



Rafaela Martinez

March 28, 1925 - February 24, 2014

Mrs. Rafaela Martinez Mamalola, devoted mother, and great great grandmother, passed away to be with our Lord and Maker on February 24, 2014 at the age of 88. She was born on March 28, 1925 and is a native of La Piedad, Michoacan, Mexico. She resided in the Southside of San Antonio. She was known for always welcoming family, friends, and friends of friends, and never letting them leave her home empty handed – always with goodies from her kitchen. Because of her mothering nature and loving ways, she was called "Mamalola" by everyone, whether they were family or not. Her strength, courage, and humor, were only some of her great traits that so many admired. She was the epitome of a family matriarch; she always encouraged and supported all her family to achieve greater things and reach their life goals. However, her greatest testament to everyone was her daily walk in life and unrelenting Catholic Faith. She was an immigrant to this country without knowing how to read or write, or speak the English Language, raised 5 children and then helped them raise their own children with the upmost affection and love. She was a strong, confident, and self-reliant woman. She is preceded in death by her parents, Norberta Espinoza and Vicente Figueroa, her siblings Juana Figueroa de Lopez, Rosa Figueroa de Melgoza, Jose Figueroa, Vicente Figueroa, and Miguel Figueroa, and her husband Jose Martinez. She is survived by her brother, Salvador Figueroa, and five children, Teresa Sanchez, Jose Martinez, Ramon Martinez, Dolores Garcia and Patricia Fraire; seventeen grandchildren, 38 great grandchildren and one great great

grandchild.

Mamalola will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her, but her legacy of love, family, and faith, is carried in their hearts eternally.

Viewing and visitation will be held at Mission Park Funeral Home South beginning at 5:00pm with a rosary service at 7:00pm on Friday, February 28, 2014. A mass in her honor will be held on Saturday at 10:00am at Our Lady of the Angels Catholic Church – 1214 Stonewall St. San Antonio, TX 78211. Burial will follow at Mission Park Cemetery – South.