



## Maria Perez Duran

October 25, 1931 - September 30, 2010

Maria Perez Duran, 78, beloved wife, mother, sister and friend, went to be with our Lord and Savior on Thursday, September 30, 2010 in Needville, Texas. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, October 2, 2010 at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel in Rosenberg with Deacon Billy Guerrero officiating. Interment will follow at Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until 8 p.m., with a rosary at 7 p.m., Friday, October 1, 2010 at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel in Rosenberg.

Maria was born October 25, 1931 in Bastrop to Pedro Perez and Raquel Gutierrez Perez. She will be remembered for her love of family and faith. Maria was a very generous woman who gave completely of herself with her strong work ethics, great advice and kindness. Everyone knew they could go to her home at any time and she would always have something delicious to eat. She helped her own parents in the cotton fields along with her children. Maria was known for her excellent cooking and sewing skills. She was the co-owner of Duran's Country Kitchen for sixteen years and also did the cooking. The key to her delicious meals was that as she was preparing them, she would bless them with the sign of the cross.

Those left to cherish her memory and love are her loving husband, Selestino G. Duran; her four children, Teresa Emmons and husband, Daniel, Gloria

Rivera and husband, Daniel, Robert Duran and wife, Cheryl, and Edward Duran and wife, Jodena; grandchildren, Lori Anne Mireles and husband, Joe, Charles Rene Emmons, Dr. Jacqueline Emmons and husband, Blake, Dr. Christopher Daniel Emmons, Daniel Rivera, II, Kenneth Michael Rivera and wife, Anna, Kimberly Pena and husband, Frankie, Desiree Rivera, Natalie Ariz and husband, Mauricio, Robert Anthony Duran and wife, Christina, Elizabeth Haven Duran and Courtney Meagan Duran; she was also blessed with 20 great grandchildren; brothers, Frank Perez and wife, Virginia and Guadalupe Perez and wife, Christina; sisters, Olga Cantu, Diamantina Davila and husband, Samuel, and Delia Padia; along with numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Pedro and Raquel Perez; sister, Celia Perez; and twin granddaughters, Angela and Monica Duran.

For those wishing, memorials in Maria's name may be made to Alzheimer's Association, Dementia and Alzheimer's Research, Houston and Southeast Chapter, 2242 W. Holcombe Blvd., Houston, Texas 77030-2008.

# Tribute Wall

LJ

“ Robert and family,

*We are sorry to hear of your Mother's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Linda Laskoskie Jaynes** - October 07, 2010 at 12:00 AM

GJ

“ Robert and Family;

*I send my deepest, heartfelt sympathies. I pray the many wonderful memories help you through this painful period.*

*May God bless.*

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**Gary D. Janssen** - October 02, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ God needed another Angel with a beautiful smile and He chose you. Rest in Peace and may the Lord Bless Celestino and your children and loved ones.

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**Margaret Castro Gutierrez** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Tia Maria, thank you for being a part of my life. Thank you for laughing with me, teaching me, giving me advice, caring for me and loving me. I will cherish all the memories I have of you until the day I die..I will miss you dearly. Rest in peace

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**Carol Davila Benson and Family** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ On behalf of my father Sam Perez Rangel, I would like to tell the family we are so sorry for your loss. My father is to ill to come to the funeral but sends his blessings.

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**Jackie Rangel Hatcher** - October 01, 2010 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ God saw you getting tired and a cure was not to be. So He put His arms around you and whispered "come to me." With tearful eyes we watched you, and saw you pass away. Although we loved you dearly, we could not make you stay. A golden heart stopped beating, hardworking hands at rest. God broke our hearts to prove to us, He only takes the best. You will be greatly missed Tia Maria. Thank you for all the wonderful memories! Love, Rachel

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**Rachel Perez Rivas** - September 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Thank you Tia Maria for all the great memories you gave us during our childhood. To the Duran family, please know we are thinking of you all and our hearts are sad for your huge loss.

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**Esmeralda Perez Sanchez & Family** - September 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ Tia Maria, you were my mom's hero. I will miss you so much. Thank you for all the great memories. Your warm smile will forever be engraved on my heart.

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**Angeline Davila** - September 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Tia Maria was such a bright light in our lives. She was so generous to our family. I will never forget the many times we'd go to visit welita and Tia Maria came by. My dad looked up to his big sister, and loved her with all his heart. Tia, rest in the arms of our sweet welita and welito.*

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**Celia Perez Orozco Sally** - September 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ *To the Duran family.  
I am so sorry for ur loss. I know ur pain in losing a loved one. All of u r in my prayers. Tia is in heaven with my dad Felix and brother Jon.*

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**Mary Jane Duran and Kirsten** - September 30, 2010 at 12:00 AM