



## Maria M. Acosta

January 9, 1921 - January 20, 2016

### ACOSTA

On the walls and shelves in the room where Maria Mendoza Acosta spent most her days are hundreds of photographs, faces upon faces of people who knew her as an impressive woman who didn't go to high school but could talk history and current events better than most, who worked as a maid to support her children and grandchildren and then came home to cook for that ever expanding family, who lit candles anytime one of them faced a hardship and made atole anytime one of them was sick, who could cut through the truth with her words and make them stronger for it.

Mrs. Acosta, born January 9, 1921 to Felipe Mendoza and Antonia Massiatte Mendoza, went to be with the Lord on January 20, 2016 in San Antonio. Growing up in Cañada Verde, Texas she went to school until fifth grade, excelling, among other subjects, at penmanship. Her clear, careful handwriting would later grace the cards she would send her children, grandchildren and growing circle of family and friends every Christmas, every birthday, every graduation. When she was 17, Melecio Acosta asked for her hand in marriage. Her mother's answer: a resounding "No!" Despite the objection and her mother's familiarity with a shotgun, the two eloped in 1937. They remained together until his death on May 17, 1992.

The couple is survived by their nine children: daughters Anita Loera-Tumamait, Rosita A. Vargas, Petra Gonzales, Maria Magdalena Garzes Ruben, Diana Acosta, Carolyn Ramirez Alfredo; sons, Eulalio Acosta Maria, Antonio Acosta Loretta, Miguel Acosta; and numerous grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

## SERVICES

Visitation will be held on Sunday, January 24, 2016 from 6:00pm-9:00pm, with a Rosary recited at 7:00pm at Brookehill Funeral Home. A procession will depart the funeral home on Monday, January 25, 2016 at 9:30am, with a 10:00am Mass of the Resurrection to be celebrated at 10:00am at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 618 Grimes, San Antonio, Texas 78203. Interment will follow at the Calaveras Cemetery in Floresville, Texas.