



## Ninfa Castellanos Zarate

October 15, 1936 - March 28, 2012

Funeral services for Ninfa Castellanos Zarate, 75, of Rosenberg, will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, March 31, 2012 at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel in Rosenberg with Pastor Juan Gomez officiating. Interment will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park in Rosenberg.

Visitation will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m., Friday, March 30, 2012 at Davis-Greenlawn Funeral Chapel in Rosenberg.

Ninfa was born October 15, 1936 in Chicago, Illinois to Joseph Castellanos and Hilaria Cruz Castellanos. She worked as a nurse at Polly Ryon Memorial Hospital in Richmond for 26 years. Her love for music led her to play the piano for Templo Gethsemane in Rosenberg where she was a member. Ninfa passed away March 28, 2012 in Sugar Land.

Nina is preceded in death by her husband, Ruben C. Zarate; parents, Joseph and Hilaria Castellanos; son, Jerry Zarate; and siblings, Alva Gonzales, Alex Nieto, Procopio "Pete" Cruz and Robert Castellanos.

She is survived by her children, Beatrice Moreno and husband, Emilio, Marie Palacios and husband, Isaac, Sylvia Eshraghi and husband, Vahid, Michael Zarate, Christine Castillo and husband, Steve, and Donald Vito Zarate and wife, Care; grandchildren, Drs. Scott and Vanessa Luper, Annette, Jenelle and

Jullian Palacios, Drs. Thomas and Leila Tarsa-Eshraghi; Banafsheh Sayyah and husband, Dr. Fardad John Sayyah, Samantha Zarate, and Stephen and Rebekah Castillo; great grandchildren, Isaac Moreno, Paloma Ava Sayyah and Ellie Pakzad Sayyah; along with other relatives and many friends.

# Tribute Wall

AN

“ I'm grateful for all the great memories that I was able to share with her and all of the family. Most memorable would be when all her brothers and sister, along with their families would gather at Grandma Lala's after Sunday morning church for a great lunch, good conversations and lots of laughter. Those memories stay with you forever!

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**Alexander Nieto** - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ Tia, I will always remember your sweet smile. You will be missed!  
Love,  
Rick and Birdie Gonzales

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**Rick & Birdie Gonzales** - April 02, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ "O my Lord! Purify them from trespasses, dispel their sorrows, and change their darkness into light. Cause them to enter the garden of happiness, cleanse them with the most pure water, and grant them to behold Thy splendors on the loftiest mount."

*All of our sympathies and love to the Zarate family. We will always remember Ms. Zarate in our thoughts and prayers.*

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**Kianoosh, Nahid, Minoosh, and Millad Sobhanian** - March 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

VL

“ I'm not looking for the sunset, as the swift years come and go; I am looking for the sunrise, and the golden morning glow. Where the light of Heavens glory will break forth upon my sight. In the land that knows no sunset, nor the darkness of the night. - Reitz 1953

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**Vanessa, Scott, Preston, and Hudson Luper** - March 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ *Ninfa was one of 2 beautiful women I so admired. Her gentle spirit, that winning smile and the beautiful music she and her sister made. May they continue to rejoice in heaven and may God grant the family peace and comfort in these trialing times.*

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**Mary Esther DeLuna** - March 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ *vito im sorry to hear about you mom I know how it fills because I loss my mom last month keep your head up cousin luv yall.*

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**Sammy Reyes** - March 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *My condolences to all the Zarate family...Beatrice,Mary Ann and Sylvia may you find peace in the one whom we can cast all our cares upon ... Mom is in the resting arms of her heavenly father ! With all sincerity ..Love Dora !*

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**Dora Losoya Martinez** - March 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ *Dear Mrs. Zarate;  
We will always remember your kind and gentle spirit and beautiful face. Our sympathy is with your family and friends in this time of separation.*

*Niknam,Iman ,Navah and Noveen Eshraghi*

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**Nick Eshraghi** - March 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ *My Nina...the epitome of a true lady filled graciousness and unconditional love. Thank you for staying on your knees for us and standing on God's promises so that miracles would come true. I will forever miss the long trips to see Chrissy in college, Sundays at church when you would always have something for me to wear and coffee and cheesecake! I love you Nina, Kiss grandpa, uncle Jerry and Tia for me.....yours always, Annette*

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**Annette Palacios** - March 29, 2012 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ *Dear mom, I always will cherish all the good memories. You took me as your own son , Fed me every Sunday with your home made Cooking, and the beautiful music you made on the piano. I will always miss you dearly. You will always be in my heart and thoughts. Love you mom. Navid,Linda and Ari Eshraghi*

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**Navid David Eshraghi** - March 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *I am so sad to hear about Tia's passing. She was always a beautiful lady & will be missed. I have so many fond memories of her that I will hold dearly. We will keep you all in our prayers. We are so blessed to know in our hearts that God has welcomed home another angel.*

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**Linda & Michael Salazar** - March 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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**Linda & Michael Salazar** - March 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ The tide recedes but leaves behind  
bright seashells on the sand.  
The sun goes down, but gentle  
warmth still lingers on the land.  
The music stops, and yet it echoes  
on in sweet refrains.....  
For every joy that passes,  
something beautiful remains.

*Dearest Sweet Grandmother, we love you and we will cherish your memories forever. Love, Banafsheh, Fardad, Ellie and Paloma Sayyah*

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**The Sayyah Family** - March 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM