



## Viola B. Barrios

April 23, 2008

### Barrios

It is with great sadness that we write to you about the life and tragic death of our mother Viola B. Barrios. The wife of one husband, Jose C. Barrios, despite losing him at an early age in a fatal automobile accident on Labor Day September 1, 1975. She was brought to the United States from the birthplace of Bustamante, Nuevo Leon, Mexico by her father Mr. Alfredo Botello several years after the death of her mother Mrs. Evangelina Botello, the grandmother that we never met but heard a great deal about. Our mother was absolutely the most selfless woman we have ever met. She would give herself to one and all because of the deep concern that she had for her fellow man or woman. Whether it was taking clothing to Bustamante or even building roofs of dilapidated homes or entire houses for the less advantaged, she was always there to help.

Starting a restaurant with \$3000.00 in an old boat garage seemed like such a futile way to provide for her young children but it was her only option after being cheated in two separate business ventures. Working seven nights per week, until 11:00 PM or midnight for the entire life of our family's restaurant seemed like a small sacrifice for her to make for us, her children. She deeply missed our dear father who was not only the love of her life but also an incredibly talented, ambitious, and kind-spirited man. Her profession achievements were many. Among them was being named "One of the 100 best new restaurants in America by Esquire Magazine. This along with

Hispanic magazines top 50 Hispanic restaurant in the nation, Texas Highways, and Southern living magazine are just a few. She also had appearances on Good Morning America with Emeril Lagasse, the Today Show, Despierta America, Tasting Texas, and Throw Down with Bobby Flay and countless others. She received the spirit award in the inspiration category from National Association of Professionals Business Women Owners, she was about to be inducted in the hall of honor for the Texas Restaurant Association.

These successes paled in comparison to her most rewarding professional accomplishments, satisfying each and every customer that graced our premises with the privilege of serving them. That was her life's ambition to serve tirelessly, gracefully, and gratefully, one customer at a time, one meal at a time. One day at a time was all our mother knew. How she could help and who could she help was her mantra. This world is a sadder place without our mother and our hearts now have two huge vacuums that can never be filled in this life.

This selfless life had its rewards though. Her eldest daughter Teresa Barrios Ogden, a prominent podiatrist, along with her husband Dr. James Ogden, also a podiatrist, gave her her first grandchild, Analie Christian Ogden, now a senior at Incarnate Word High School and about to enter Texas A&M University. Analie gave her "Wia", as she named her a renewed vigor for life. This was an effect that was reproduced by each and every grandchild. Analie's younger sister is Liliana Alexandra Ogden, a sophomore at Incarnate Word High School who was also could lift up her grandmother's spirits with just a hug. Viola's youngest daughter, Diana Barrios Treviño, married Roland Treviño. As fate would have it Roland's grandparents and parents were friends of our father and mother. Diana's oldest son Jordan Anthony Treviño, presently a junior at Central Catholic High School was Viola's first grandson and someone Viola could always count on for help in anything. Evan Andres Treviño, Jordan's younger brother, is a 7th grader at Holy Spirit Catholic

School and could always make his grandmother sigh with his somewhat spirited antics. Diego Jose Treviño 2nd grader at Holy Spirit Catholic School is the youngest of from the Treviño clan. He could always surprise his grandmother with his maturity and ease. Viola's only son, Luis Barrios, married Traci Elliot, in 1993 and she proudly changed her name to Traci Barrios, leaving behind her families last name. Traci's gifts to Viola's began with Lindsay Marie Barrios, a 7th grader at St. George Episcopal School. Lindsay shared a special bond with "Wia" and her Wia cherished it. Hailey Bethany Barrios, Lindsay's younger sister a 6th grader at St. George Episcopal School, was in Viola's opinion, a younger version of her own daughter Diana. Viola so much enjoyed seeing Hailey's personality lift up a room. Finally Viola's last grandchild Ian Joseph Barrios who is in kindergarten at St. George Episcopal School is the namesake she needed for our branch of the family tree to continue. Ian the littlest one with the biggest charge, to bring honor to the name Viola helped build. This is the part of Viola's legacy that she enjoyed the most, her family, and not just her children or her grandchildren, but also her four sisters and their posterity. Her two surviving sisters are Connie Villalon and Mary Cavazos. The two sisters that preceded our mother in death were Gloria Mann and Irma Arvizu. Our mother lived the American Dream and although she was not born in this great country she proudly earned the citizenship and worked tirelessly on so many fronts to make it a better country. During our visit to New York's Statue of Liberty after watching the videos of the new immigrants on Ellis Island, Viola sobbed. She said "That was us, my sisters and I, we lived that experience, except from Mexico". Thank you to you all who graced our doorstep. You need to know how much she appreciated each and everyone of you. And to those who never met her we can only say, I'm sorry that you never had the opportunity for her to serve you personally and lovingly. Muchas Gracias

