



## Nestoria S. Banda

February 26, 1933 - July 7, 2014

### NESTORIA SILVA BANDA

Nestoria S. Banda, age 81, loving mother, sister, aunt, great-aunt, and great-great-aunt was called to be with our Lord and Savior in the early morning hours on Monday, July 7, 2014. She left this world with her son at her side. She was born on February 26, 1933 in San Jose, Texas or what is now the McCollum High School Area. She lived a modest life as a farm girl raising cattle and planting corn and many other types of vegetables behind the Terrell Wells Pools. She attended Carroll Bell Elementary School and graduated in 1951 from Harlandale High School. She then started her career working with founder Henry E. Stumberg at Patio Mexican Foods. Through her career with the Tex-Mex frozen food industry, she traveled all throughout the country building up her career in this industry. She hired many wonderful people that worked in its food line that made this company strong and well known for its San Antonio flavor. During her 33 years, the company had its name changed to Patio Frozen Foods then to RJR Nabisco and retiring in 1984 under the new name Del Monte Frozen Foods.

After taking more than a year off she took a complete different career path and was accepted into the Federal Bureau of Investigation and was one of the first Hispanic females to be assigned to work with the San Antonio Division Office. Since her name was very unique and difficult to pronounce by some, she given the name "Nestea". She always wanted to serve her country in some

capacity and this was her opportunity to do so and was a very proud of it. During her 20 plus years with the FBI she traveled on special assignments, to FBI Headquarters in Washington D.C., FBI National Academy in Quantico, VA, Philadelphia, PA, Denver, CO, San Diego, CA, and made many new friends from other divisions and field offices from all over the country. She also received awards and special recognitions during her career. In 2007, she had no choice to retire due to her increasing loss of her vision. But with more than 50 years of service working she always found the time to travel and spend time with her son, Paul. Together they both traveled thousands of miles from Canada to Central America and from the Caribbean Islands to the Hawaiian Islands. She did many stunts too, including climbing pyramids in Mexico and Central America to hiking along side of Mt. St. Helen's in Washington State. But what she enjoyed the most in her spare time was taking care of her garden and creating new life every season with her miraculous green thumb. She was so proud of her many varieties of rare roses, hibiscus, plumerias, lilies, and many other types of floral and foliage that would bring back the butterflies and her hummingbirds every year. Her legacy will continue with every colorful bloom that unfolds and brings new life to one of God's smallest creations. Nestoria is preceded in death by her parents Julio and Louisa Banda; brother Onesimo Banda; and brother-in-law Richard T. Hansel I. Survivors include her loving son, Paul X. Banda; her cuddly kitty cat "Timmy"; sisters Celestina Hansel and Juanita Banda; sister-in-law, Minerva Banda; 8 nieces; 8 nephews, 7 great-nieces, 8 great-nephews, one great-great nephew and many loving family members and friends. On behalf of Nestoria, her son wishes to extend an extraordinary gratitude to her doctors, Dr. Raul E. Gaona, Jr., Dr. Hector R. Villasenor, Dr. William E. Sponsal, Dr. Fernando Trujillo, Dr. Harrison Bowes, Jr., Dr. Thomas O. Oei, and Dr. Ko Ko Aung. My heartfelt thanks to all the nurses and staff at The Acuity Hospital for their expertise and compassionate care they gave to my mother. And a blessed thanks to the evening shift MICU nurses and staff at Southwest General Hospital. Mom, now you have entered into Our Heavenly Father's Kingdom, one day we both

will be reunited sharing a mother and son's love once again but for all eternity. I LOVE YOU MAMA. Visitation will begin at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, July 15 at Mission Park Funeral Chapels South with a Rosary to be recited at 7:00 PM. A Funeral procession will depart from the funeral home on Wednesday, July 16 at 9:30 AM for a 10:00 AM Mass of the Resurrection officiated by Fr. John J. Gordon, OMI with Deacon Charles Pope to assist at St. Lawrence Catholic Church at 236 E. Petaluma Blvd with interment to follow at Mission Burial Park South. For personal acknowledgement you may sign the guest book at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) in the obituary section.