at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Helotes at 10:00AM on Wednesday, July 31, 2013. Interment will follow at Resurrection Cemetery.