## Services

Visitation will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2008 from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. with a rosary to be held at 6:00 P.M., at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, 700 Dewhurst, San Antonio, Texas 78213. A mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, April 28, 2008 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church, with interment to follow at San Fernando Cemetery II. You may sign the on-line guestbook at [www.missionparks.com](http://www.missionparks.com) under the obituary section. In lieu flowers a foundation has been started in Viola's Honor. VIOLA'S HUGE HEART FOUNDATION. 4223 Blanco Rd, San Antonio, TX 78212. No matter what you put into it, it gives back so much more.

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3401 CHERRY RIDGE  
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78230  
210 349-1414

# Tribute Wall

BT

“ *It has been an honor and pleasure to know Viola, she will be missed.*

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**Bruce & Chrisi Towler** - June 05, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MV

“ *We were shocked and saddened to learn of Viola's passing. She was an inspiration. Our thoughts are with the entire family.*

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**Mildred Vuris** - June 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM

OM

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I never met Mrs Barrios but I was very touched by the articles in the newspaper. I teach catechism at Holy Family Catholic Church, and I used the articles describing her to teach my students about the corporal and spiritual*

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**Olga H. Martinez** - May 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MO

“ *my deepest sympathy for your loss. i have watched your business and family grow and flourish over the many years. she was so happy with everything the last time i spoke with her. absolute joy was in her heart. i loved her as family. my prayers to all who*

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**michael george o'neal** - May 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MO

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**michael george o'neal** - May 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Teresa, Louie, Diana and Family

*I was sad to hear about the tragic loss of your mother. She was the kind of person we all here on earth strive to be, a wonderful human being. My fondest memories were of the restaurant's humble beginnings on Avenue B.*

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**Sarah Davis** - May 17, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EP

“ My thoughts are prayers are with the entire Barrios Family.

*Esmeralda Pena*

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**Esmeralda Pena** - May 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ I was sorry to learn of the death of Viola Barrios. When in San Antonio, I always visited one of the restaurants & have fond memories of delicious food and a wonderful place to relax. Luis, I'm Jeff Knigga's Mom, & I've met you and your lovely family. Y

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**Judy Knigga** - May 06, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CE

“ To the family of Viola Barrios,

*I want to express my deepest sympathy at this time and say that my thoughts have been with you since I heard of the death of your beloved mother. She was a matriarch, loved by all who knew her. Her pleasant vitality*

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**County Commissioner Paul Elizondo** - May 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ It is with a heavy heart that I write this. Although I live in Austin, my sister Patty lives in San Antonio, so everytime we were in SA visiting her and our godfamily we would end up at Los Barrios. Each time there was a celebration, that is where we we

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**Dina D. Rodriquez** - May 02, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ To the family of Viola Barrios,

Our deepest sympathy to your family on the tragic loss of your mother. We were very saddened to hear about her passing. She was a very loving person and will always hold a special place in the Belton Family. Our thoug

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**Frieda Belton** - May 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Our sincere condolences. Our prayers are with this loving family.

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**Angie & Roger Belton** - May 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ At times like this we are reminded how fragile life is. Our thoughts are with you.

