Margaret C. Quintana

January 7, 1930 - March 30, 2018

Margaret Carrillo Quintana passed away on Friday, March 30, 2018 (Good Friday religious holiday) in San Antonio,Texas. Visitation will be offered on Thursday, April 5 6 pm at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic Church, 1314 Fair Ave, San Antonio followed by a rosary service at 7 pm. Funeral mass will be offered 10 am at St. Margaret Mary's followed by interment at Mission Park South Cemetery, 1700 SE Military Dr., San Antonio.

Born on January 7, 1930, one of nine children, Margaret Quintana grew up on small farm in Floresville, Texas. It was a farm with no running water, electricity or gas. With her brothers and sisters she walked to a one room schoolhouse. At age 16, she traveled alone to Los Angeles to work and earn money for her family back at the ranch, money which ultimately provided the funds to install electricity and support her younger sister's high school education. Margaret returned to San Antonio where she worked as at several downtown retail stores. She met her future husband, Theodore Quintana, a man of great humor, love and devotion to Margaret. They raised three daughters Debra, Cynthia and Beatrice. Theodore preceded her in death 23 years ago.

While always devoted and proud of her family, Margaret valued a strong work ethic that is hard to match. Over the years, she worked long hours as a

salesperson in retail stores specializing in furniture sales. Earning and contributing to the family income was not only a financial necessity but an inherent personality trait of independence and productivity.

In her sixties she started selling new socks at area flea markets. Her sock stands at the Eisenhower and Mission Flea Markets were frequented by loyal customers who sought her out. Her family jokes that Margaret became known as “The Sock Broker” or “The Sock Lady”. The flea market life nourished her entrepreneurial business spirit, connected her with community and kept her alive with energy. Up until two weeks ago she was hauling tables and large heavy bags of inventory from the car trunk. She loved her flea market business and many vendors became like extended family.

She was not the typical outgoing salesperson. Instead she appeared quiet and reserved yet she unfurled a dry wit and sarcasm to make everyone around her erupt in laughter.

Margaret Quintana was a “ladies lady” always elegant and nicely dressed, with makeup and jewelry even if it was to do gardening.

Her deep belief in God and devotion to the Virgin de Guadalupe was demonstrated in the way she helped others whether it was family members in need, friends or strangers. She not only had great faith but truly lived her faith.

She was proudest of her family especially her grandchildren Bryan Puente (Emily) and Bradley Puente, Alexandra and Bret Young. In addition to her

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Previous Events

Visitation

APR **5**. 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church
1314 Fair Ave
San Antonio, TX 78223

Rosary

APR **5**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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1314 Fair Ave
San Antonio, TX 78223

Funeral Mass

APR **6**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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1314 Fair Ave
San Antonio, TX 78223

Tribute Wall

BD

BEATRICE I Am Her Daughter lit a candle in memory of Margaret C. Quintana

BEATRICE I am her daughter - September 09, 2020 at 07:39 AM

PF

Philippe Bochaton & Family purchased the Dawn of Remembrance Basket for the family of Margaret C. Quintana.

Philippe Bochaton & Family - April 06, 2018 at 09:58 AM

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Your Baylor Scott & White family purchased the S tately Lilies for the family of Margaret C. Quintana.

Your Baylor Scott & White family - April 05, 2018 at 09:33 AM