



Silvia M. Peña

June 18, 1949 - July 31, 2014

PEÑA

Silvia M. Peña, born June 18, 1949 to Rafael and Carmen Perez, passed away on July 31, 2014 at the age of 65 after a courageous battle with cancer. Silvia received a Bachelors in Business Administration in Management with a concentration in International Business from the University of Texas at San Antonio. She enjoyed working in human resources for financial institutions and worked at both USAA and Broadway Bank during her career. She was a lifetime member of the Texas Association of Business Chair Emeritus for the Southwest Texas Chapter; the Mayor's Committee for the San Antonio Housing Authority's Family Self-Sufficiency Program; and a founding board member of ACCION-Texas. Silvia was a strong advocate for education and served as a mentor at Business Careers High School for over 20 years. She was honored by the school as the Outstanding Mentor of the Year in 2013. Silvia also received other state and local awards for her volunteer service. An exemplary wife and mother, Silvia most enjoyed the nearly 15 years she was a grandmother. No award beat being "Granny" to her four loving grandchildren. Silvia was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Alfonso Perez, sisters-in-law, Cynthia Ann Perez and Dora Perez and a brothers-in-law, Rudy Reyes and Jose Bañuelos. Survivors include her husband of 47 years, Joe R. Peña, Jr.; daughter, Barbara P. Gonzalez and her husband Henry B. Gonzalez III; son, Joe R. Peña III and his wife Laura; sisters, Gisella

Bañuelos, Yolanda Enrique Ramirez, Limbania Reyes, Mary Reynosa, and Eva Joe Tobares; brothers, Ralph Perez, Joe Lorena Perez, Victor Gloria Perez, and Arthur Perez; brothers-in-law, Xavier Peña and Robert Peña; sisters-in-law, Sylvia Terry Hix and Maria Elena Perez; grandchildren, Marissa Guinn Gonzalez, Henry Joaquin Gonzalez, Gaston Leonides Gonzalez and Shawn Judah Peña; and numerous nieces and nephews. The family is extremely grateful for the compassionate care Silvia received from her medical providers, including Dr. Amy Lang and her staff, as well as others at the START Center and the Methodist Hospital.