



STEVI HILLMAN IS RUNNING FOR COL. LAURA V. ALVARADO

Laura passed away on December 6, 2016 after a 3-year illness. She was diagnosed with lung cancer contracted after being exposed to a toxic environment during her deployment to Iraq in 2006 - 2007.

Laura's immediate survivors are her spouse Eduardo and her son Aaron Charles Alvarado. She is also survived by her mother, Lillian C. Valencia, brother Tony Valencia, sister Patricia (Booboo) Suwal, and stepson Edward Alvarado Jr. as well as by numerous nieces and nephews. In addition, she is survived by her sister from another mother Kimberly Cox, Colonel USAF NC, retired.

Laura was a beloved wife to Eduardo for more than 40 years and a loving mother and stepmother. Her radiant smile and bright eyes would liven any room she entered. Her caring spirit led her to pursue a career in nursing. She graduated from what is now the University of the Incarnate Word in 1978. She was a recipient of a US Public Health Service scholarship in 1977 and was commissioned in the USPHS upon graduation. With the USPHS she served in Zuni, New Mexico.



Col. Laura V. Alvarado

After service in New Mexico, she served in the United States Air Force Nurse Corps for 28 years. In the Air Force she served at the following locations: Wilford Hall USAF Medical Center at Lackland AFB, Texas; Torrejon Air Base, Spain; Carswell AFB, Texas; Keesler AFB, Mississippi; Bolling AFB, Washington, DC; Goodfellow AFB, Texas; Brooks AFB, Texas and back at Wilford Hall.



The highlights of her Air Force career include command positions at the squadron and medical group levels. She was also Director of Nursing Education at Brooks AFB, Vice Commander and Commander for the School of Aerospace Medicine, and Vice Wing Commander at Brooks AFB. She also served as Chief Nurse Officer and Vice Wing Commander at Wilford Hall during her last Air Force assignment. Her immediate past position was Director of Life Long Learning, University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio (UTHSCSA) School of Nursing.

These accomplishments pale in comparison to who she was as a person. She loved her family and friends. She was a mentor to many in the Air Force and in civilian life. She took pleasure in seeing or hearing about the successes of those she mentored. She has left an indelible mark on all who knew her and will be missed tremendously, but we who know and loved her will recall one of her favorite sayings "no whining" as we live the coming days.



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