CRUZ CRUZ RAMIREZ

May 3, 1940 - December 6, 2018

Mrs. Cruz (Cruz) Ramirez died peacefully surrounded by her children and grandchildren on December 6, 2018 in Bryan, TX at the age of 78.

Cruz is survived by her husband, Julian Montalvo Ramirez; children, Julia Ramirez Ruiz and husband Kevin Pflugerville, Julian C. Ramirez and wife Annie, John Javier "JJ" Ramirez and wife Mary Helen, Joanne Ramirez Lerma and husband Jose, all of Bryan; brother, Tony Cruz and wife Mary Alice; sister, Esther Mauricio and husband Oscar; sister-in-law, Mary Ann Cruz; and 14 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She is preceded in death by her parents, Paulino and Maria Cruz; brothers, Paul and Phillip Cruz; sister, Doraelia "Dora" Cruz; and great-granddaughter, Mercy Grace Ramirez.

Cruz was born on May 3, 1940 in Bryan, TX. A lifetime resident of Bryan, Cruz worked for Piggly Wiggly for many years. However, she found her passion working as a Tejano DJ and Sales Representative at K-94 FM radio station as one of the "Tres Comadres" lead radio show hosts. She brought music and laughter into the homes of many. Then at BVCAA Health Service, she was an AIDS prevention and outreach representative.

Over her lifetime, Cruz and her husband of 63 years welcomed 4 children, 14 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren and 2 fur babies, Cowboy and Cody into their home and hearts. Cruz instilled in her children and grandchildren the importance of family, friends, commitment, respect for self, others and especially our elders, civic duty and the power of laughter. Her children will remember her for her fierce loyalty, recognizable laugh and timeless phone calls.

Cruz was dedicated to local civic duty and often could be found serving her local LULAC for many years and volunteering at voting locations. She was named Brazos Valley Woman of the Year in 1985 for all her outstanding commitment to local civic duty. She was passionate about changing the world one vote at a time. Cruz was a very generous and loving woman who enjoyed shopping for her family and friends and seeing them smile with one of her many gifts. She was an active and dedicated member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church and SOS Ministries. She will be
remembered for her dedication to her children, grandchildren and numerous people who were fortunate to call her a friend.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, December 10, 2018 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery. A reception to follow at SOS Ministries. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Cruz's life. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Sunday with a 7 p.m. rosary service at Memorial Funeral Chapel in Bryan.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to SOS Ministries at 1700 Grosebeck, Bryan, Texas 77803. The family would like to thank everyone who made Cruz's life enjoyable and meaningful in the 78 years she was blessed to be alive.

**Proverbs 31: 25-31** She is clothed with strength and dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future. When she speaks, her words are wise, and she gives instructions with kindness. She carefully watches everything in her household and suffers nothing from laziness. Her children stand and bless her. Her husband praises her: "There are many virtuous and capable women in the world, but you surpass them all!" Charm is deceptive, and beauty does not last; but a woman who fears the Lord will be greatly praised. Reward her for all she has done. Let her deeds publicly declare her praise.