



Maria De Jesus Rothenbach

October 3, 1919 - April 24, 2016

Obituary

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1919-2016

Maria de Jesus Rodriguez de Rothenbach died in her sleep on Sunday, April 24, 2016 at the age of 96. She was preceded by her husband John E. Rothenbach d.1977, and daughter, Teresa Rothenbach d. 2013. She is survived by four daughters: Helia Moore-Sepulveda of Fairfax City, VA; Helena Rothenbach of Alexandria, VA; Isabel Powell of Alido, TX; and Ana Jeffrey of San Antonio, TX. She had 11 grandchildren, and 24 great grandchildren.

She was born in Hualahuises, N.L. Mexico, on Oct 3, 1919, and resided in Texas since 1943. She was president of the Damas de Bexar, and member of the Black and White Ball. Her passion was in her heritage which was reflected in how she led her life, and in the culture and traditions she instilled in her family.

She founded El Concurso de las Adelitas, and with her husband's support, she founded the Rancho Alegre Association. She participated in Fiesta week parades for over 30 years, winning numerous awards. Her annual Nacimiento was her showpiece, for which she received many recognitions from the Mexican government. She was invited to exhibit at the Starving Artist show,

and as a resident of King Williams, she participated in their annual Christmas House Tour. In recognition for her efforts in promoting the Mexican culture, Maria was honored with the prestigious title of "Hidalgo," which was conferred upon her in August 2004, by the Commissioners of Bexar County, Texas.

Mrs. Rothenbach was a devout member of San Juan de los Lagos Catholic Church, and a supporter of the Oblate Missions.

Que en paz descanse.