



## Mary Machuca

August 12, 1911 - April 24, 2009

Mary A. Machuca, age 97 of Towne Centre, Merrillville, formerly of East Chicago and Hammond passed away Friday, April 24, 2009.

Mary was an Avon saleslady in the 30's, worked for J.J. Newberry, Standard Forge, as a school photographer, doctor's receptionist and owner of Fair Food Shop in Indiana Harbor. Mary loved to dance, crochet and make afghans for every grandchild and many friends. She was an avid Chicago Cubs fan.

Mary was born in Eagle Pass, Texas, August 12, 1911 to Julia Rosales and Manuel G. Arcos, both deceased.

She was the past national vice president of LULAC, past president of LULAC ladies council, AARP, Senoras of Yesteryear (SOY), Mothers of World War II, Gardens Club of Four Seasons and Pharr, Texas, Pink Ladies of St. Catherine Hospital and McAllen, Texas Hospital. She helped organize the WOW Camp, Grove Lima, Texas. She was a member of the First Latin American Youth Recreation Club of East Chicago, the League of Women Voters, Hammond, the First Mexican American Women's Democratic Club in East Chicago and the Ladies Guadalupanos of East Chicago.

Mary was preceded in death by her husbands: William Rodriguez and Angelo F. Machuca, East Chicago retired police detective and her son, Angelo A. (and

daughter-in-law Nadine Stout) Machuca, retired East Chicago Assistant Chief of Police.

She is survived by her daughters: Connie (Ray) Verduzco of Beverly Shores and Virginia Arcos of Lancaster, California; sons: Mel (Lynda MacDonald) of North Olmsted, Ohio and Jon (Joan Helbling) Machuca of Ogden Dunes, Indiana. Also 24 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren, 10 great great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Two sisters, Lillie Gonzales and Magdelene Nunez, both of McAllen, Texas.

Funeral services, Wednesday, April 29, 2009, 1000 a.m. at the Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, with Rev. Michelle T. Verduzco, granddaughter, officiating. Services will terminate at the funeral home. Friends and relatives may visit with the family on Tuesday, April 28, 2009, from 2:00 to 7:00 p.m.