



Norma Lilia Rodriguez

February 6, 1947 - October 2, 2016

City of Palm Valley - Norma Lilia Rodriguez, 69 of Palm Valley entered into eternal rest on Sunday, October 2, 2016. Norma was a devoted Daughter, Sister, Aunt, and Friend. A retired educator, she served as principal in the Austin Independent School District as well as in Harlingen ISD. Her volunteer work included being on the board of Su Clinica Familiar. Norma was born in Harlingen, TX on February 6, 1947, she is the daughter of Maria (Maruca) Rodriguez and the late Jesus Jose (Chuy) Rodriguez SR. Other survivors are her sister Imelda Hinojosa and her husband, Alejandro Hinojosa SR., their son, Alejandro Hinojosa JR., and his children, Aliana Alejandra and Alejandro III. Also, her twin brothers J.J. "Chuy" Rodriguez JR. and Antonio Victor Rodriguez, along with Chuy's wife, Sulema, and their children JJ III (Julie) and Jessica (Joey) Macre and their baby Emilyn. Norma attended High School at Our Lady of The Lake in San Antonio, TX and graduated in 1965. She then attended college at Our Lady of the Lake University and graduated in 1972. She received her Masters & Administration Degree in San Antonio, TX. She taught elementary school in San Antonio before coming back to Harlingen during the 70's to teach at Bowie Elementary. She touched the lives of many students at Bowie during those years. In the 80's, she moved to Austin to teach at Lamar Elementary where she eventually became the Principal. She then became the Principal at Odom Elementary school in Austin where she retired. As a Principal at Odom, she knew every single student by name (Over 600 students in the school). She came out of

retirement to assist elementary principals at Harlingen ISD and before her final retirement she assisted as principal at Stuart Place Elementary. She touched many students' lives over the years and she truly was very passionate about helping all of her students learn and grow throughout her life. Norma was beloved by all and always was the glue that held the family together. She will be greatly missed.

A Mass of Resurrection will be celebrated today, Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 3:00 pm at Queen of Peace Catholic Church. Burial of cremated remains will be held on Friday, October 7, 2016 at 1:30 pm at Restlawn Memorial Park in La Feria.