

THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
IS PRESENTED TO THE

CARMEN FRAGA RADJEWSKI FAMILY

ON AUGUST 1, 2015
AT THE ANNUAL FRAGA PICNIC

HONORING HER LEGACY
OF
INDEPENDENT THINKING

*CARMEN FRAGA RADJEWSKI IS THE 6TH CHILD BORN SEPTEMBER
2, 1924*

AT A TIME WHEN WOMEN WERE NOT ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS OR SPEAK THEIR MINDS CARMEN DARED TO DO SO, SHE DARED TO BE DIFFERENT. AND SOMETIMES SHE DARED TO STAND ALONE WITH HER VIEWS BECAUSE SHE WAS ALWAYS TRUE TO HERSELF. SHE TOLD ME SHE LEARNED THAT FROM HER FATHER, WHOM SHE ADORED. HE WOULD TELL HER OVER AND OVER, "DON'T LET ANYONE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOU", *AND SHE DIDN'T.*

WITHOUT HESITATION CARMEN LET YOU KNOW WHAT WAS ON HER MIND.

ALWAYS WITH RESPECT, CARMEN SHARED HER VIEWS ON ISSUES OF THE DAY.

CARMEN WAS NOT ONE TO FOLLOW THE CROWD BECAUSE SHE WAS A TRAILBLAZER.

AT A TIME WHEN MOST WOMEN DID NOT WORK OUTSIDE OF THEIR HOMES, CARMEN SHOWED US THAT

WOMEN COULD HAVE IT ALL, A CAREER AND RAISE A FAMILY. WITH UNENDING LOVE CARMEN PROTECTED HER FAMILY IN ANY WAY SHE KNEW HOW. SHE KNEW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF HER HUSBAND, MY DEAR GODFATHER, UNCLE BILL AND OF COURSE, HER CHILDREN, BILLY, JANICE WHOM SHE LOST AT BIRTH, MICHELLE, DAVID, MELANIE, TOMMY, AND TOMMY'S TWIN, DANIEL, WHO WAS ALSO LOST AT BIRTH. A MOTHER DOESN'T BURY A CHILD UNSCATHED...BUT THIS JUST MADE CARMEN STRONGER.

AUNT CARMEN CONTINUE.....

CARMEN SHOWED US HOW TO BE STRONG AND FEMININE AT THE SAME TIME.

AS A LITTLE GIRL, I WAS IN AWE OF HER RED PAINTED LONG NAILS!

BY EXAMPLE, CARMEN SHOWED US WHAT SHE STOOD FOR. SHE LOVED TO DEBATE; SHE LOVED TO SEE THE OTHER SIDE OF A POSITION.

WITH ENCOURAGEMENT, CARMEN TAUGHT NOT ONLY HER BEAUTIFUL CHILDREN BUT THOSE OF US BLESSED TO BE IN HER WORLD TO TAKE A STAND FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE IN. I AM HONORED TO CARRY HER NAME!

CARMEN DOTTERER & THE VALDEZ FAMILY