



Maria del Refugio (Ruth) Balderaz, peacefully passed away on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at the age of 87. She was surrounded by her children and the love and prayers of her friends, family and community.

She was preceded in death by her parents Adrian and Evangelina Rodriguez and siblings Adian Jr, Evita, Timoteo, Josephina, and her beautiful granddaughter Alicia Marie.

Her devotion to the Catholic Church began as a student at St. Patrick's School and continued throughout her life, concluding as a parishioner at St. Joseph's Honey Creek Catholic Church.

Born in San Antonio Texas, Ruth was one of 8 children. Due to the family's economic constraints she was forced to leave school and enter the workforce at an early age.

As an adult she was a single mother who worked multiple jobs to provide for her family. Once hired by HEB (her dream company) she began to excel. With only an 8th grade education, she started out as a cashier/bagger and worked her way up eventually retiring as a Deli

Manager. She stayed loyal to them until the end as a frequent shopper and fan.

After retiring she moved to the scenic hill country where she lived for the remainder of her life. She briefly came out of retirement to work in the cafeteria at Smithson Valley High School where she enjoyed being in the company of the students and loved sneaking them extra portions.

Ruth loved to laugh and stayed active even in her later years. She frequented the Bulverde Spring Branch Activity Center where she played bingo, did arts and crafts, attended exercise class regularly and just plain hung out with her buddies, of which she had many. She was an excellent cook and hosted her family's Tamalada each Christmas Season, just one of the many family traditions we will carry on in her memory.

She leaves behind a legacy of love in her children Lynda Schrack, Yolanda Carrillo (and husband Mike) Rudy Balderaz (and wife Debbie) and grandchildren Michael Jason, Robert, Mary, Christina, Michael Jeremy, Jessica, Mark Jr., Nicholas and their spouses.

She also leaves behind numerous great- grand children and nieces and nephews – all who adored her and her antics.

She is survived by her sister Yolanda Farinella and brothers Jose and Benito Rodriguez.

Ruth had a full wonderful life and is with the Father in Heaven. She will forever be missed and live on in our hearts.

