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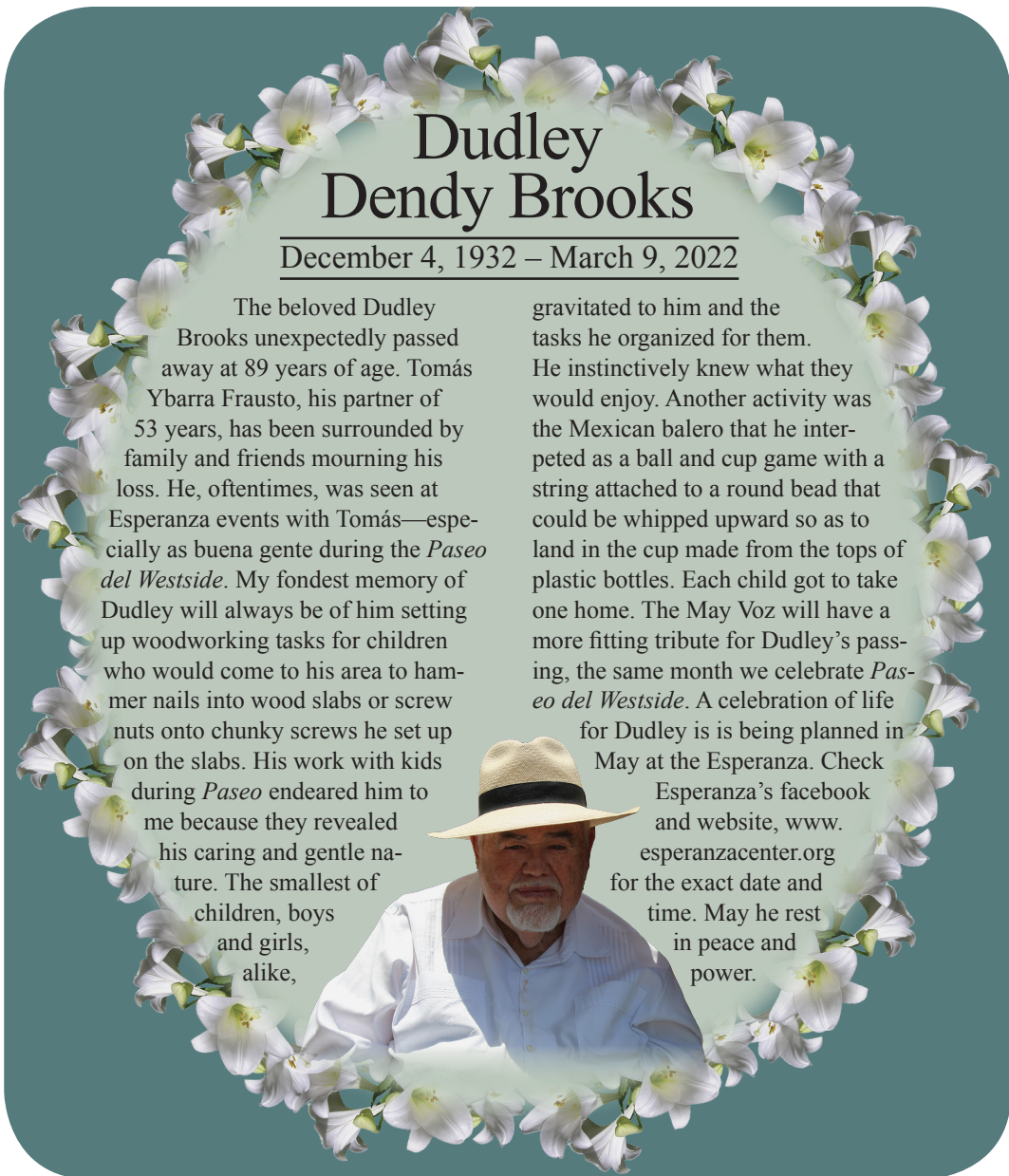
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Dudley Dendy Brooks

December 4, 1932 – March 9, 2022

The beloved Dudley Brooks unexpectedly passed away at 89 years of age. Tomás Ybarra Frausto, his partner of 53 years, has been surrounded by family and friends mourning his loss. He, oftentimes, was seen at Esperanza events with Tomás—especially as buena gente during the *Paseo del Westside*. My fondest memory of Dudley will always be of him setting up woodworking tasks for children who would come to his area to hammer nails into wood slabs or screw nuts onto chunky screws he set up on the slabs. His work with kids during *Paseo* endeared him to me because they revealed his caring and gentle nature. The smallest of children, boys and girls, alike,

gravitated to him and the tasks he organized for them. He instinctively knew what they would enjoy. Another activity was the Mexican balero that he interpreted as a ball and cup game with a string attached to a round bead that could be whipped upward so as to land in the cup made from the tops of plastic bottles. Each child got to take one home. The May Voz will have a more fitting tribute for Dudley's passing, the same month we celebrate *Paseo del Westside*. A celebration of life for Dudley is being planned in May at the Esperanza. Check Esperanza's facebook and website, www.esperanzacenter.org for the exact date and time. May he rest in peace and power.



Save the Date!

Paseo por El Westside

May 7, 2022 • 9am to 3pm

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