

It's a Small World

by Arlene Hirota Rojas

My granddaughter, Alyssa, gave birth to a baby boy on November 30, 2010 and made me a great-grandmother for the first time. Andrew Loria came into this world weighing 6 lbs. 10 oz. and is 18 inches long. He was delivered by Dr. Daniel Barajas who is the nephew of my very best friend, Josie (Cookie) Lujan. I didn't know the doctor was Cookie's nephew until two months ago. Let me back up a bit so you'll understand how this all came about.

Cookie and I had been best friends since first grade. When she got married I was her maid of honor and when her first baby, Robert, was born I was his Godmother for his Baptism. We kept in touch even though we lived miles apart....then she moved again and we lost contact with each other but I never stopped looking for her. I missed our talks and the laughs we shared. About two months ago, I mentioned to Vic Subia that I was looking for Cookie and he found her telephone number for me. I called her and now we are in touch with each other again (God willing we will be going to the 50th reunion together). Anyway, in all the talking and catching up, I mentioned to her that I was going to be a great-grandmother and told her that my granddaughter was going to deliver her baby at Queen of the Valley Hospital. She then told her nephews who are both OB doctors and work at the same hospital. She said to me, "Ray and Daniel Barajas... you remember them? They're Sylvia's boys". Sylvia is Cookie's sister. (Oh yeah, I remembered them! Whenever I stayed over at Cookie's house those two little boys would be playing with Hot Wheels). I looked at Cookie and said "OMG, they're my granddaughter's doctors and one of them is delivering her baby!" Cookie and I started laughing. What a small world! Who would have ever thought that when I met her in first grade her nephew would be delivering my first great-grandchild. And that's how I found out who the doctor was.