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**Sylvia & Jeffrey Jauer** - May 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BD

“ Dear Barrios Family,  
My name is Blanca and my mother was Aurorita your mothers customer when she opened Los Barrios on Blanco Rd. My mother just loved going to eat at Los Barrios and talking to your mother, they would talk about there late husbands, the

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**Blanca Duran** - May 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ We are so grieved in our spirit at the loss of Viola. We ate in your restaurant when you were in the little place on West Ave. you kids were small, and we remember your father very well. Our prayers are with you and we know you are a strong family just as

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**Dr. & Mrs J.V. Foster** - April 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Dear Louie, Diana and the Barrios Family,

Our prayers, thoughts, and hearts are with you in your time of sorrow. Your reactions to the tragic death of your beloved mother clearly reflect the wonderful, positive rearing she gave you. May God Bless and

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**Jo Ann & Larry Hansen** - April 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Dear Louie, Diana & Family:

We were so sorry to hear about the passing of your precious Mother. What a legacy she has left you all. You are a shining example of her love, graciousness and life. Even in your sorrow you can turn to others and give them c

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**Lola & John Herbots** - April 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Dr. Theresa Barrios and family,

May Strength find its way to your Spirit, Happiness find its way to your Heart, and Solace find its way to your Thoughts. While we mourn the loss of your beautiful mother, others rejoice as they are meeting her in Heaven.

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**The Magaro Family** - April 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EK

“ *Viola Barrios was one fine lady. Our first stop after parking our RV was to Los Barrios. Mrs Barrios insisted we have nachos on her. Our first visit was on Jones and Ave "B", and many more on Blanco Rd. We are sad she is gone. We loved her. And Tere*

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**Ed & Roma Krejci** - April 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ *Our deepest sympathies go out the the entire Barrios family. Los Barrios has always been the place where we celebrate special occasions. Our fondest memory is our Dad's 80th birthday celebration last year. We will always remember your mother's warm smile*

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**Rudy Gomez Family** - April 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *I met your Mom thru your cousin Laura many years ago and loved her spirit and beautiful smile and saw her in you Diana when we were at St.Mary's University. My deepest sympathies to you and your family on your loss. She raised a wonderful family and her s*

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**Liza Calderon Blatter** - April 30, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Our deepest condolences for the loss of your wonderful mother. She always greeted all of us with a hug and was so warm and nice. We will miss her very much. Our love to all of the Barrios family.*

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**Jean & Martin Harris** - April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

IA

“ MY CONDOLENCES TO ALL THE BARRIOS FAMILY. I BELIEVE WE ARE ALL HERE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN PEOPLES LIVES AND MRS BARRIOS DID JUST THAT, SHE LEFT FOOTPRINTS IN SO MANY HEARTS.SHE WAS A BLESSING TO SO MANY. THE LORD HAS TAKEN AN ANGEL ON EARTH AND PROMOTED

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**IRMAS ANGELS** - April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

FS

“ *Los Barrios on Blanco has been a favorite dining spot of my family for some time. Mrs. Barrios was always so gracious and kind, and yes, ever present. She especially always noticed any extended niceties and/or special generosity to her staff, for which*

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**Family of Peter Davis, Sr** - April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *To all the members of Viola's family:  
You don't know me but I wanted you to know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers at this most difficult time. Your mother was an inspiration and I can only imagine how proud you were of her. Louis, we have met*

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**nancy portnoy** - April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ *Teresa, Diana, and Luis,  
I am shocked. I have been on vacation and just heard about your loving Mother, Viola.  
My Mom and Dad were frequent guests at Los Barrios since it opened. Every time I came to town to visit, we had to go there to visit Viola.*

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**Jo Ann Hargis Norlin** - April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *Viola B. Barrios*

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**Loretta & Gene Cates** - April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *TO THE FAMILY OF VIOLA BARRIOS*

*Both my husband were deeply saddened the sudden loss of your Mom -we frequent the Blanco Rd establishment quite often, and she always had a smile and spoke to us often. We thought her to be a very warm wonderful woman*

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**Loretta & Gene Cates** - April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SV

“ *Dear Teresa, Louis & Diana,*

*I was so sad to learn of yourear Mom's death while I was out of town. You have been in my thoughts and prayers ever since. God was so good to give you such a wonderful mother; He is still good and will continue to care for you*

