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A loving wife, mother and daughter, Mrs. Maria O. Lira 64 years of West Toledo passed away, Tuesday January 8, 2008 at the Northwest Ohio Hospice Center, Toledo.

Born and raised in Asherton, Texas, Maria moved to the Toledo area in the early 1960s and married Rudy Lira in 1962.

After she raised her family, she began working as a teacher's aid in the Toledo Headstart Program and in 1983 she became the Director of the Aurora Gonzalez Center until 1986.

She was an active member of SS Peter and Paul Parish holding membership in the Guadalupe Society and volunteering her time generously in most all of the parish activities.

From 1980 through 1983 she was a lay minister along with her husband in the Mexican American Cultural Center in San Antonio, TX.

Surviving are her husband, Deacon Rudolfo "Rudy" Lira, sons, Jesse A. Lira, Reyes Lira and Rudolfo Lira, Jr., daughter, Mrs. Maria (Mohammed) Jamaledin. The grandchildren are, Matthew, Monica, Erica, Reyes Lira Jr., Laila and Jesse Lira Jr. Also surviving are her mother, Cecelia Ortiz and brothers, Vincente, Jesse, Francisco Ortiz, Jr. and sisters, Paulaita Cruz, Petra Deleon, Consuelo Ortiz, Cruzita Ortiz and Conception Perez. She was preceded in death by her father, Francisco Ortiz and brother, Jose and Sabino Ortiz.

The family extends their deepest thanks to the entire staff of Northwest Ohio Hospice for their loving wonderful care.

Friends may call at the Coyle Funeral Home 1770 S. Reynolds Road Saturday 2-8 p.m. where a Scripture Service will be recited at 7 p.m. and also on Sunday from 2-8 pm. where a Rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. The funeral will begin in the mortuary Monday at 9:15 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in SS Peter & Paul Church. At 10 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery . Memorials may take the form of contribution to the family.