



Aurelia Q. Whelan

June 18, 1927 - January 10, 2014

Aurelia Quijada Whelan, age 86 of Willcox, Arizona took her place with the angels in Heaven on January 10th while visiting family in Visalia, California. Aurelia was born in Klondyke Arizona on June 18th 1927 to her parents Ramon and Margaret Quijada. Aurelia married Edward Whelan in Bonita Arizona on August 23rd 1947. The couple made their home in Willcox where she raised her four children and lived until the time of her death.

Aurelia was a kind, caring sweet person. Her grace and beauty touched everyone that she met. She had great strength in her gentle soul. Aurelia spent her life caring for and loving her family. She was “Mom” to everyone she met. She was dedicated to care for anyone that needed assistance under any and all circumstances. Aurelia loved the Lord with her whole heart. She had unwavering faith, even in her darkest moments. She was a lifelong Catholic and member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Willcox. She brightened this world with her smile, her gentle touch and her genuine love for others. There are so many memories and cherished moments we will all cherish forever. We were truly blessed to have had our lives cross paths with hers.

Aurelia was preceded in death by her husband Edward Lee Whelan, her daughter Geraldine Mae-Margaret Whelan Henkel, her grandson Michael Whelan Henkel, her father Ramon Quijada, her mother Margaret Quijada Sanchez, her step-father Jose Sanchez, her brothers Phil Quijada, Ignacio Quijada, Alonzo Sanchez and her sisters Rita Quijada Ramirez Haynes, Ramona Quijada McNair, Eleanor Sanchez Abeyta, Celia Sanchez Miranda.

She is survived by her brothers Joe Mike (Shirley) Sanchez and Lenny (Priscilla) Sanchez, both of Tucson, Arizona. She is also survived by her children William "Bill" Whelan (Cookie) of Visalia, California, Edward Whelan (Arlene) of Exeter, California and Darrell Whelan (Lynda) of Willcox, Arizona. Her grandchildren: Donna Whelan Post (Jimmy) of Visalia, California, Terri Whelan Sigley (Tom) of Visalia, California, Kristi Whelan White (Ben) of Portland Oregon, David Henkel (Melissa) of Mesa, Arizona, Steven Henkel (Megan) of Visalia, CA, Kristi Whelan-Andrew (Jimmy) of Visalia, CA, DeAnn Whelan of Visalia, CA and Jennifer Whelan Rauscher (Richard) of Phoenix, Arizona. Her great grandchildren: Judd, Jarod, Courtney, Carley, Sebastian, Teresa, Wyatt, Caden, Ashley, Bailey, Shadea, Kailani, Jaxon, and Richard. Her step-grandchildren: Megan, Miles, Laura, Heather, Cody, and Jerry and step-great grandchild: Liam. Two great-great grandchildren are due in the next few months. Louisa Whelan and Geneva Whelan were especially close to Aurelia as well her numerous cousins, nieces and nephews; too many to name, but loved by her. All her friends and family loved her and will miss her dearly.

A Rosary will be offered at 7:00pm on Thursday, January 30, 2014 at West Lawn Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00am on Friday, January 31, 2014 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment of her cremated remains will follow at the Safford Union Cemetery. Lunch will be served at Sacred Heart Catholic Church following the interment. You may express condolences at www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com Services entrusted to Westlawn Chapel, Mortuary and Crematory of Willcox, Arizona.

Cemetery Details

Safford Union Cemetery

574 W. Discovery Park
Safford, AZ 85546

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN 30. 7:00 PM (MT)

Westlawn Chapel & Mortuary Inc.
105 S Arizona Avenue
Willcox, AZ 85643
(520) 384-2413
westwx@vtc.net
<https://www.westlawnchapelmortuary.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 31. 10:00 AM (MT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
215 W. Maley
Willcox, AZ 85643

Tribute Wall



“ Aurelia Q. Whelan

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ Vicki Coleman lit a candle in memory of Aurelia Q. Whelan



Vicki Coleman - February 14, 2014 at 03:02 PM



“ Well Mom Aurelia it is now February 7th 2014 and I am sitting here at work just thinking about you and what all has taken place. It seems so strange to me that life is just supposed to go back to normal like nothing happened. It all seems like a dream. We got back from AZ Sunday night and I was back to work and our regular routine Monday and that just feels weird. I do feel you around me constantly and that does give me great comfort. Your physical body may be gone but your spirit is bright and beautiful and will shine in my life forever. Please continue to watch over us and protect all of us. Thank you for loving me the way you did. Until we see each other again...Love you always Krispi

Kristi Whelan-Andrew - February 07, 2014 at 02:51 PM

SP

“ We bought their sons home and they always treated us like family. Mrs. Whelan taught my wife how to make flour tortillas and Mr. Whelan helped us build fence. They were the greatest neighbors and will truly be missed. Loved all the stories they shared about the good old days. Love Steve/Patty Pike

Steve Pike - February 02, 2014 at 11:15 AM

JM

“ Janett Matthews lit a candle in memory of Aurelia Q. Whelan



Janett Matthews - February 01, 2014 at 01:19 PM

BR

“ My loving Tia, I cannot believe she is gone !!! The lunch we had at uncle Lenny's house on her way to California was our last visit. how I cherish the time we had together now. My Tia Wely was full of love and kindness and her legacy will live on in all of us that were touched by her. I will miss our frequent phone calls to share family information and chit chat. Our stop by visits, where she always wanted to feed us (enchiladas and beans) Another family matriarch lost, but will never be forgotten. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the family, she was very proud of all of you.