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**Sr. Shirley Vaughn** - April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AI

“ *To all The Barrios Family, To let you know that we share the pain that you are suffering. Your Mother is in heaven now! We were with you during the moving Mass at St. Gregory. We were with you at the Cemetery until we saw the pink balloons disappear in th*

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**Angelica Saldana Idrogo** - April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LG

“ *Muy queridos Analie, Jordan, Lily, Evan, Diego, Tere y Diana:  
Con gran tristeza recibí la noticia al volver a San Antonio.  
Mi corazón y mis oraciones están con ustedes.  
Con todo mi cariño les envío un fuerte abrazo mientras puedo  
abrazarlos personalmente*

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**LORENA GALLEGOS** - April 29, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Teresa, Louie, Diana,*

*My deepest sincere sympathy to your family on your mom's  
passing. The Valadez/Botello connection goes back more than 50  
years. She will truly be missed and remembered. You are in my  
thoughts and prayers.*

*Love, Maritza*

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**Maritza Lopez** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Dear Family Members,*

*Please accept my heartfelt sympathy on the tragic loss of your  
mother, and know that your family is in my prayers.*

*For years, my husband and I have sat "at her table," and through  
her loving hand, knowledge, and influence, enj*

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**Sharon Geise Hutto** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TU

“ *Diana and family,*

*We are long time friends. Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. Your mom was such a special person, I can only imagine what she is doing for Heaven.*

*Love, Terrie Collignon Urbanczyk*

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**Terrie Collignon Urbanczyk** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MR

“ *all my family is still so sad over your loss. Our deepest sympathy, and our prayers go out to the Barrios Family. May the good Lord Bless you and all your family, and give you peace and Harmony in your hearts.*

*From: One of your Patient Mary He*

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**Mary Helen Q Rodriguez** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Dear Luis, Please know that we share in your sadness over your loss. Your mother was a wonderful person and we always enjoyed talking to her at the original Los Barrios location. May the days ahead hold some comfort that your mother was loved by many for*

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**Leonard & Virginia Holmes** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ *Luis and Diana -- It is difficult to express the full measure of our sorrow for your loss. In recollecting all the kindness you showed when my mom passed, anything I say or do feels completely inadequate under these circumstances. Just know that you and*

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**Jamie and Susie Parker** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I know what it is like to lose your mother - I lost mine last year, unexpectedly as well. It may give you peace to know that she is with your father. Your mother died on the SAME day my dad died one year ago. My dad loved Los Barrios. All I can think is t

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**Michelle Grant** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Dear Diana and Family,  
This is one of your high school friends, Sandra DeLeon now Luciano, of California. My mother called to tell me the sad, terrible news about your mother. Please know that all my family and I are including you, your husband and child

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**Sandra DeLeon Luciano** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Louis, Diana and all the Barrios Family: Our hearts and prayers go out to you in the loss of your precious Mom. May the Lord give you strength and surround you with the love of family and friends.

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**Jesse and Mary Samudio, Shani Beilstein, Damon and Stacie Samudio** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ She will be greatly missed. Your family is in our prayers.

*Jeff & Cari*

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**Jeff Dunn** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RD

“ We will always remember your Mom as being a very caring, giving, thoughtful, loving person. We met Jose and Viola Barrios at KEDA Radio where he and I worked together for my parents years ago. We mourned his passing as we do now for his most loving wife,

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**Richard and Mary Louise Davila** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ To the Barrios Family,  
Please accept our heartfelt condolences on the tragic loss of your beloved mother, Viola B. Barrios. May God Bless You and grant you comfort and strength during this difficult time. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
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**Raul, Bitsy, Lynda and Leslie Lugo** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MH

“ Diana, Louie and family:

No words can express the deep feelings of sorrow everyone feels at this time. Know that you and your family have been in my prayers.

