



## Lois A. Salazar

November 24, 1929 - January 23, 2012

Lois A. Salazar, age 82, passed away on January 23, 2012. She was born Lois Ann Wiggers on November 24, 1929 in Evansville, Indiana to the late Oscar and Edna Wiggers. Lois graduated from Evansville Central High School in 1947 and was the Valedictorian of her class. Thereafter, she attended Evansville College, where she attained her Bachelor of Business Administration degree. On February 18, 1950, Lois married the late Sergeant Major SGM Johnnie J. Salazar, the love of her life and spouse for 58 years. Shortly after their wedding, Lois joined her husband overseas in Berlin, Germany, where she served as the Executive Assistant to the U.S. Commander, Berlin. Her husband's military career gave Lois the opportunity to live in such diverse locations as Germany, Panama, California, Georgia and Texas. While living in the Atlanta, Georgia area, and then the Canal Zone of Panama, Lois began her career in Elementary Education. Upon her husband's retirement from the military in San Antonio in 1966, Lois continued her career as an educator, teaching for 25 years in the North East Independent School District at West Avenue Elementary School and Dellview Elementary School. After her retirement from teaching, Lois was able to spend more time on her two passions in life, her family and traveling throughout North America and Europe. An ardent sports fan, Lois annually traveled to the campuses of her children and grandchildren to watch college football games. She also became very active as a volunteer for a variety of retiree associations and charitable causes. For several years, as the Newsletter Editor for the North San Antonio

Retired Teachers Association NSARTA, she served as the primary communication link for the members of that organization. In April, 2011 Lois received the 21st Century Teacher Award in recognition of her valuable service to the NSARTA. Lois was also the Newsletter Editor for the 155th Photo Reconnaissance Squadron Association, a veterans group for the Army Air squadron her husband flew with in Europe during WWII. In recent years, Lois also worked as a volunteer at Lackland AFB. Her lifelong selfless dedication to her family and friends was reflected in the fact that she never missed sending a thoughtful card for a birthday, anniversary, holiday or other special occasion. Lois was preceded in death by her husband, Johnnie J. Salazar and her sister, Joyce Ellen Wiggers Mirr. Lois is survived by her five children, Johnnie J. Salazar, II of Walnut Creek, California and his wife, Anne; Terry L. Salazar of Dallas and his wife, Pamela; Layne Christine Roetzel of San Antonio and her husband, Mark; Lisa Marie Kazor of Dallas and her husband, John; and Leslie Ann Roetzel of Dallas and her husband, Kerry. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Lois was especially proud of her twelve grandchildren, Eric, Lindsay, Patrick, Ian and Kathleen Salazar; Tyler Salazar; Christine and Robert Roetzel; Katrina and Kendall Kazor; and Brennen and Liam Roetzel; as well as her great-granddaughter, Madelynne Salazar. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers are requested. Donations can be made directly online to the Lois A. Salazar Memorial Fund of the American Cancer Society at <http://main.acsevents.org/goto/loisasalazarmemorialfund>, or contributions can be made in Lois's name to the American Cancer Society.

## SERVICES

Visitation will be from 1:30 pm to 3:00 PM Sunday, February 5, 2012 at Mission Park Funeral Chapel North, with a Rosary to begin at 3:00 pm that afternoon. Mass of the Resurrection will be Celebrated at 9:00 AM Monday, February 6, 2012 at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 9800 Marbach Road,

San Antonio, Texas 78245, with a reception in the St. Rose Parish Hall thereafter, followed by a procession to Ft. Sam Houston National Cemetery, 1520 Harry Wurzbach Road, San Antonio, Texas 78209, where she will be laid to rest at 11:45AM.