



Rosetta Frances Raia

January 22, 1933 - November 29, 2010

Rosetta Frances Raia Rosetta Frances Raia passed away on November 24, 2010 with her devoted husband, John by her side. She was a native of Houston Texas, born on January 22, 1933 to Mary Lombardo and A.P. Navarro. She graduated from Saint Agnes Academy in 1950 and attended the University of Houston for one year where she was active in drama, dance and Frontier Fiesta. She married John in 1951 in Houston where they resided for many years. During this time, she enjoyed horseback riding with John, playing tennis and going dancing. They spent many summers at their bay house at Bayou Vista, where she enjoyed cooking the catch of the day for everyone. She was an active parishioner of All Saints Parish. She carried quite the resume of "Super Mom" being Brownie Leader, ultimate taxi driver for all children, attended all of her children's sporting events including her husband John's short softball career. She worked for Southern Pacific, Childer's Manufacturing, ITT Grinnell and Texas Commerce Bank as a professional assistant and she took care of the bookkeeping at their Jester Village Pharmacy. Her family was her whole life. Her embracing love was unconditional and her zest for life contagious. She was a devoted daughter caring for her Mother for many years after her Father's death. She loved cooking and entertaining for family and friends. She loved preparing pasta and meatballs for Sunday family dinners and would gladly give out her famous meatball recipe to anyone who requested it. She welcomed everyone in her home and she made them feel like part of her family. In 1996, Rosetta and

John moved to their country home in Huntsville Texas. There she spent many mornings and afternoons with John, their two dogs and their horse on their famous back porch watching all of God's creations taking place. It was on this porch she continually prayed for so many people. Many would call her and ask her to pray for a friend of their friend. She would follow-up on that person to see how they were doing. She was quickly known as Captain of "God's praying squad". She was very devoted to the Blessed Mother and her Catholic faith. She was passionate about their work at the Shrine of the Two Hearts. She was a tremendous source of love, strength and faith for us all. Rosetta and Mom...we will love you and remember you in our hearts far beyond forever-plus. She is survived by her husband of 59 years, John, son John and his wife Rose, her daughter Mary and husband J.W., son Anthony and wife Beth, grandsons John and Frank, and Tarah, many Godchildren, nieces, nephews and many friends. Pall Bearers for the service will be Carl Vento, Charles Wagamon, Raymond Kurtz, Billy C. Mc Pike, Ronny Rozell, and Maurice Brinkman. A special thank you to Dr. David Knuth, Dr. Stephanie Coulter, MC DeVault RN, Dr. Mary Ellen Vanderlick, Dr. Peter Dempsey, Dr. Mahaffey, Dr. Pillai and all staff at St. Lukes Episcopal Hospital and Huntsville Memorial Hospital for your endearing continual professional care for our Wife and Mother and may God bless you and guide you in the work you do for so many every day. Visitation will be on Sunday, November 28, 2010, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at Sam Houston Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park Drive, Huntsville, Texas, 77340, with the recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:00 p.m. Reverend Stephen Payne, our Pastor, will celebrate Holy Mass Monday, November 29, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church, 1323 16th Street, Huntsville, Texas 77340. Internment to follow at Brooke Cemetery, Huntsville, Texas. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences for the family may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Rosetta Frances Raia*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Mr. John and family,
I am saddened to learn of Mrs. Raia's passing. She was always kind and warm hearted. I know she will be missed. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

Sincerely,

Desiree Moore (brookshire bros)

Desiree moore - April 27, 2011 at 01:17 PM



“ *Mr. Raia,
You probably don't remember me. I worked for you at Jester Village Pharmacy back in the late 60's and early 70's as your delivery boy. I am so very sorry to hear of the loss of Mrs. Raia. She was always very kind to me and all of your staff felt like a second family to me. I remember she always greeted me with a smile and something nice to say. The world is not quite as bright to me now that I have learned of her passing.*