Beth couldn't come to town for the service, but will be here this weekend for a couple of d

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**Mary Hooker** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers. May the Lord give you strength and guidance during this difficult time. Thank you for sharing your mother's love with her extended family - her customers. God Bless Each of You.*

*Veronica, Victoria & Marielle*

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**Veronica Acevedo** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *Luis, Diana, and family,*

*Words are so inadequate to express our feelings for you as you suffer this great, irreplaceable loss. Just know that we love you and are praying for the Lord to give you the comfort that only He can give.*

*George*

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**George and Lynda Harris** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Dear Louie, Diana, and family,*

*We were so very sorry to hear about your mother's death. She was so precious and always made us feel at home. I can only tell you that time will help replace the pain you feel now with the fond memories you'll want to c*

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**Cynthia Birdwell** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ To the Barrios Family: Our heartfelt condolences go out to you all. Viola was such a beautiful person to know. We had the GREAT opportunity of meeting Viola when we dined in one evening. Our daughter who was 9 at the time also got to meet her. Viola said

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**Vanessa and Ignacio Lopez** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ *Louis and The Barrios Family*

*We sign this book with the deepest sorrow for your loss. Your mother was one of a kind, and she did it her way , with God's help of course. She had many obstacles, but she lived and loved all through those.*

*Louis, espec*

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**Cullis & Joyce Holub** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *I'm a lifelong friend of Yolanda Ramos Trevino now living in Germany. I met some of your family at the restaurant while visiting with Yolanda in San Antonio. We had such a lovely evening there.*

*Please accept my deepest sympathies on the loss of your be*

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**Teresa Comeaux** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *To The Barrios Family:*

*Our sincerest condolences, my wife and I have been going to the Barrios family restuarant for the past twelve years. We always enjoy the atmosphere and service and of course the food. But most importantly I personally enjoyed eve*

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**Rene Campos** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ *Diana and Louie,*

*Please know that you and your mom are in our thoughts.*

*We send our love,*

*Pat & Dick*

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**Pat & Dick Burr** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *I only know Mrs. Barrios through her nephew Jorge Barrios who is an Elder at New Life Christian Center. I respect him and his wife, Deacon Carol Barrios greatly and wish to offer my condolences to them and the rest of the Barrios Family. Many prayers ar*

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**Mariann Durbin** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DL

“ *We feel the great loss of Viola, and remember the times she would carry our daughter around the restaurant calling her "hermosa". Sometimes even into the kitchen. Dan, Lorelei, and Jordan*

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**Dan, Lorelei, and Jordan Lord** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KT

“ *Teresa,*  
*It hurts me so much to know that you have to go through this pain. May God be with you & your family now, & always. You were always such a kind friend to me. We went to St. Cecilia's together in 8th grade. Karen Vaca.*

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**Karen Tays** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ I loved watching Viola beat Bobby Flay on Throwdown. She showed him how food should taste. My deepest sympathies to the family, she will be terribly missed.

Sandy

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**Sandy Smith** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VI

“ *Louis and the Barrios Family*

*My most sincere condolences to you, your sisters, and families at the loss of your wonderful mother. I will carry in my heart the kindness and warmth she always extended to me during our school years.*

*God bless*

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**Victor S. Casillas III** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *Diana con todo corazon para ti y toda tu familia, no existen palabras para expresar nuestros mas sinceros sentimientos de condolencia durante estos dias tan turbulentos y llenos de tristesa. Nuestras oraciones y pensamientos estan con ustedes.*

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**Alex & Tatyana Garcia** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Diana and Louie*

*Henry and I wanted to express our deepest sympathies to you and your families regarding the loss of your Mom.*

*It is hard to imagine not seeing her beautiful face at the restaurant.*

*We will keep all of you in our prayers.*

*Fondly*

*Mary*

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**Mary and Henry McDonnell** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Our prayers go out to you along with our condolences. Jesus opened up His arms to welcome your mother home and declared, "Well done, my good and faithful servant".*

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**Rosalynnda and Robert Garza** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Dear Louie and family:  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very sad time. Your Mother was a terrific lady with a good heart. She will be missed by everyone. Her sweet smile and generous loving spirit will always be with you and all who k*

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**Marlena & Edgar Dupre** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ *Dear Barrios Family,  
We were so saddened to hear of your mother, grandmother's death. Ken & I are from San Antonio, but moved to Deer Park, Houston Tx. in '71. Whenever we come to stay & visit with his family Oscar, Doris, Maribeth Kroesche they always*

