



Rebecca Garcia-Michels

July 15, 1959 - January 6, 2016

Rebecca Garcia-Michels age 56 who resided in Live Oak, Texas went to be with our Lord on January 6, 2016 while at home. Becky most recently was a faculty member at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, Texas where she was also track coordinator for the Acute Care Nurse Practitioner program. Before joining UTHSC, Becky worked in family care practices in offices of Dr. Vicki Sparks and Dr. Ramon Reyes here in San Antonio. Prior to working in the private practices she worked at Santa Rosa Northwest Hospital in the Bright Beginnings Mother & Baby Center. She also spent time in Washington D.C. assisting with approving specialty credentials for nurses and lobbied for changes in Medicare/Medicaid cancer drugs for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Becky spent several years performing missionary work in Chile while serving with the Presentation Sisters. Special mention to Sr. Therese Gleitz, Sr. Catherine Gleitz, Sr. Finbarr O'Driscoll and all the Presentation Sisters who have always been there for Becky and her family. Becky was a member of the Focolare Movement and was the first Gen Youth of the Focolare in Texas. Focolare brought her closer to living her faith. Her life motive was "My yoke is easy and my burden is light". Becky belonged to the First Unitarian Church of San Antonio. As member of this church she loved belonging to the Covenant Group where she found peace and spiritual guidance. She received her BSN from Saint Mary of the Plains College in 1981. In 1982 she was licensed to practice as a Professional Registered Nurse by the Texas Board of Nurse Examiners. Becky received her Master of

Science in Nursing from the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston in 2001. She completed requirements for the Graduate Certificate in Family Nurse Practitioner from the University of Texas at Arlington in 2010. The Texas Board of Nursing awarded Becky Certification to practice as Advanced Family Nurse Practitioner in 2011. Becky enjoyed life and loved her pet schnauzers Brandy and Koko. She often spoke of meeting up with them at that special place that connects heaven and earth "The Rainbow Bridge". She developed lasting friendships and partnered with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to raise awareness and money in effort to find cures and treatments for these cancers, especially for children. A very special and loving recognition to all members, participants and sponsors of " Team Becky" , Team in Training and Light the Night. Late in her short life, Becky discovered a passion for scroll sawing. She enjoyed making gifts and commemorative plaques and ornaments out of wood to celebrate significant accomplishments of friends and family. She surprised everyone this past Christmas with hand-made personalized ornaments her and her mother made. Becky is survived by her parents Edwin and Mary Michels, sisters Cindee Coursen, Yolanda Chadwell and Melinda Michels. Nephews Matthew Chadwell and Ryan Chadwell. Nieces Krista Golembiewski, Tara Warner, Alycia Tipton. Grand-niece Kaeli and grand-nephew Kaedin. Brothers-in-law James Chadwell and Kris Golembiewski. She is also survived by numerous loving aunts, uncles and cousins. Becky was especially blessed with a core group of individuals who provided the companionship, strength and prayer that extended her life allowing all of us to enjoy a little more of the precious time she had left. May God bless and forever watch over cousin Michele Schoelman and family, dear friends Pam Smith, Susie and Ralph Staffier, Joan and Dennis Clifford, Suzy Crowley, Mike Edwards and the many others who unselfishly spent countless hours and days supporting and comforting Becky. Until we meet again, we love you Becky.

Service will be Tuesday January 12, 2016 at 10:00 am.

Location: Immaculate Conception Chapel on the grounds of Oblate School of
Theology

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Reception to follow same location