Richard E. Warr - December 04, 2010 at 01:01 PM

CW

“ *Mary, Anthony, and Johnny: I am so very sorry for your loss. Your mother was an amazing woman. So sweet and kind. I remember all the brownie meetings I went to at All Saints and how patient she was as our leader. I still have my 'Sit-Upon' she helped us make and when I was a brownie leader for my daughter's troop I thought of her as we made 'Sit-Upons'. I will always have great memories of her. She always welcomed me and my brother, Joe, in her home. She is surely in Heaven with my brother now. My parents - Frank and Dorothy Dames also send their deepest sympathy to you and your Dad. Please take comfort in knowing that she is safe in God's care now, and that friends are praying for you in your time of sorrow. With deepest sympathy, Carrie, Frank and Dorothy.*

Carrie (Dames) Wisnoski - November 30, 2010 at 04:05 PM

VW

“ *TO THE FAMILY OF ROSETTA NAVARRO RAIA: This note of sympathy is extended to all of Rosetta's precious family; but, especially, to her daughter, Mary. Mary, I knew your Mom from our days together at St. Mary's Parochial School on Rosedale....in the 1940's.....She was always beautiful and so serene; and always with a sweet, endearing smile on her face.....Later, when you and my daughter, Mary Louise Wood, were friends in high school, I had the opportunity to see and renew my acquaintance with Rosetta again....All those many years later, that precious smile was still there and ever present! That is how I will always remember her....God be with you in your great loss, Mary....Please know that your Mom is always with you; no matter that her physical presence is gone. Believe me, I've experienced that kind of love and devotion with my own Mom; and I feel her presence with me always.....This will happen for you, as well....I promise! With deepest sympathy to you and all your family, Virginia Segrato Wood*

Virginia Segrato Wood - November 29, 2010 at 07:41 PM

KF

“ I was very sorry to hear about Mrs. Raia's death. She was always so vivacious and such a caring person. I remember Mrs. Raia as a good friend to our family and a wonderful mother to her children.

Also, thank you for coming to my mother's rosary at St. Dominic's week before last. I'm sure Mrs. Raia and my mother are together in heaven.

Kathy Rafferty Foyt

Kathy Rafferty Foyt - November 28, 2010 at 08:02 PM

HP

“ This is a special condolence sent to the Raia family, John, John, Mary, and Anthony. We are so sadden for your loss. Your Mom was a very special person in our lives, And very special to My Mother Delia Pierre. Please stay strong thru these times and remember the family and friends that stand behind you today. Ya'll need to know that your Mom touched many lives. We have been blessed to know her.

God Bless You Mrs. Raia and your extended family.

Amen

The Pierre Family, Delia, Hubert, Lynne, Wade.

We Always remembered the Raias.

Hubert Pierre - November 28, 2010 at 06:24 PM

GP

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. We were saddened to learn of Rosetta's passing from Becky Raia. Please accept our sympathy.

We remember going to Rosetta's & John's house to have some of her famous Meatballs and Pasta.

Gloria & Carol Payette - November 28, 2010 at 02:14 PM

TS

“ Our condolences and prayers go out to you and your family and may god bless and keep you always safe and full of his abundant love.

Tom&Tonie scalise - November 28, 2010 at 12:28 PM

PH

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I believe memories are the bridge that spiritually binds us to our loved ones. May the memories of Rosetta keep her forever in your hearts.

From Peggy Housman

Peggy Housman - November 28, 2010 at 11:21 AM

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MA

“ Please accept my deepest sympathies for your loss. There is a void that cannot be replace. The life insurance we buy is really preparation for death. But the life insurance Jehovah God offers is the destroying of death itself and all the things we can think of that causes it. He will do this through His Kingdom that His Son Jesus Christ is King of. We can gain comfort now through the Bible. And in the very near future we will hold our love ones again. We all will live happy healthy lives forever in exquisite delight and in an abundance of peace here on earth.

Marquell - November 27, 2010 at 07:25 PM

BF

“ We were saddened to learn of Rosetta's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Margaret DelGiaccio also sends her regrets and love.

Benny,Katherine Fontan - November 27, 2010 at 05:47 PM