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**Ken & Donna Kroesche** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *My deepest condolences to all your family. I was fortunate to meet and talk with Mrs. Barrios, as we dined in her restauraunt. She will be greatly missed. God Bless all of you.*

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**mandy guevara** - April 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ *Louie Barrios & Family - My heart is broken over this. There are no words to say. My prayers go out to you and your family. Linda & Bill*

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**Linda Little & Bill Muncy** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

IS

“ *Our family thoughts and prayers are with all of you. I will never forget your family's remembrance when my father passed away. All of us can learn through your mother's life of giving back to others.*

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**Ida Hinchey Scott** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *To the Barrios Family:  
My daughter, Kathryn and I were in shock to hear about Viola. She would always take time to greet us and give her love, smile and hugs, even thou when she was working in the back office. She was truly loved and will be missed, but*

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**Rosemary & Kathryn Reyna** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

EM

“ *Dear Teresa and Diana, I have written you a letter, but I want to let you know now that you and your family have been in my thoughts constantly since I heard the terrible news about your beloved mother. You are among the loveliest people I have ever known*

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**Elizabeth McEnery** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *To the Barrios Family:*

*My wife and I had the pleasure of meeting your lovely Mother, while visit my family, Lupe and Robert Renteria.*

*No one can say enough of a Lady such as your Mother.*

*It was an honor to have known her the short time that we di*

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**Richard & Vicki Renteria** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *Louis and Family,*

*We are very sorry about the loss of your dear sweet mother. We enjoyed watching her on Food Network and although we never met her personally. We do know how sweet she was and how much she will be missed.*

*You're touching words this mor*

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**Carey and Claudia Ward** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ *Diana, Louie & the Barrios Family,*

*We would like to extend our heartfelt condolences to you, your family, and the extended family at Los Barrios and The Hacienda for the loss of your Mother.*

*She was a beautiful person who will be missed terribly by ev*

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**Mike and Patti LaMacchia** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GN

“ *I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. I know what it feels like to lose someone you loved and respected so much. May prayers and thoughts are with you. God bless.*

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**Gina Neill** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Dear Trevino, Ogden, and Barrios families...  
We wish to offer our sincerest sympathies to all of you in this difficult time of sorrow. Your mom's Christian spirit was evident in the way she lived her life and the way she interacted with others. She wi

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**Carlos and Linda Salinas** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BS

“ My condolences for the loss of your loved one. She was clearly the family Matriarch and although it hurts right now, always remember she will always be with you. The whole city is feeling the loss. We took our own Mother to eat at your great resturant, fo

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**Belinda Solloa** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HH

“ Dear Louie, Diana and family,  
Words at this time cannot express how we feel about the tragic loss of your Mother. I know your faith will keep you and your family strong during this time of sorrow. Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and for ever.

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**Horace W Hill** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Our heartfelt thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. We knew your Mother back to the early days of the restaurant and she was a very special person.

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**J. C. and Elouise Cooley** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

GA

“ Once in a while the loss of someone we do not know almost breaks our hearts. Such is the case with your mother, grandmother, sister, loved one. What a wonderful person you and the city have temporarily lost...I know you'll meet her again. Please know

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**Gwen Arnold** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. When my father died this message helped alot and I would like to share it with you.

*Somewhere, under a bluer sky,  
In a higher realm than where eagles fly,  
In a land of beauty beyond our knowing,  
With*

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**Steve & Anne Pichichero** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ Diana and Family, I was shocked to hear of the tragic death of your wonderful Mother. She will truly be missed by you and the Family as well as all of San Antonio. You have my deepest sympathy and prayers at this difficult time. May she rest in peace and

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**Rose Marie Pagonis** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dear Diana,Roland and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God bless all of you

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**Beatrice L Rosenstein** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Diana, Louis and family- -I share your grief in the loss of Viola. When I worked at AAA I took care of Viola's mexico insurance when she made her trips to Bustamante. I'll always remember her smile and twinkling eyes as we made small talk as I took care

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**Marvin Goodman** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ She was a wonderful woman. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

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**Scott & Walker Jones** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Louie and Diana - Our family's prayers are with all of you during this time of your loss.

