



## Raquel R. Lopez

July 28, 1932 - March 26, 2016

Raquel was born in Detroit on July 28, 1932 to Anita and Tomas Rodriguez of San Antonio, Texas. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Santiago M. Lopez, brothers Tomas, Andres, Alejandro, and son-in-law Arturo Ortega. She is survived by her brothers retired Gunnery Sergeant Juan Rodriguez and US Marines veteran Julio Rodriguez; Daughters Sylvia Homer Garcia, Ph.D., Alicia Maria Luisa Alvarado, Angelita Ortega, and Belinda Joe Garza; Grandchildren Arturo Ortega Jr. Kristi, Javier Garcia, Sonia Garcia, Marisa Jo Garza, Marisol David Diaz, Joseph Garza, and Brianna Garza; Great-grandchildren Adrian John Garcia-Ford, Katalina Ortega, and Logan James Garza; numerous nieces and nephews from the Mares, Rivera, and Rodriguez families.

Raquel, an adored mother was a strong and yet gentle matriarch that expressed her love for her family through traditions of holiday family gatherings, birthday celebrations, and celebrations of extended family successes. Her family loved the fantastic tamales she made during the Christmas holidays. Throughout her life she pursued creative activities such as sewing, flower arranging, working in her yard creating beauty with wonderful plants and decorating her home. She loved to go shopping and had an eye for attractive clothing and was a sharp dresser. Our mother loved to keep up with current affairs by reading the newspaper and enjoyed reading romance novels. She loved visits with her grandchildren. She liked talking on the phone with her brothers and enjoyed their visits when they drove into

town. She had a special relationship with each of her daughters and loved each one deeply. She cherished her relationships with her sons-in law and daughter-in-law. Raquel is enormously loved and will remain always in our hearts.

Raquel R. Lopez passed on Saturday, March 26, 2016.