



## ernestine garcia

ERNESTINE (TINA) SARABIA GARCIA passed away peacefully after a long battle with cancer at the age of 75 on the 12th of October, 2014. Tina was born and raised in Houston, Texas. Her parents were Felipe and Frances Sarabia. As a young adult, Tina owned her own business, Sarabia Mexican Records, in Rosenberg, Texas. She wanted to offer the Hispanic community a place where they could purchase and enjoy Latin music. As time passed, she was ready to start a new chapter in her life. Education and teaching were some of Tina's passions. In 1989, Tina became a Project Coordinator for "I Have a Dream - Houston". This project was important to her because she was helping children achieve their goals of finishing school in order to be successful in their adult lives. In 1994, Tina worked as a public health educator for the City of Houston, where she was involved with a community awareness program regarding the dangers of lead poisoning. Later, Tina continued to support the community as Director for "De Madres a Madres", which helped women and their families with health care. After retiring from the City of Houston, she worked part-time at the Harris County Appraisal Review Board. Throughout her career, Tina put others first and found opportunities to raise up individuals or entire communities. Ernestine was preceded in death by her parents, Felipe and Frances Sarabia, and two of her brothers, Felipe A. Sarabia, and John L. Sarabia. Ernestine is survived by her two children, Monica Renee (David) Rescino and Richard (Elizabeth) Garcia; six grandchildren, Marissa Crespo, Louis Crespo, Jr., Monica (Timothy) Kester,

Katherine Rescino, Caroline Kuffner and Evvi Garcia; and two great-grandchildren, Cameron Crespo and Harmony Tressler. She is also survived by three siblings, Alfredo C. (Janie) Sarabia, Emilio A. (Oralia) Sarabia, and Bertha Marquez, and a sister-in-law, Maria Antonieta Sarabia. Tina had a strong faith in God and in the power of prayer. She was an amazing mother and grandmother and a devoted friend who has left all who knew her with many happy memories. The family would like to especially thank Nannette Zermino and her family and the Houston Hospice for their caring attention to Tina in her final days. A memorial mass will be held at 1:30PM on Saturday, the 25th of October, 2014, at St. Anne Catholic Church, 2140 Westheimer Road, Houston, Texas 77098, with a reception immediately following. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be directed to Houston Hospice, [www.houstonhospice.org](http://www.houstonhospice.org), or the American Cancer Society, [www.cancer.org/donate](http://www.cancer.org/donate).