

PARRA

JUANITA MESTAS PARRA passed away peacefully July 5, 2008. She was born March 12, 1913 in Mesilla, New Mexico, to Nicanor Mestas and Juanita Delfin Mestas. She was a woman of great faith and was a member of the Catholic Church. She attended schools in Mesilla and Las Cruces and graduated from St. Ignatius School in El Paso, where she later taught for the Sisters of Loretto. She placed a high value on education and after her children graduated from UTEP she herself enrolled at UTEP. Upon earning her degree she taught for 10 years at Crosby School. She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Alfredo G. Parra, her sister Josefa Maynez and her brothers Nick Mestas and Cristobal Mestas. Her surviving siblings are Magdalena Arriata, Cecilia Ortiz, Efen Mestas and Marta Lucish. She is also survived by her son, Alfred G. Parra and his wife Margaret of Palo Alto, CA and her daughter Alice Marie Briggs and her husband Raymond of El Paso. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren to

whom she was affectionally known as Great Mama. Her surviving grandchildren are: Mark Briggs, wife Maria del Socorro and their two sons Mark, Jr. and Luke Alfred; Paul Briggs, wife Angela Belluomini and their children Giovanni, Francesca and Dante of San Francisco, CA; John Briggs, wife Erin and their children Jack and Madelyn of El Paso; Alison Briggs Gutierrez, husband Carlos and their children Alissa Marie and Emilio of El Paso; Jennifer Parra Daltilio, husband Eugene and their daughters Ann Marie and Allison of Peoria, AZ; Claire Parra, husband David Nichols and their daughters Elena and Nicole of Houston, TX; Andrea Parra, husband Mark Cox of London, England. Rosary will be held on Wednesday, July 9, 2008 at 9:00 AM, with Funeral Mass to follow at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Assumption Catholic Church. 4800 Byron St. Interment will follow at Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Services entrusted to Martin Funeral Home West, 128 N. Resler Dr.

