



Norma V. Cumpian

November 11, 1937 - February 3, 2016

Norma Valdez Cumpian passed away on February 3, 2016 at the age of 78. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eloisa C. and José G. Valdez, her brother Oscar J. Valdez, and her granddaughter, Rachel Cumpian. Norma is survived by her sister, Delia Jaramillo; her brother, Ricardo Valdez; her daughters Patricia McDougall and Teresa Dize; her sons Daniel and Joseph Cumpian; and her granddaughters, Shireen Barnette, Elizabeth Jordan, and Ashley Dize.

Norma was born on November 11, 1937 in San Antonio, Texas. She received her high school diploma from San Antonio Vocational and Technical School, which later became known as Fox Tech, where she learned bookkeeping skills. After working as a bookkeeper, Norma married and had four children. As her children grew up, Norma worked for many years to earn a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Incarnate Word College in 1987.

Norma was very involved in the lives of her children, often volunteering to serve as homeroom mother and Cub Scout leader for them at St. Margaret Mary's Catholic School. She supported her children in all of their pursuits, and encouraged them to be curious about the things that mattered to her, such as astronomy and music. She loved playing her albums on the stereo, usually Carole King, Carly Simon, James Taylor, Cat Stevens, and Helen Reddy.

Norma was diligent about recycling before it was fashionable, and did what she could to help the recycling program at the nearby school. She was a very talented artist, often sketching portraits of her children. Norma loved traveling to the Texas coast to enjoy the beaches and learning about ancient Egyptian culture.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 9:30am at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge, San Antonio, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation in her honor be made to Greenpeace, whose efforts to protect our planet were very important to Norma.