OBITUARIES



EDINBURG -Ninfa Ochoa Krueger

Ninfa Ochoa Krueger 87, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 7th, 2023, at her residence in Edinburg.

Ninfa Krueger was born in Donna, TX, on November 10th, 1935, the middle child among five children. She graduated from Donna High School and attended secretarial school after graduating. She has been described as "a force of nature" by friends and colleagues as she dedicated her life to helping the most vulnerable parts of the population.

Ninfa married her husband, the Rev. Edgar A. Krueger, in

1971. A short time later. the family moved to California to organize farmworkers alongside Cesar Chavez. After a few years in California. the family moved to Santiago, Chile, right after Augusto Pinochet rose to power. Sponsored by the American Friends Service Committee, Ninfa and Ed worked to help the indigenous people living in fear under the dictatorship. In 1981, Ninfa Krueger founded the Border Association for Refugees from Central America ("BARCA"). The group was funded by grants and gifts and worked to provide legal assistance to women and children who had been detained while crossing the border so that they

might be legally allowed to stay in the United States. BARCA has received national recognition for the work it does, and Ninfa spent all her free time working on the project until her health ultimately made it impossible to continue.

Among other many awards and recognitions, Mrs. Krueger received the Texas Civil Rights Project's Henry Β. Gonzalez Award in 2014 for her lifetime dedication to serving others. She will be deeply missed by many, but her legacy will be celebrated for many years to come.

Ninfa Krueger is preceded in death by her beloved husband, the Rev. Edgar Krueger; parents Α. Jesusa Perez and Pilar Ochoa; and siblings Pilar Ochoa Jr., Alfredo Arturo Ochoa, and Ochoa. Ninfa Krueger is survived by sons David Krueger, Douglas Krueger (Jocelyn Wulf), and Daniel Krueger (Lauren Krueger); grandchildren Gwendolyn Krueger (Cody Jones), Jennifer Krueger (David Smith), Derek Krueger, Devin Krueger, Wyatt Krueger and Grace Krueger; greatgrandchildren Madoc Jones and Laurel Smith; and brother Abel Ochoa. Visitation will be held from 4 to 8pm on Sunday, November 12th, 2023, Memorial Funeral at Home, 208 E. Canton Rd in Edinburg, TX. A funeral service will be held at 10am on Monday, November 13th, 2023, at First Christian Church, 410 W. University Dr in Edinburg, TX.



relocated to McAllen, TX. Carlos leaves behind to cherish his loving memory; his beloved partner, Cathy Lee Hastings; sons, Steven Zamora (Sierra), David Zamora (Melissa); daughter, Marissa Zamora; sisters, Angelita Luevano (Victor+), Carmen Nordlund (John+), Sonia Walsh (Frank Salinas); brother. Joe Zamora (Alicia), his grandchildren, nephews and nieces. A memorial service will be held on November 17, 2023, from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. with a memorial service to begin at 9:00 a.m. with Father Tom Pincelli as celebrant at Trinity Funeral Chapel of the Holy Spirit. A funeral procession will depart Trinty Funeral Home at 10 a.m. for an 11:00 a.m. inurnment at RGV Veterans Memorial Park Cemetery in Mission, Texas. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Trinity at Harrison Funeral Home 1002 East Harrison Avenue Harlingen, Texas 78550 (956) 364-2444 . www.trinityfunerals.com.

FUNERALS TODAY

Isaac (Ike) Z. Friesen

EDINBURG - Celebration of Life will be held for Isaac (Ike) Z. Friesen at 3: 00 p.m. Nov. 11, 2023, at Rio Grande Bible Institute in Edinburg. Kreidler Funeral Home of McAllen is in charge of arrangements.

Gloria N. McCarver

Harlingen - Gloria N. McCarver Chapel Service will be held at 11:00 AM today, Nov. 11, 2023 at Rudy Garza Funeral Home. Entombment will follow at Restlawn Cemetery of La Feria.

Grace Bahouth Seikaly

Harlingen - Memorial service will be held for Grace Bahouth Seikaly at 12:00 PM today, Nov. 11, 2023 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Harlingen. of San Benito.



Charles "Charlie" Minor

ALAMO - Charles "Charlie" Minor, 83, died Friday, Nov. 3, 2023 at Aurora Hospice Foundation in Weslaco. Memorial Funeral Home of San Juan is in

charge of arrangements.

Julio Alfaro III

EDINBURG - Julio Alfaro III, 79, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023 at DHR Health Hospice in Edinburg. Memorial Funeral Home of Edinburg is in charge of arrangements.