Bernie and Cheryl

Bernie & Cheryl Ramirez - February 01, 2014 at 10:02 AM

BB

“ A prayer for all the family in the loss of our very loved Aurelia. She will live forever in our memories.



Betty Burke - January 30, 2014 at 02:08 PM

AW

“ The first day I met my soon to be mother n law I was thinking I did not know Eddie had two sisters and then he introduced her as his mother. She is a wonderful woman and I love her.

arlene whelan - January 29, 2014 at 02:55 AM

JL

“ With heartfelt sympathy, we offer our condolences to the family of our beloved Aurelia Whelan and to all of those who loved this fine lady. When Dave and I married just a few years after Ed and Aurelia, we found ourselves "adopted" by the whole Whelan family...from Granddad "Billy" down to the grand kids. Our family grew up with their's and we shared our lives as brothers and sisters. Aurelia will live on in all of us.

Josephine Long
In behalf of the entire family of Dave and Jo Long

Josephine Long - January 28, 2014 at 09:48 PM

KW

Wonderful memories. Thank you.

Kristine Lynn Whelan-Andrew - January 29, 2014 at 12:21 AM

KO

“ *Kathy Abeyta Ochoa lit a candle in memory of Aurelia Q. Whelan*



Kathy Abeyta Ochoa - January 28, 2014 at 05:34 PM

KO

My tia was one of my aunts that I have never seen mad or yelling at a kid, which was funny in our family. Truly a angel.

Kathy Abeyta Ochoa - January 30, 2014 at 08:22 AM

SA

“ *Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of Aurelia Q. Whelan*



Susan Arbuthnot - January 25, 2014 at 03:12 PM

KW

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Kristi Whelan-Andrew - January 22, 2014 at 09:23 PM

JC

*My condolences to my Brother-in-law Lenny Sanchez and his beautiful family. May Senora Whelan rest in God's arms.
Josie (Reggio) Cervantez*

Josie (Reggio) Cervantez - January 30, 2014 at 04:25 PM

TS

“ Monday morning I was kissing your face while holding your hand.
Tuesday night I was kissing your face while hugging you good night.
Friday night I was begging you to stay as I was kissing your face
and holding your hand.
If I had only known you were ready to fly to the angels I would have
held you
Longer, I would have kissed you more, I would have given it all just
to have you home with me one more time! God how I miss you! I
miss our laughs or shopping trips, our naps, our sleepovers, our
beautiful talks & even our tears shed. But most of all I MISS YOU
MOM!!!! God Blessed you for your home and free now God Bless
us here without you.
"I love you oh so so much!" If I could hear them words one more
time??

Terri Whelan Sigley - January 22, 2014 at 01:23 AM

KW

*Beautiful Terri :) we must all cherish each moment with each other...as
we never know when it may be taken from us*

Kristine Lynn Whelan-Andrew - January 22, 2014 at 01:05 PM

JM

What beautiful words you said about your Grandmother.

Janett Matthews - February 01, 2014 at 01:22 PM

TW

“ Terri Whelan lit a candle in memory of Aurelia
Q. Whelan



Terri Whelan - January 22, 2014 at 01:09 AM

TW

“ Monday morning I was holding you kissing your face. Tuesday night I was holding you kissing you good night. Friday night I was holding you kissing your face for the last time. For you went home to be my guardian angel. Mom I will miss our talks, our laughter, our tears we cried..The bond we share will be cherished & forever missed. I will miss it all but most of all I will miss you. May you forever rest in peace.

"I love you oh so so much!" If I could hear you say it only once again....

Terri Whelan - January 22, 2014 at 12:55 AM

KW

Amen :)

Kristine Lynn Whelan-Andrew - January 22, 2014 at 01:05 PM

KW

“ Mom Aurelia was my very best and favorite pen pal...we would send cards, letter and pictures to each other all the time. I am going to miss those special notes from her. To know I will open the mailbox everyday but have nothing delivered from her again makes me sad BUT I am so thankful that I saved many many many letter and cards from her. I will cherish them even more now.