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**Rick and Renee Tatum** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ Dear Diana and family,  
A loving heart, a gentle spirit, a beautiful soul. May thoughts of all she meant to you bring comfort to the days ahead. With deepest sympathy,

*Chery Dellapenta  
and  
Chris Dellapenta*

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**Cheryl Dellapenta** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

ZS

“ *Barrios Family -*

*On behalf of Hector Cantu and Family Mario's Restaurant and Tito's Restaurant we extend our deepest condolences.*

*I saw your mom on Sunday at mass at the Grotto and remembered thinking to myself there is Ms. Barrios sitting in the fr*

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**Zina Cantu Stark** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Dear Diana, Louie and Teresa,  
I carry such a heavy heart for all of you knowing the pain and anguish you must be feeling. Your mother is exactly what the media and others have said she is. Growing up with you all, she was very kind to me and when I had*

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**Sarita Garcia Wood** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

PI

“ *Dr.Barrios,Dr.Ogden our prayers are with you during this time of sorrow, our condolences to the rest of your family members. We like everyone else were very sadden to hear about your lovely mother.*

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**Physicians ASC II** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Our most sincere condolences to the entire Barrios family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.May God comfort you and give you strength in this time of need. Her memory will live forever.God Bless you.*

*Christina Burks &*

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**Christina Burks** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ Lynn & I offer our sincere condolences to you concerning the death of Viola. We remember talking with her occasionally at the restaurant and were always impressed with her smile even when she had the duty of correcting an employee. The stories about her i

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**Lynn & Logan Huntress** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ Dear Theresa, Diana and Louie,

*I was so shocked and saddened to hear about what happened to your beautiful loving mom. I cannot even fathom the pain you must be feeling. My sincere heartfelt condolences.*

*You are all in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Veronica Reed Robertson** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ My condolences from Mr and Mrs. Joe Flores may God give you the strength for your loss.

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**Rosie Flores** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Our prayers are with your family. Your Mother will be missed by MANY. She touched so many people. About 10 yrs ago I walked into Los Barrios and we started a conversation. Next thing you know she was in the kitchen making me some fried chicken which was

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**David & Joanna Antongiovanni** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

VG

“ MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO THE BARRIOS FAMILY, MY HEART IS SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF YOUR BEAUTIFUL MOTHER. WE HAVE BEEN CUSTOMER'S OF LOS BARRIOS SINCE YOUR MOTHER AND FATHER OPENED THE RESTURANT ON BLANCO ROAD. I ESPECIALLY GRIEVE FOR LOUIS.IT IS SO SAD

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**virginia marie gottwald** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ *Dear Luis and Family,  
My family and I are returning home from a trip and hear the horrible news of your wonderful mother. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers at this time of such sorrow.  
Jim & Shelley See  
Carolyn & Kel*

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**Jim & Shelley See** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *To the Barrios family,  
our family mourns your loss with you. Los Barrios is a place where our family share good times. our son in law just returned from being deployed in March, after all the time he had been gone, he got off the plane hugged everyon*

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**cmj and family** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BH

“ Dear Louis,

*My heart dropped when I heard about your mom. I recall dropping you off at your home on Tioga, during high school, when we would take canoe trips or go tubing on the Guadalupe River. Life is not fair and no one knows why. But the consciou*

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**Billy Hoover** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ *Louis and Family*

*I offer my heartfelt condolences. Louis, your words of the acceptance of your mother's departure were heavenly inspired: "i guess the Lord didn't want her to live in an estate. He wanted her to live in his mansion."*

*Eternal Life Grant*

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**Bernard McGaffigan** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *im so sorry for yor loss i know  
how it feels to lose someone you  
love very much , if i was the DA  
i wouldnt waste me time are the taxpayers money id fry him like  
yesterday people who hurt the elder  
are children dont derserve nothing  
may god be wi*

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**ahrens** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Dear Barrios family. We are so sorry for your loss. We will miss Viola's energy and joy with her life. However, I know that you will continue to celebrate her spirit, and your lives will be a tribute to her.

