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Maj. Conchita Sanchez Bobbitt, U.S.A.F., retired, departed this life on March 2, 2005 at Chandler Healthcare in San Antonio, Texas, following complications from cancer. She was 93 years old. She served her country bravely for 22 years in the U.S. Air Force Nurse Corp, was an educator for over 20 years, and was a beloved aunt and great aunt to many. Born in Brownsville, Texas in 1912 and a 42-year resident of San Antonio, she was predeceased by her parents, Quintina Leal de Sanchez and Martin Sanchez, and by her sisters and brother, Carmen S. Stegman, Rosa S. Leach, and Antonin Sanchez, all of Brownsville. She is survived by nieces Quintina Stegman Thomas of Brooklyn, NY and Barbara Perry Bara of Hemingway, SC; nephews Walter Leach of Milford, OH and Frances Stegman of San Antonio, TX; two grandnieces, Miriam Perry Mimms of Nashville, TN and Roberta Perry Schlicher of Salt Lake City, UT; six grandnephews, Noe' Dinnerstein, Marcos Dinnerstein, and Saul Dinnerstein of New York, NY; Karl Stegman and Andre' Stegman of San Antonio, TX; and David Perry, of Richmond, VA; and several great-grandnieces and great-grandnephews. After graduating from Villa Maria High School in Brownsville, she received an A.A.Ed. from Brownsville Junior College in 1938 and an R.N. Diploma from the Robert B. Green School of Nursing in San Antonio in 1943, after which she was assigned to its faculty and received her commission as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Air Corp. Following designation as a flight nurse in 1944 from the School of Aviation Medicine at Randolph AFB, she contin-

ued her lifelong studies both in Europe and in the United States, receiving a B.S.N. from Incarnate Word College in San Antonio in 1955 and a M.Ed. from Our Lady of the Lake College in San Antonio in 1970. Among her assignments during WWII was service as a flight nurse for the Air Evacuation Units in the Pacific Theatre, Japan, the Continental U.S., and the European Theater, Germany. She was also stationed in England and Paris, France, as a Nurse Administrator and Director of Dispensary at Orly A.F.B. She was privileged to serve on the medical team that accompanied President and Mrs. John F. Kennedy on a diplomatic trip to Mexico, and her last assignment was as Charge Nurse of the Emergency Room at Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland A.F.B. She was honorably discharged from service on January 1, 1964. Thereafter, she taught nursing at Southern Colorado State College at Pueblo and San Antonio College, from which she retired in 1981. She was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the Retired Officers' Association, the Air Force Aid Society, Alumnae Associations of University of the Incarnate Word, Our Lady of the Lake University, and Robert B. Green School of Nursing, the American Red Cross, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. She was listed in The World Who's Who of Women in Education, The Directory of Distinguished Americans, and as a Personality of the South. In 1947, she received a Presidential Citation from President Harry S. Truman. A lifelong advocate for veterans and students, she lived a long and rich life. She was as generous, independent, and intrepid as she was proud of her heritage as a multi-generation Texan. **GRAVESIDE SERVICES WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY MARCH 23, 2005 AT 10:00 A.M., FORT SAM HOUSTON NATIONAL CEMETERY, 1520 HARRY WURZBACH, SAN ANTONIO.** Interment will be at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery with full Air Force Honors. Those who desire may make a memorial donation to the Disabled American Veterans, Unit #114 Kei-Lac Chapter, 9419 Stones River Dr., San Antonio, TX 78245-2052. Arrangements with Roy Akers Funeral Home, San Antonio (210) 266-7201.

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