Mom Aurelia now you are my pen pal in Heaven so even though I won't get a letter in the mail please keep sending me messages from Heaven. I have already received a few and I look forward to many more. I love those God Wink moments :)

Kristi Whelan-Andrew - January 22, 2014 at 12:37 AM

KW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kristi Whelan-Andrew - January 22, 2014 at 12:24 AM

KW

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Kristi Whelan-Andrew - January 22, 2014 at 12:20 AM

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Kristi Whelan-Andrew - January 22, 2014 at 12:18 AM

SV

“ Scott And Jeannie Harris,Rita Vindiola lit a candle in memory of Aurelia Q. Whelan



Scott and Jeannie Harris,Rita Vindiola - January 21, 2014 at 08:23 PM

KW

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Kristi Whelan-Andrew - January 20, 2014 at 01:03 PM

KW

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kristi Whelan-Andrew - January 20, 2014 at 12:59 PM

CA

“ One of my memories with mom is when I would climb her tree in her front yard .i would get all sappy and mom Aurelia would always say "why you climb my tree and get all dirty,"and I would say"because it's fun"then we would laugh

Caden Andrew - January 19, 2014 at 11:10 AM

TS

Awe that's one great memory :)

Terri Sigley - January 22, 2014 at 01:31 AM

WA

“ Wyatt Andrew lit a candle in memory of Aurelia Q. Whelan



Wyatt Andrew - January 18, 2014 at 01:16 PM

BH

“ Mrs. Whelan was always so gracious and sweet to me whenever we would visit. She had a grace and peace about her that was unique.

Becky Henkel - January 18, 2014 at 12:50 PM

DW

Thank you Becky!

Donna Whelan-Post - January 18, 2014 at 04:18 PM

KW

She was such a sweet gentle soul. Thank you for your kind words Becky

Kristi Whelan-Andrew - January 20, 2014 at 12:52 PM

TS

Thanks Becky. God Bless you and the kind words and thoughts you have of our Mom

Terri Sigley - January 22, 2014 at 01:30 AM

DW

“ Aurelia was my grandma! We ONLY knew her as Mom Whelan! I can't even begin to tell you the love this lady had for everyone she met! There was never a stranger she didn't open her heart, her arms, her home to..... Unless they were a boyfriend or girlfriend one of us grand kids were dating, then they had to stay home ha ha ha ha! Mom loved life! Up to her last days she enjoyed being with all her grandchildren! She was anxiously awaiting the births of 2 great great grandchildren. She was truly an amazing grandma! As a child while I attended Willcox schools it was my special time to be with her after school on Fridays! I rode the school bus home each & every Friday to Mom & Papas and that's where I'd stay till Sunday! Those were my treasured times! We would watch Lawrence Welk, yes I watched just so she would watch Carol Burnette with me ha ha..... I have so many warm, wonderful, precious memories with this beautiful woman! All the blessed times to just have her love you! I am truly heartbroken to know we no longer have her here on earth with us! Yet I am rejoiced to know that she is in Heaven with Papa and all the family. I will see you again one day Mom! I miss you and love you with all that I am & all that I have.....
Love your baby doll (one of them)
Donna Leigh Whelan Post

Donna Whelan-Post - January 18, 2014 at 12:07 PM

KW

Beautiful Donna

Kristi Whelan-Andrew - January 20, 2014 at 12:53 PM

TS

We are so lucky to have had her all these years and to have our children know her and share in memories. Wow we are blessed even in our most tearful moments were blessed for she's now our guardian angel. I love you sister

Terri Sigley - January 22, 2014 at 01:40 AM

KA

“ I will miss you mom I love you .Caden Andrew

Kristi Andrew - January 18, 2014 at 11:51 AM

KW

She loved you to Caden...so so much

Kristi Whelan-Andrew - January 20, 2014 at 12:53 PM

KA

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Kristi Andrew - January 18, 2014 at 11:37 AM



“ Red & White Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Aurelia Q. Whelan.



January 17, 2014 at 06:42 PM

KW

“ Kristine Lynn Whelan-Andrew lit a candle in memory of Aurelia Q. Whelan



Kristine Lynn Whelan-Andrew - January 16, 2014 at 05:33 PM

KW

“ Mom Aurelia...so blessed & honored to have you for my grandma. Such a special lady who had a huge influence on my life. You will be greatly missed. Continue to look over all of us. Until we see each other again. I love you.

Kristine Lynn Whelan-Andrew - January 16, 2014 at 05:31 PM

BF

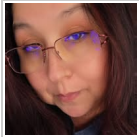
“ What a grand lady! I hope all your wonderful memories comfort you in some way. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. With sincere condolences. Brenda and D. Jay Farbo

Brenda Farbo - January 15, 2014 at 09:14 PM

KW

Thank you Brenda

Kristi Whelan-Andrew - January 20, 2014 at 12:54 PM



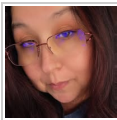
“ My memory of Aurelia is when I would go out to her house to visit and she would make me lunch. On another occasion for her birthday I gave her a purple glass egg. Brought a smile to her face. She's a sweet and beautiful lady always ready to give you hugs. Love you Aurelia. Fly with the angels.

Debbie Salas - January 13, 2014 at 09:44 PM

KW

Thank you for those memories Debbie

Kristi Whelan-Andrew - January 20, 2014 at 12:54 PM



She will forever live in our hearts

Debbie Salas - January 30, 2014 at 09:59 PM