Margaret Tapia

WESLACO - Margaret Tapia, 88, died Tuesday, Nov. 7, 2023 at Valley Grande Manor. Legacy Chapels of Edinburg is in charge of arrangements.

Phillip Mercado

MISSION - Phillip Mercado, 65, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023 at his residence. Virgil Wilson Mortuary of Mission is in charge of arrangements.

Roberto Soto

SAN JUAN - Roberto Soto, 81, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023 at Rio Grande Regional Hospital. Funeraria Del Angel Palm Valley of Pharr is in charge of arrangements.

Silvestre Vargas Jr.

EDINBURG - Silvestre Vargas Jr., 68, died Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023 at McAllen Medical Center. Memorial Funeral Home of Edinburg is in charge of arrangements.

Celia Leo

LOS EBANOS - Celia Leo , 64, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023 at McAllen Medical Center. The Lord and I Funeral Home of Peñitas is in charge of arrangements.

Elsa Cantu

EDINBURG - Elsa Cantu, 71, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023 at Doctors Hospital at Renaissance. Memorial Funeral Home of Edinburg is in charge of arrangements.

Gladis Joan Garza

MCALLEN - Gladis Joan Garza, 91, died Monday, Nov. 6, 2023 at her residence in McAllen. Kreidler Funeral Home of McAllen is in charge of arrangements.

MCALLEN -Carlos A. Zamora,

Carlos A. Zamora, age 69 entered the Lord's heavenly kingdom on November 4 ,2023. He was born on February 9,1954 to Alberto Zamora and Dolores Jurado in Big Lake, Texas. Carlos was a military retiree having enlisted in the United States Army in 1975 and retired in 1996. Upon his military retirement he made his home in San Antonio Tx. He obtained his BA degree in Criminal Justice from the University of Texas at San Antonio. Carlos worked for UTSA and later for the Texas Department of Transportation. In 2022 he



Harlingen -S a I o m o n Maldonado, passed

away peacefully at his home in Harlingen at the age of 96, on the evening of Monday, November 6, 2023. He was inspired by his faith to live a purposeful life and encourage others to do the same. He was born on October 30, 1927 in Montemorelos, Nuevo León, Mexico, to Manuel and Elvira (Alanis) Maldonado. As the oldest of five children he was driven to provide for his family from an early age. On June 14, 1948 he married Dora Celia Rios. With the encouragement of his namesake maternal grandfather and his young wife he attended the Universadad de Nuevo Leon (UNL), completing a Bachelors degree in mechanical engineering in 1953. While attending the university he worked various industries in tutored students and mathematics in and engineering. Soon after he emigrated to the United States, settling in Harlingen with Dora and their young son Roberto. As he gained experience, work he continued his studies and in 1964 UNL awarded him a Masters degree in

Mechanical Engineering with specialties in structural and refrigeration design.

During the 1950s he held positions in machine design, quality control, project management, and production systems. In the 1960s he became the Operations Manager for Tex - Steel Corporation and progressed to the position of Senior Vice President of Technology and Product Development where he designed and implemented advanced computer control and robotic systems throughout the company. In the early 1970s he, along with a few partners, purchased the company. Salomon was involved in many other business ventures including being a past director of Texas State Bank, and startups in logistics, construction, real estate development, and international labor relations. In recognition for his technical and business accomplishments, he was elected as member of the UNL Engineering Academy in 1980. After 58 years of marriage, his wife Dora preceded him in death, as did his son Roberto, his parents, his brother Manuel, and sisters Lucinda and Gloria, as well as family members



of his generation. Salomon is survived by his sons, Cesar (Liz) Maldonado of Houston; and Jorge (Rosie) Maldonado of Harlingen; sister Maria Antonia Maldonado of Monterrey, N.L., Mexico; brother - in - law, Ariel (Celia) Rios, sister - in - law Corina Rios, grandchildren Laura (Jason) Rocha, Alexis (Chase) Mansell, Kristin Maldonado, and Cassandra Maldonado of Houston; Marcus Maldonado and Christopher (Marisa) Maldonado of Harlingen, Nick Maldonado of New York City; and Vanessa Heck and Selina Maldonado of Dallas; great - grandchildren Julianne and William Rocha, Harrison and Preston Heck, Vincent and Elise Mansell; Lucas and Carter Maldonado and many other close and treasured relatives.

