



## Dolores Lola Hurtado

November 18, 1932 - September 20, 2015

Dolores "Lola" Hurtado

Dolores "Lola" Hurtado, lifelong resident of Harlingen, passed away peacefully on Sunday, Sept. 20, 2015 at Valley Baptist Medical Center surrounded by her family.

Immigrating to the United States from Tampico, Mexico in 1952, she was a staple in the Harlingen restaurant scene. Her expertise in food preparation kept her in high demand over the years. Starting at Luby's at the original downtown location, she, throughout the years, worked the circuit of Harlingen restaurants including Luby's, Sammy's Red Barn, Furrs, Bonanza, and Golden Corral. Her decision to remain in the food service industry began with the family moving to California where she took a job at Santa Clara University where her flair and seemingly effortless talent made such a positive impression on the monsignor that he made her head of "staff food prep". Thus, the precedent was set for a lifelong career in food prep that would span for decades.

Aside from her dedication to her profession, Lola loved baseball. From the pros to Little League, she lived it. Though never having any children of her own, she was a motherly figure to all of her nieces and nephews. She shared an extra special bond with Darlene Saucedo Pederson and Gary Saucedo, her niece and nephew, whom she helped raise from infancy into adulthood as well as her great nephews, Brandon and Shane as she was most supportive and influential in their lives, as well.

Often opinionated, her outlook and perspective about life in general was usually right on target. She attended every sporting event the kids were ever involved in showing her support decked out in her custom team shirt with the kid's names and numbers proudly displayed. Lola would have made a great team manager as she would never hold back when she disagreed with an umpires call ready to get in their face and go toe to toe.

Her Lord and family were the most important things in her life. Lola always stressed the importance of an education and how a combination of knowledge, common sense, and the willingness to work hard were the keys to success. She was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Assumption Catholic church.

Lola is survived by her sisters Juanita Medrano, Teresa Noriega, Valentina H. Atkinson all of Harlingen, Maria (Tony) Ochoa of Casa Grande, AZ , Daniel (Berta) Hurtado, Veracruz, MX, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Heriberto "Eddie" Medrano, Jorge Hurtado, Gary Saucedo, Paul Pederson, Brandon Pederson, and Shane Pederson.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. at Rudy Garza Funeral Home in Harlingen on Friday, Sept. 25, 2015 with a rosary scheduled at 7 p.m. Church service will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 26, 2015 at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church in Harlingen. Interment immediately following at Restlawn Memorial in La Feria.

Funeral services are under the direction of Rudy Garza Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Restlawn Memorial Park

14166 U.S. 83 Business  
La Feria, TX 78559  
(956) 797-2322

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **25**. 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Harlingen  
1702 E Harrison Ave  
Harlingen, TX 78550  
(956) 425-8200  
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## Rosary

SEP **25**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral

SEP **26.** 10:00 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Assumption