



Maria del Refugio Lopez de Lara

April 8, 1923 - July 16, 2008

Maria del Refugio López de Lara, affectionately known as Cuquita, passed away peacefully surrounded by family and loved ones at the age of 85, on July 16, 2008. She is survived by her only child, Norma, wife of Marino de León; two grandchildren, Adriana, wife of Vincent Notzon; and Alexandra, wife of Andrew Johnson of Bethesda, MD; and seven great-grandchildren. Born in Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, Mexico, Cuquita was the daughter of Maria del Refugio Flores and Gen. César López de Lara, governor of Distrito Federal 1916 and the state of Tamaulipas 1919. With the passing of her mother while she was an infant and the exile of her father because of disagreement with the current government, she was raised by her maternal grandmother in Tampico. She moved to San Antonio with her daughter in 1955 and made many friends whom she stayed close with through out her life. Since she had strong beliefs in Catholic education, she worked hard to afford private schooling at Ursuline Academy and Our Lady of the Lake University for her daughter. Always proud of where she came from, she taught her family the values of being kind, unselfish and hardworking. Although she lived most her life in San Antonio, she never forgot her roots and made sure that her family shared in her pride. Cuquita loved children and after her retirement, had a day care in her home which brought her great joy. Although she is gone, her spirit will always be with us. The family is very grateful to Christus, VNA Hospice for their extraordinary care and Margarita who was her caregiver for the last few years. A memorial mass will be held Monday, July 21, at 10:00 A.M. at Our Lady of

Grace Catholic Church.