



## Lois Alvarado Uresti Cilfone

August 5, 1927 - May 16, 2019

Lois Alvarado Uresti Cilfone joined the angels on Thursday, May 16, 2019. She was a 91 year old, sixth generation native Tejana from Cuero, Texas. Lois boasted that she was one of the first women in her town to own a new Buick in 1948. She moved to San Antonio and met, then married in 1954, Lt. Charles J. Cilfone while they both were working at Fort Sam Houston Military Base. They were the proud parents of children Charles Jacob, Catherine Marie, Lois Annette "Sita" Cilfone-Guillot, and Patricia Cilfone Smith. They adored their three grandchildren Quinn Alvarado McCarthy, Jacob Nicholas Cilfone, and Lucia Jean Smith. Lois was a proud member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas as her family was among the founding families of Victoria, Texas. After raising their children Lois & Charles traveled the world enjoying adventures. The funeral mass and rosary is Monday, May 20 at 1:30 PM at St. Luke Catholic Church in San Antonio. Lois will be laid to rest next to her husband at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery shelter #1 at 9:00 AM Tuesday, May 21, 2019. She will be missed.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass with Rosary

MAY **20**. 1:30 PM (CT)

St. Luke Catholic Church  
4603 Manitou Drive  
San Antonio, TX 78228

## Graveside Service

MAY **21**. 9:00 AM (CT)

Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery  
1520 Harry Wurzbach  
San Antonio, TX 78209

# Tribute Wall



“ *Precious Lois, Mrs. Cilfone, was a great influence. She loved her family, but didn't hold a tight rein. She made me my first Martini. She had a deep faith. A really down to earth, special person that willingly gave you a piece of her heart. Bless you, Lois, Mrs. Cilfone, your beautiful, loving daughters and son, are your legacy.*

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**Gina Hayes** - July 24, 2022 at 01:25 AM



“ *Sorry for the great loss to the Cilfone family. I remember your mom as an active member of St. Luke's. I remember getting my driver's license from your mom at the DPS center on Babcock. She was always a great fixture there and a sweet and pleasant person to turn to for help. She was very much appreciated and will be missed.*

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**Luis R Garza Jr** - May 26, 2019 at 04:55 PM

“ *Eulogy for Lois Uresti Alvarado Cilfone*  
*By Daughter Catherine Alvarado Cilfone*



*Thank you all for being here today and sharing your afternoon with us. We are here to celebrate the life of my mom, Lois Uresti Alvarado Cilfone, mother and grandmother, and as she would say, the mother of us all.*

*Mom was an amazing woman who really did devote her life to her family—children, husband, parents. When she was a young girl growing up in Cuero TX she was also devoted to her school work. Mom would tell us that she always got straight A's and that when she brought home an A- her father, our grandpa Jacob, would say, "why isn't it an A+."*

*She said that when her mom, our grandma Maclovia, would ask her to help in the kitchen or with housework her father would firmly state that, "anyone can cook and clean, she needs to do her studies." And then when she got older mom told me he added, "you have to do your studies so you can always be able to take care of yourself and not be dependent on a man."*

*After high school mom came to business school in San Antonio and started working and taking care of herself. She worked for doctors and lawyers and even college presidents. And it was about the time when my grandmother's friends must have said one too many times, "when is Lois getting married?" That she met my dad—she would say, in her living room on a blind date on Mesquite Street near downtown.*

*My grandfather Jacob tried to discourage my dad by telling him, "you know Lois doesn't know how to cook." Well, it didn't work. My dad just said, "I'll just come eat at your house." By that time he had discovered that Grandma Maclovia was a great cook. And mom did become a dutiful, loving wife to my dad Charles Joseph Cilfone, at*

*that time an Air Force Lt. From Chicago. Together they had four children in five years, she used to say it was like having two sets of twins.*

