



## Maria Lorenza Zbranek

September 5, 1924 - October 8, 2016

La Feria - Maria Lorenza J. Zbranek, age 92, entered the Lord's heavenly kingdom on Saturday, October 8, 2016. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family. She was born in Cardenas, San Luis Potosi, Mexico in 1924 and lived most of her life in the Rio Grande Valley.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Peter John Zbranek, her parents, Sixto Juarez and Maria Paredes de Juarez, her brother, Francisco Juarez, and her sisters, Ma. Victoria Juarez de Mena and Benancia (Rosita) Juarez de Padron.

Left a widow when her two children were very young, our mother endured many hardships and made many sacrifices to give her children an education and an opportunity for a better life. She embodied the words strength, courage, love, grace and charity. Always giving of herself she helped her family members and lent a hand to so many others with much love and no hesitation. She was the best, most loving mother we could have ever had.

Left to cherish her memory are her daughter, Anna Z. de la Rosa (Arnulfo), and her son, Peter J. Zbranek, Jr., both of La Feria, Texas. Also surviving her are her beloved grandchildren, Amanda Simon (Eric) from South Dakota and Duane Zbranek (Kelli) from Spokane, Washington. She is survived by her great grand son whom she helped to raise, Justen Alexander, and by her great granddaughters, Alexa Nicole and Isabella Rae, all from South Dakota. Also surviving her are her nieces and nephews whom she held very dear: Max Mena (Consuelo) and Angelica Mena de Camacho (Ruben) from Oklahoma

City, Oklahoma; Maria Elizabeth Mena de Diaz (Jose Guadalupe) from San Luis Potosi, Mexico; Jose Luis Padron (Dolores), Noe Padron and Maria Elena Padron de Venegas (Roberto) all from Michoacan, Mexico; Larry Zbranek (Prissie) from West, Texas; and Dennis H. Zbranek, Sr. from Sheridan, Texas.

Visitation will be held in the Rudy Garza Palms Funeral Home of La Feria on Thursday, October 13, 2016 beginning at 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m. A funeral mass will be celebrated at St. Francis-Xavier Catholic Church in La Feria Friday, October 14, 2016 departing at 9:30 a.m. for a 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial and interment will follow at Heavenly Grace Cemetery.

We wish to express our gratitude to Dr. Todd Shenkenberg and his staff, Dr. Karen Brooks, Dr. Ernestina Briones and nurse Patricia Vega from VBMC, Dr. James "Rocky" Salinas and all others who had a part in caring for our mother. Their professional care and acts of kindness will always be remembered and appreciated.

# Cemetery Details

## Heavenly Grace Memorial Park

26873 White Ranch Rd.  
La Feria, TX 78559  
(956) 797-5614

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **13**. 3:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Rudy Garza Funeral Home - Palms Chapel  
219 S Main St  
La Feria, TX 78559  
(956) 797-3122  
rgfhtx@aol.com  
<https://www.rudygarzafunerals.com>

## Rosary

OCT **13**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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## Funeral

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
La Feria, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Lorenza Zbranek.* ”



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“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Many prayers for a family I love so much.* ”

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**Rudy Garza Funeral Home** - October 12, 2016 at 07:27 PM