

Deanna T. Estrada - 1964-2009

Deanna T. Estrada, 44, former Carlsbad resident, passed away Friday, June 19, 2009 in Carlsbad.

A vigil is scheduled for 7 p.m. today (June 24) at San Jose Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial is scheduled for 10 a.m. Thursday at San Jose Catholic Church with Fr. Valentine Jankowski and Fr. Cyprian Uline officiating. Interment will follow at Carlsbad Cemetery. Denton-Wood Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Deanna T. Estrada was born July 9, 1964, in Carlsbad, N.M., to Agustin and Vanjo (Leiba) Estrada. She graduated from Carlsbad High School in 1982, where she was an honor society student. Deanna then attended New Mexico State University, where she graduated with a degree in chemical engineering. While in college, she was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon and was a Little Sister. Deanna went to work for Mississippi Chemical and later moved to Denton, Texas, where she worked for Texas Women's University and facilitated the minority programs with the school. She also worked for American Electric Power of Dallas in environmental compliance and, most recently, Tymark, where she was regional manager.

Deanna had lived in Dallas the past 15 years and enjoyed being a member of the Dallas Electric Club where she served on the board of directors, Dallas Opera Society and Hispano Cultural Society. She was also a member of Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Dallas and was a past member of Catholic Daughters of the Americas here at San Jose



Catholic Church. Deanna loved traveling, but most of all spending time with her nieces and nephews, whom she dearly loved.

Survivors include parents, Agustin and Vanjo Estrada of Carlsbad; brother, Agustin "Gus" Estrada and wife, Kasey of Albuquerque; sister, Monica Estrada and husband, Tom Ball of Las Cruces; brother, Daniel Estrada of Tucson, Ariz.; nieces and nephews: Austine, Jamey, Julia, Luke, Evan, Gabriel, Nathaniel and Samuel; great-nephew, Joshua; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Pallbearers will be Danny Gonzales, Lonnie Dawson, Pavlos Panagopoulos, Anthony Hinojosa, Robert Wade and Sammy Vasquez. Honorary Pallbearers are George Garcia, Ricardo Valenzuela, John Harrell, Loni Heyn, Nancy Bustamante, Diana Bridgewater Bagley, Belinda Sarabia, Brenda Sarabia, Laurencia Fierro Boucher, JoAnn Click, Beth Paneral, Loren Cook, Henry Castaneda, Kathy Castaneda, Patricia Duran, Evie Hernandez, Gina Duran, Philip Duran and Denise Rodriquez.