*Mom was always at the school here at St Luke's serving as room mom and helping the nuns and at home always helping us with our homework. She encouraged all her daughters to become brownies and Girl Scouts and more than one year agreed to manage the cookie drive. I remember we had cookies all over the house waiting for girls to come pick them up. She later became president of the Catholic Committee on Girl Scouting for the archdiocese.*

*Mom entered us into all sorts of CYO activities— that's Catholic Youth Organization for those of you unfamiliar — from volleyball, baseball, and softball, to swimming and running. She pushed us all to learn to swim because she never learned to swim—and then we all became swimming champions and loved every minute of our summer pool fun. She never missed a swim meet. She always volunteered to work them.*

*Once she became a wife and mother mom was dependent on a man, her husband but, of course, he was really dependent on her as well. While her work in the community was largely unpaid, it was certainly not unappreciated and it was not unrecognized. In 1978 mom was commissioned a Yellow Rose of Texas by Governor Dolph Brisco. It's a designation that honors exceptional Texas women who make significant contributions to their communities or conduct activities related to the preservation of Texas history. Mom proudly wore her yellow rose pin for years.*

*I will remember my mom as beautiful, active, always involved in our lives and schedules, very frugal, always cutting coupons, turning off lights, keeping receipts for insurance reimbursement, and making sure nothing was ever wasted—and she did actually become a pretty good cook.*

*Mom was 91 when she passed, and as many of you know she was*

*declining in a pretty serious way for many years. But I like to think today that she is free, free from the physical body and mind that trapped her. So join me in rejoicing today for my mom. Fly away angel Lois, you are free; you will be missed but you are free.*

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**Catherine Alvarado Cilfone** - May 21, 2019 at 07:13 AM

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**Sita** - May 20, 2019 at 10:26 AM

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**Sita "Loisita" Cilfone-Guillot** - May 20, 2019 at 07:57 AM

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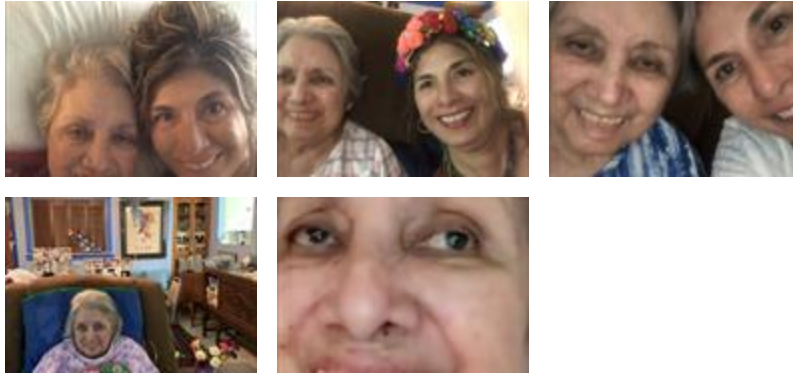
“ Prayers being offered for my dear cousin, La Reyna. Holding dear, sweet  
Memories of our trips with her and Charlie, (Pinchinino.). We had such  
Good times and lots of laughter together. May she Rest In Peace with  
Charlie by her side. David & Lydia Cardosa

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**Lydia Cardosa** - May 19, 2019 at 05:09 PM

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“ A few photos of my Mothers beautiful smile.



Patricia Smith - May 19, 2019 at 12:24 PM

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“ My mother was a devoted Mother and Wife. She was a kind, and loving presence. Prior to marriage, she worked as a stenographer and legal secretary at a time when few Hispanic woman held these careers. My Mother was very active in the St Luke's Catholic Church community volunteering as scout leader and Woman's Club roles. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. May her soul Rest In Peace. We love you so much, Mother. You will always be with us.

Patricia Smith - May 19, 2019 at 12:20 PM

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“ Love Always, Jim, Jackie, Natasha and Keva purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Lois Alvarado Uresti Cilfone.



Love Always, Jim, Jackie, Natasha and Keva - May 19, 2019 at 12:12 PM