



Mildred W. Rios

February 10, 1927 - November 16, 2015

Mrs. Mildred W. Rios passed away on Nov. 16, 2015 at San Juan Nursing Home after a ten year battle with Alzheimer's. She was born on February 10, 1927 to Alberto N. Werbiski and Cruz Gorena Werbiski who predeceased her. Also predeceasing her was her son, Rolando Eli Rios in 1971, the love of her life, Elifaleth (Eli) Rios in 1993, and three older sisters. Mildred was very involved in community service by assisting in the selling of tickets for community fundraising as well as for individuals in need. She was very involved in the Mercedes American Legion Auxiliary, where she served as president for several years. Her friendly, beautiful personality added to her incredible ability to sell merchandise at family business Valley Boot Company and later at her own cowboy boot and western store, "Rios Rodeo Shop." Mrs. Rios also worked at Travis Elementary as the school secretary for ten years. After her retirement, she continued to serve the community and was selected "Woman of the Year" by the Mercedes Chamber of Commerce. When the Mercedes Food Pantry was started, she raised the most money to get it started. She knew everybody and everybody knew her. She just knew how to get the right people to donate to the many causes that she worked toward helping throughout the years. Mrs. Rios is survived by her two daughters, Diana (Andres) Narvaez of Pharr, TX and Mildred R. (David) Howell of Bastrop, TX. She is survived by two sons, Jim (Kimberly) Rios of McKinney, TX and Albert R. (Christie) Rios of Rockwall, TX. Other survivors are her nine grandchildren whom she adored and five great grandchildren. Grandchildren's

names: Tania Narvaez Reyes, Kristen Narvaez Martinez, Krista Rios, Jennifer Howell, Yvette Rios, Christopher Rios, Jordan Eli Rios, Alyssa Rios, Nick Alarcon, also surviving are numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, and friends. She will be greatly missed by everyone in her family whose lives she enriched with her love, wisdom, kindness, and thoughtfulness. Family was always her top priority. Visitation will be held today, Thursday, November 19, 2015 from 10:00a.m. to 9:00p.m.with a prayer service tonight at 7:00p.m. Funeral Services will be conducted tomorrow, Friday,, November 20, 2015. A 10:00a.m. chapel service will be held at Rudy Garza Chapel of Peace and interment will then follow at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery in Weslaco Texas. Pallbearers are: Jack Reyes, Arnold Martinez, C.A. Hinojosa III, Jordon Rios, Tim Champion and Nick Alarcon. Funeral services are under the direction and care of Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Mercedes Texas.

Cemetery Details

Highland Memorial Park

6705 Farm to Market 88
Weslaco, TX 78596
(956) 968-5538

Tribute Wall

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“ *Diane, you are a very fortunate person having such a wonderful mother for so many years. Mildred was a very sweet and gentle person and a most loving mother to all of her kids. She is in heaven and probably already talking with my mom. God loves all of his children. I consider it such a privilege to have know her.*
Marty Brewer

Marty Brewer - November 19, 2015 at 10:54 AM

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“ *Diane, I am so sorry to hear about your mother. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*
HUG from me.
Janette Fletcher Jones

Janette Fletcher Jones - November 18, 2015 at 10:21 AM