



## Rachel P. King

November 29, 1943 - February 26, 2009

Rachel Padilla King, age 65, born in San Antonio, Texas on November 29, 1943, quietly passed away in the late morning on February 26, 2009 surrounded by her family.

In the fall of 2007, doctors diagnosed Rachel with late stage kidney cancer and advised that she may only have months left to live. But, as was the case throughout her life, Rachel would not be told what to do or when to do it. She was a strong willed woman of faith who battled the disease courageously and, with the love and care of her loyal husband, Charles King, she spent her last year in this world enjoying the company of family and friends. Although retired as a school teacher many years earlier, Rachel, nevertheless, continuously taught all those around her.

Rachel was a faithful member of the Catholic Church and a follower of Christ her entire life. As a child, she attended St Henry's church regularly with her family. In more recent years, she was an active parishioner at both St Cecilia and St Anthony Mary Claret. She volunteered her time to serve as a Eucharistic minister, delivering the Holy Eucharist to the sick and homebound, and was a member of the Legion of Mary. And, she consistently supported her husband in his service as a Deacon.

Rachel is preceded in death by her parents, Joe G. and Amelia Padilla, sister, Rosie "PeeWee" Rodriguez, and niece, Debbie Rodriguez. She is survived by her loving husband, Charles King; brother, Joe E. "Tito" Padilla; son, Raymond Cosme and wife Annabelle; son, Gabriel Cosme; daughter, Christina Cosme and husband Kenneth Ruthardt; grandchildren, Jacob and Brianna; niece and nephew, Yvonne and Clifford John Rodriguez; and several other extended family members.

Rachel will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts. Her family would like to extend a special thank you to all who have offered their love, support and prayers in our time of bereavement.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Rachel P. King*

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**Fleet Reserve Association Branch 203** - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The Fleet Reserve Association Branch 203 and our Ladies Auxiliary send our condolences to Rachel's family. She put up a gallant fight. You will be in our prayers and we will be here for you. God Bless.*

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**Dewey Scarborough** - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VN

“ *Dearest Charlie,  
You and your family have our deepest sympathy. It was an honor and pleasure knowing Rachel. She was an inspiration to me. I will always remember her beautiful smile. May God comfort you in your sorrow and bring you peace.  
Love, Vickie*

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**Vickie Nickel** - March 03, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Rachel was such an inspiration during the deaconate formation years. She was truly a Godly woman and will be missed. We rejoice in her rebirth.  
Deacon Louis and Diana Heimer*

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**Diana Heimer** - March 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GT

“ *Our prayers are with you, my dear friend. We will always treasure the memories of Rachel. May she rest in peace, until we are reunited once more.*

*Janice & George Torres*

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**George Torres** - March 02, 2009 at 12:00 AM