



Graciela Sims
September 18, 1936 – February 2, 2021

Graciela Sims of Universal City, Texas, passed away peacefully on February 2, 2021. Graciela was born in Ciudad Victoria, Tamaulipas, Mexico, on September 18, 1936. She was one of ten children born to her parents, Alfredo Macias and Gabriela Jimenez. She also lived in Pachuca as a child, and later the family relocated to Mexico City.

Graciela worked as a cost accountant for the Philco Company in Mexico City when she met her future husband, Bob W. Sims, on the train from Laredo to Mexico City. They married in Mexico City on May 27, 1965, and Graciela moved to Lubbock, Texas, where Bob worked for the Air Force Audit Agency at Reese Air Force Base. Their daughter, Sandra Grace Sims, was born on February 19, 1966, and their son, Mark Wesley Sims, was born on September 2, 1968. In 1972, the family moved to Universal City, Texas after Bob received a transfer to Randolph Air Force Base.

Over the years, Graciela lovingly supported her family. Graciela packed lunches, cooked wonderful dinners, maintained order in an active household, took kids to doctor's appointments, volunteered at the school, helped the children with school projects and homework, hosted work and birthday parties, attended countless extracurricular events and activities, and provided taxi services to her children. The family enjoyed lots of vacations to Mexico and the Texas Panhandle. Once the children were older, Graciela worked as a substitute teacher in the Judson Independent School District, continuing through the time both children graduated

from college. By 1996, both Bob and Graciela had retired, and they renewed their wedding vows in Mexico City in May of that year.

Graciela and Bob continued in their loving and joyous marriage, encouraging and supporting Sandra and Mark as they took interesting jobs, received advanced degrees, got married, and had children (including providing a fair share of babysitting for the grandchildren). Graciela and Bob continued to travel, including taking a lengthy tour of Europe. Graciela selflessly supported her family in her later years as a loving and devoted wife, a supportive and endearing mother, and by caring for her sister, Margarita, for close to two decades.

Her family and friends dearly loved Graciela and she will be remembered for her beautiful smile, spirited personality, and wonderful sense of humor. Her purity of heart and devotion to both her family and her Catholic faith were constants throughout her life.

Graciela was preceded in death by her parents, Alfredo Macias and Gabriela Jimenez; her brothers and sisters, Alfredo Macias, Raul Macias, Guadalupe Garcia, Alicia Aparicio, Sergio Macias, and Gabriel Macias. She is survived by her husband, Bob W. Sims; her daughter, Sandra Ray; her son, Mark W. Sims; her son-in-law, Richard Ray; her daughter-in-law, Jennifer Sims; her grandchildren, Jonah Michael Sims, Sydney Gabrielle Sims, and Kaylee Morgan Ray; her sisters, Margarita Macias and Silvia Vargas; her brother, Jorge Macias, and countless other relatives and friends. Graciela will be interred at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City.