Friends and family are cordially invited to gather with the family and share remembrances of Salomon from 1:00 pm until 3:00 pm on Sunday, the 12th of November 2023, at Rudy Garza Funeral Home, 1702 East Harrison in Harlingen. A Memorial Service is to be conducted at 3:00 pm on Sunday, the 12th of November 2023. 9

Theresa M. Ernest

PHARR - Theresa M. Ernest , 89, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023 at her residence in Pharr. Memorial Funeral Home of San Juan is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Arlyn Flieth

PHARR - Richard Arlyn Flieth , 73, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023 in Edinburg, Tx. Legacy Chapels of Edinburg is in charge of arrangements.

Donald Edward D'Entremont

MISSION - Donald Edward D'Entremont , 80, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023 at his residence in Mission. Brown Family Funeral Home @ the Expressway of Mission, Texas is in charge of arrangements.

Gerardo Javier Castorena

MISSION - Gerardo Javier Castorena , 48, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023 McAllen Medical Center. Brown Family Funeral Home @ the Expressway of Mission, Texas is in charge of arrangements.

Irma Jeanette Crosby

MISSION - Irma Jeanette Crosby , 92, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023 Mission Valley Nursing Home. Brown Family Funeral Home @ the Expressway of Mission, Texas is in charge of arrangements.

Jenny Montelongo Reyes

MISSION - Jenny Montelongo Reyes , 42, died Friday, Nov. 10, 2023 at Mission Regional Medical Center. Brown Family Funeral Home @ the Expressway of Mission, Texas is in charge of arrangements.

Jose Ysidro Serna, Jr

MISSION - Jose Ysidro Serna, Jr , 67, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023 at Mission Regional Medical Center. Brown Family Funeral Home @ the Expressway of Mission is in charge of arrangements.

Maria del Refugio Ibarra

MCALLEN - Maria del Refugio Ibarra , 103, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023 at her residence. Rivera Funeral Home of McAllen is in charge of arrangements.

Maria Martha Carrera Salas

PHARR - Maria Martha Carrera Salas , 68, died Friday, Nov. 10, 2023 at Solara Hospital. Aurora Funeral Home - Sam Houston of Pharr is in charge of arrangements.

Melvin Wayne Shook

MISSION - Melvin Wayne Shook , 74, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023 McAllen Medical Center. Brown Family Funeral Home @ the Expressway of Mission is in charge of arrangements.

Viviana O. De Gonzalez

EDINBURG - Viviana O. De Gonzalez , 96, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023 at her residence. Aurora Funeral Home - Sam Houston of Pharr is in charge of arrangements.

Kenton Scott Ferguson

HARLINGEN - Kenton Scott Ferguson 61, died Wednesday, Nov. 8, 2023 at his residence. Sunset Memorial Funeral Home, Crematory & Flower Shop, (956) 350 - 8485 of Brownsville is in charge of the arrangements.

Eladia Barrera

HARLINGEN - Eladia Barrera

75, died Thursday, Nov. 9, 2023 at Harlingen, Texas. Thomae - Garza Funeral Home of San Benito, Texas is in charge of the arrangements.

Jose Acosta

HARLINGEN - Jose Acosta 69, died Nov. 9, 2023. Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Harlingen is in charge of arrangements.

The family will gather at a later date for a private interment at Restlawn Cemetery in Harlingen, Texas.

The Maldonado family wishes to thank the medical and support team at Valley Baptist Medical Center, in particular Dr. Victoria Parada and Dr. Ricardo Schwarcz, for their guidance. We also want to thank Felipe Reyes and Maria Ruiz for their support in caring for Salomon.

In lieu of customary remembrances, the family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions in his name be directed to the charity of your choice in support of education.



Maria R. Cervantes

Harlingen- Maria R. Cervantes 96, died Nov. 7, 2023. Trinity at Harrison Funeral Home of Harlingen is in charge of arrangements.

Hosea Tynes

Booneville- Hosea Tynes 45, died Nov. 10, 2023. Agnew and Sons Funeral Home of Booneville is in charge of arrangements.

Eladia Barrera

San Benito - Eladia Barrera 75, died Nov. 9, 2023. Thomae - Garza Funeral Home of San Benito, Texas is in charge of arrangements.

Estela Gonzalez

Harlingen - Estela Gonzalez 61, died Nov. 9, 2023. Trinity at Harrison Funeral Home of Harlingen is in charge of arrangements.

Eugenio Ruiz

Harlingen- Eugenio Ruiz 51, died Nov. 9, 2023. Rudy Garza Funeral Home of Harlingen is in charge of arrangements.

Maria Estella Robles

Brownsville- Maria Estella Robles 65, Nov. 9, 2023. Trinity at Harrison Funeral Home of Harlingen is in charge of arrangements.