



Tina Gaitan de los Santos

March 30, 1930 - January 14, 2016

Tina Gaitán de los Santos, age 85 of Mercedes, TX, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 14, 2016, in San Antonio. She was born March 30, 1930, in Edinburg to Rafael and Maria Guzman Gaitán. Tina was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Javier de los Santos; her son, Javier Hugo de los Santos; and siblings, Maria Dahlia Sarraf, Rafael Gaitán, Rodolfo Gaitán and Rosalydia Weis.

Tina was a 1946 graduate with honors of Edinburg High School, a 1957 Suma Cum Laude graduate of Pan American College, having been awarded a Bachelor's degree in English, and was awarded a Master's degree in Languages, with honors from the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México in Mexico City.

She favorably influenced the lives of many children and young adults during her career as a Teacher at Mercedes High School, and as an Elementary Teacher in Weslaco, and in San Antonio at the Edgewood School District.

Tina was a woman of deep faith, and a strong spiritual leader for her family and community, where she served as a lay minister at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Mercedes.

She and her husband loved dancing and traveling, and most especially

spending time with their children and grandchildren.

She is survived by her children, Hugo Xavier de los Santos and his wife, Michele, Rafic de los Santos, Eric de los Santos and his wife, Alexine, Tina Morcus and her husband, Eric and Kirk de los Santos and his wife, Kim; grandchildren, Hugo Xavier, Jr., William Rafic, Rosalie Tina and Marianne Michele de los Santos, Christian and Christina Morcus, Isabella, Nicholas, Liam and Abby de los Santos; sisters, Dolores Gaitán Alaniz and Rickie Gaitán; and her beloved nieces and nephews. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her.

SERVICES

Visitation will begin at 6:00 P.M. on Monday, January 18, 2016 with a Rosary at 7:00 P.M. at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North, 3401 Cherry Ridge Drive. The Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, 10703 Wurzbach Road. The Interment will follow at Holy Cross Cemetery.