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**Robert Lozano, Carmen Rojo, Liz and Lilly** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dear Louie,

*It has been a while since we connected. I will always cherish working with you on the Don Harris Golf T. I remain very touched by your love for God, and your family.*

*I am praying for your mom and your entire family. I know your hearts are*

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**Janet S. Dumas** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Our deepest sympathies to the Barrios family. May the Lord bless you, always.

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**Mr. & Mrs. Jogn G Garza** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

CL

“ Dear Barrios Family,  
*Though we did not have a personal bond with your mother, our hearts & prayers go out to you all. From everything we hear, we missed out on a beautiful woman. We hope that God's healing hand will encompass you each in this time of g*

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**Carlos & Dawn Lopez** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

NP

“ *I am sorry for your loss, I will miss your Mother.*

*Love, Norma Phipps*

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**Norma Phipps** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

HL

“ *Our hearts are heavy with sorrow over the loss of your wonderful mother. She was a true lady in every sense of the word and our family was blessed to know her and be a small part of her huge world.*

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**Howard & Betty Lancaster and sons, Howard III, Scott and John Lancaster** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *To the entire Barrios Family: my mother and I are still in shock, our hearts very heavy with sadness and disbelief in your saintly mother's tragic passing. We were just there dining at Los Barrios 2 Sundays ago. My mom and I would make it a Sunday traditi*

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**Maria and Michael Martinez** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ *Your mother was - and had reason to be so incredibly proud of you, her children. She will rest in peace.*

*Our deepest heartfelt sympathy, from your slightly shaggy silver haired bicycle riding friends.*

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**Jerry and Penny Rummel** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ We thank the Lord for having graced us with the pleasure of Viola Barrios' presence in our lives. She was the epitome of a strong and loving matriarch and succesful woman. We will miss such a joyful and Godly woman who lived her life as a good and faith

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**Isabel and Henry Rivas** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Barrios Family,*  
We are very sorry to hear of your loss. We have dined at Los Barrios Restaurant for 20 years and have fond memories of your mother. God bless your family at this very difficult time.

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**Sylvia Gamboa and Susan Bartholomew** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Our deepest sympathies to you and all your family. Our prayers will be with you now and in the many difficult times ahead. God is with you.

*The Arnst Family*

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**Anne, David, Daniel & Matt Arnst** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ My sympathy to the Barrios family.

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**Darrell F. Havel** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Our sincerest sympathy and love

*Lainie and Tom Kaufman*

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**Lainie&Tom Kaufman** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Dear James, Teresa, Analie, and Lilli:  
We extend our sincere sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your dear mother and grandmother. You are constantly in our thoughts and prayers. Ms. Viola was always so sweet and dear as we visited the resta

Tom, Jennifer & Caitlin Bailey - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Reciban nuestras mas sinceras condolencias y que dios nuestro se&#195;&#177;or llene sus corazones de resignacion. Nuestras oraciones estan con ustedes.

Michael & Ana Laura Jourdan - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Viola was such a wonderful person. Her family is so lovely. John and I have fond memories of her, Louie and Diana as we ate at Los Barrios. She has now out run us all to the Father's House. Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family. John an

Sherry & John Freeman - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family of Mrs. Viola B. Barrios who was a wonderful and caring lady. Our mom loved eating at her restaurant. The first time Mrs. Barrios toured Mom around the restaurant. Mom claimed "Now that is a clean restaurant". Mom was

Richard O./Mark A. Torres - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

KJ

“ Luis, Traci, Lindsay, Hailey, Ian...  
Our thoughts are with you in this very sad time. Luis, your words on TV and in the paper speak well of your upbringing at the hands of Viola. Though I never met her at one of the restaurants, her ability to raise her child

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**Ken and Pam Jordan** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.

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**Art and Carole Jenness** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ We were out of town when this horrible tragedy occurred. We wish all the Barrios family and friends our sincerest heartfelt condolences. We have enjoyed Los Barrios Restaurant, and the Barrios family since the early 1980's. Whether it was celebrations or

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**John and Diana Doran** - April 27, 2008 at 12:00 AM