

**THIS CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION  
IS PRESENTED TO THE  
THE MERCEDES FRAGA RUSTONI FAMILY**

**ON AUGUST 1, 2015  
AT THE ANNUAL FRAGA PICNIC**

**HONORING HER LEGACY  
OF  
AUTHENTICITY**

**MERCEDES - AUNT MERCE --- RUSTY; BORN ON A HOT SUMMER  
DAY -- JULY 21, 1923.**

**AUNT MERCE WAS THE 4TH DAUGHTER AND THE 6TH CHILD OF  
VALERIARO & MARTINA FRAGA.**

**SHE WAS ONE OF THE MOST AUTHENTIC AND GENUINE PEOPLE  
I'VE EVER KNOWN.**

**WHEN AUNT MERCE LEFT THIS WORLD TO JOIN HER  
DAUGHTER, JO ANN AND HER GRAND DAUGHTER, KAY  
MARTINA - SHE LEFT BEHIND, NOT ONLY HER LOVING  
HUSBAND, UNCLE JOE AND THEIR 5 CHILDREN & 9 GRAND-  
CHILDREN; SHE LEFT SO MANY OTHER FAMILY & FRIENDS THAT  
ADORED HER.**

**AUNT MERCE WAS SYNONYMOUS WITH J. L. HUDSON - WHERE  
HER FRIENDS CALLED HER RUSTY. I REMEMBER EVERY FRAGA  
EVENT - WHETHER IT WAS GOING TO THE FARM OR THE  
FAMILY RE-UNION OR THE GRAND-PARENTS CHRISTMAS PARTY  
- THERE SHE WAS -- WAITING TO GIVE US THE BIGGEST HUG  
ALONG WITH THAT FAMOUS -CONTAGIOUS SMILE OF HER'S.**

**AND OF COURSE SHE WAS KNOWN FOR HER FAMOUS SOUR  
CREAM CAKE! AUNT MERCE ALWAYS MADE YOU FEEL AS  
THOUGH YOU WERE HER FAVORITE-- AND SHE HAD SO MANY  
FAVORITES!**