



Mary Alice Valenzuela

February 2, 1949 - September 17, 2009

Valenzuela

Mary Alice Valenzuela went to be with our Lord on September 17, 2009. She was preceded in death by her mother María C.V. Ramos, her father Carlos G. Ramos, and her brother Carlos V. Ramos. A devoted and selfless mother, grandmother and sister, Mary Alice leaves to cherish her memories: her son Ray Anthony and his wife Celeste, daughter Elizabeth Marie, and son Christopher James; grandchildren Paul Jacob, Talena Leigh, Isaac, and Iris Surisadai; her sister-in-law Rose, her brother George and his wife Rosa Maria, her brother Manuel and his wife Linda, and her brother Gilbert; and a number of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Mary Alice grew up on the Southside, graduating from Harlandale High School in 1967. She went on to work for Harlandale ISD, where she served and was a member of the Harlandale Educational Support Association HESA throughout her 39 years with the district. Mary Alice took great pride in her work, as illustrated by her many professional accomplishments. She served as president of HESA from 1979 to 1981 and again from 2001 to 2003. A HESA Today Chair for 3 separate years, Mary Alice served as HESA's scholarship fundraiser "Master of Ceremony" at the annual HESA Today Banquet for over 10 years. She received recognition for her work for the district on several occasions, including being honored as a HESA Member of the Year 1985 and HESA Today Secretary of the Year 2000. Mary Alice was the recipient of the Red

McCombs Partnership in Education Red School House Award in 2007, and was recognized by HESA on several occasions for her service, including receiving a Certificate of Appreciation 1969--2008, recognition for her service as President during both terms, and a final recognition for her "Countless Years of Service" for HESA 1969-2007. Mary Alice was featured in the San Antonio Express News in 1979 promoting the roles of the Secretary and Teacher Assistant, and again in 2005 in "On the Spot" for the Red School House Award. Most recently, she received post-retirement recognition by HESA when she was named an Honorary Member in May 2009.

Those who were blessed to have known Mary Alice know that her accomplishments as a mother and grandmother far outweighed her professional achievements. She will be sorely missed by her family for the steadfast love and support that she provided them every day of her life, and she will be remembered by all for her thoughtfulness, her generosity, and her sweet disposition.

Tribute Wall

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“ Liz, I am sorry to hear about your mom. She was an accomplished woman, and I know she was a great mother to you. You are in my thoughts.

ted davis - September 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ I just want to say that she will be dearly missed by all of us here at HISD. My heart goes out to her children that she loved dearly. You will be in my prayers daily. God Bless you all.

Abigail Garcia - September 21, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ My deepest condolences to the entire family. Liz, I will always remember your mom being kind. I pray that God will keep you near and give you comfort in this time of need.

Claudia Ferniz Espinoza - September 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Lizzy,

I want you to know you and your family are in my prayers. I will always be grateful to your mom. She was the person I will always hold dear to my heart. I am here if there is anything I can do for you.

Melissa Gonzales - September 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ I am so sorry to hear of Mary's passing. I have so many fond memories of her during the years we worked together at HISD. She was such a kind, loving, and caring person. I am keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. God bless you and please take care

Brian Jaklich - September 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TR

“ Mary was such a wonderful coworker. It was always such a joy to talk with her. She was always so positive and such a happy person. She was always so uplifting to everyone around her. She will always hold a special place in my heart. I will truly miss her.

Trudy Robinson - September 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM