

## **Aurora Rodriguez | 1931-2016**

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Aurora "Rita" Rodriguez

Aurora "Rita" Rodriguez, 84, of Bridgeport, died Sunday, April 3, 2016, in Decatur.

Mass of Christian burial is 11 a.m. Saturday, April 9, at St. John the Baptizer Catholic Church in Bridgeport with Father Thomas Dsouza officiating. Burial will follow at East Bridgeport Cemetery.

Visitation is 5 p.m. and rosary is 7 p.m. Friday, April 8, at Hawkins Funeral Home in Bridgeport.

Rita was born Aug. 30, 1931, in Van Horn to Sebero and Aurora (Esparza) Escajeda. She married Emilio G. Rodriguez May 25, 1948, in Van Horn. Rita owned and operated Rita's Five Caf. She was a member of St. John the Baptizer Catholic Church in Bridgeport.

She was preceded in death by her parents; son Sam Rodriguez; daughter Little Eva Rodriguez; granddaughter Tiffany Lee; brother Carmen Escajeda; and sister Nacha Ratliff.

Rita is survived by her husband of 67 years, Emilio Rodriguez of Bridgeport; sons Emilio Rodriguez Jr. and wife, Karen, of Red Oak, Jimmy Rodriguez and wife, Irene, of Dallas and Bobby Rodriguez and wife, Corina, of Bridgeport; daughter Eva Simecek and husband, Joe, of Duncanville; grandchildren Elizabeth, Bethany, James, Lisette, Jeremy, Hannah, Robert, Cory, Iliana, Samuel, Andrew, Stephanie and Matthew; sister Carmelita Hamblin; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.