



Maria J. Castilleja

May 28, 1921 - March 27, 2016

Maria J. Castilleja 94 years old died on Easter Sunday, March 27th, 2016, at her home in San Antonio, Texas. Maria was born on May 28th, 1921 to Ventura and Julian Garcia in Seguin, Texas. At the age of 20, she met her sweetheart, Natividad Castilleja and they married on February 3, 1946. They raised 5 children, John, Rosie, Sandra, Beatrice, and Minerva. Maria was charismatic, colored outside the lines, challenged opinions, spunky, thoughtful and inspiring. She was an old soul, a women of unwavering faith and optimism and the heart of the family shaping not only spiritual growth of those around her but also a love of music with a real zest of life. She loved being an entrepreneur owning restaurants, stores or writing songs for local artists but also loved the more simple things in life. Known for her entertaining quick wit, hilarious method of conveying pointed opinions and her love of Vegas... she will never be forgotten. The family is deeply grateful for the outpouring of love and support from many people too numerous to name individually; we thank you all. On behalf of our family this obituary was written by Minerva Barboza, as a loving tribute to our dear mother who shaped our world, was an incredible blessing to us as we were so lucky to have her in our lives. She is preceded in death by her beloved husband of 59 years Natividad, parents Julian and Ventura Garcia, brothers Augustin Garcia, Antonio Garcia and Donato Garcia, and sister Concepcion Olivo. Survivors include her loving daughters and spouses Rosie & Hal Achee, Sandra & Larry Garcia, Beatrice & Jeronimo Moreno, Minerva & Aaron McKinney, and son Juan & Lillian

Castilleja, sisters Ruth Leos and Angelica Martinez, 14 grandchildren, 11 great grandchildren.