



Irasema "Eddie" De Leon, left, of Houston is pictured with Victoria Garza.



Arnold Guerra is all smiles at reunion.



Arnold Alvarez of Huntington Beach, Calif. and Grace (Fernandez) Aasletten lived in same neighborhood here.



Maria Elma (Mascorro) Sandoval was a twirler.



Debbie Henderson, from left, Rosa Alicia "Rosie" Ramirez, Zelma Salinas, and Carla Rosas Villarreal pose for a photo.



Former Kingsville city manager Carlos Lerma, center, and his wife Sandra with Maria Elma Sandoval, left.

1950s Reunion of classmates will be remembered for a very long time

It's been more than a half-century since some friends have seen each other

Story and Photos

By Gloria Bigger-Cantu
People who attended the 1950s Reunion of Friends and Classmates are still talking about meeting former childhood and high school friends they had not seen in 50 and 60 years.

event praised the experience as one of the most memorable reunions, not only, because of the hospitality, but being able to share hugs, addresses, and promises to keep in contact with each other.

Over 400 people attended the reunion held at the home of Miro and Mary Lou

Rodriguez at Baffin Bay in Riviera, Texas. People traveled from California, Maryland, Virginia, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Washington D.C., Mexico and numerous cities in Texas, to experience a nostalgic reunion that reflected memories of their youth and

school days. Many guests brought their old yearbooks, photos and mementos of school days. The reunion, beginning at 2 p.m. and ending at 11 p.m., included dinner, music and dancing.

The invitation read: Miro Rodriguez, Gil Bazan and Willie Garza invite you to

a Reunion of Friends and Classmates before and after the 50's. You are invited to join (maybe for the last time) your friends and classmates from childhood. And for those guests who attended the 19503 reunion Oct. 17, it might just be the last time.

and Bishop News published a story with photos that appeared in the Oct. 21, 2009 edition.

Because there has been so much interest generated in this reunion, the newspaper decided to include another story and more photos in this edition.



A Baffin Bay setting in Riviera provided the place for the 1950s Reunion of Friends and Classmates.



Pictured from left are Edelmiro "Miro" Rodriguez, Gil Bazan, Mary Lou Rodriguez, Pamela Kay Bazan, Victoria Garza, and Willie Garza.



Edna Ybarra, left, of Kingsville pictured with childhood friend Irma McDonald of Rockville, Maryland.



Gil and Pamela Kay Bazan of Montgomery are pictured with Mary Lou (Colin) Rodriguez.



Guests were treated to dinner provided by Miro Rodriguez, owns two Ninfa Restaurants.



Rachel Carrales, from left, of Austin is pictured with Elida Ramos, Roberto Ramos of Kingsville and Benilde Mendiola of McAllen.



San Antonio residents Robert Benavides and wife Irma (Salazar) with Nilda Garcia, center, of Austin.