



Olivia A. Ibarra

July 3, 1931 - April 21, 2014

Olivia Aguirre de Ibarra, 82, a long-time Willcox area resident, died Monday April 21, 2014, after a long illness. She passed away quietly and in comfort surrounded by family at the home of her daughter in Tucson, Arizona.

Olivia was born July 3, 1931, to Francisco and Andrea Aguirre in Pueblo Alvaro Obregon, Durango, Mexico. She was raised by her grandmother, Petra Valdez.

At the age of 16, Olivia married Ignacio Ibarra, a young man from a neighboring town of Felipe Carrillo Puerto, Durango. In June of 1948 she and Ignacio Ibarra made the decision to cross into the United States for work and a new life. She often remembered those difficult days fondly despite the hardships she and her husband endured. She recalled frequently that "We left Mexico with nothing, we built our lives here in this country, and it gave us and our children opportunity that we never expected."

Her eldest son Juan "John" Ibarra was born in Texas in 1949, a year after the couples' arrival in Texas. She went on to have two more children while the family lived in Texas. In 1956, the family moved to Washington where they lived briefly near Grandview, Sunnyside and Mt. Vernon, Washington.

Later that year, the family moved to Phoenix valley, and lived briefly in Chandler, Gilbert and Avondale. To make ends meet, Olivia would frequently join her husband picking cotton, grapes, and other crops.

In January 1959, Olivia and Ignacio moved the family to the Kansas Settlement area south of Willcox, where both Olivia and her husband Ignacio

lived until their deaths.

She was active in the Willcox community, as well as the St. Jude's Catholic Church in Sunsites.

Olivia was preceded in death in 1950 by her infant daughter, Maria, and in July, 1993, by her son Carlos. In October 2006 she lost her beloved husband Ignacio. In late March 2014, she lost her grandson Shawn Ibarra.

She is survived by her son John (Virginia) Ibarra; daughter Manuela Imelda (Ramon) Ibarra; son Ignacio (Gerri Roberts) (Roberta Paeper) Ibarra; and daughter Gloria (Ronald Gene) Zazueta. She was very proud of her grandchildren, Allen Ibarra, Gloria Olivia Ibarra, Shawn Ibarra, John Ibarra, Rachael Ibarra, Elyssa Rene Zazueta, David Ibarra, Carlene Ibarra and Maria Elena Olivia Ibarra. She also took great joy in her great-grandchildren.

Services will be/were held Friday April 25, at 10am at St. Jude's Catholic Church in Sunsites.

The Rosary will be at St. Jude's at 10:00 A.M. on Friday April 25, 2014. The Mass will follow at 10:30 A.M., at St. Jude's in Sunsites.

Cemetery Details

Westlawn Crematory

105 S. Arizona Ave.
Willcox, AZ 85643

Previous Events

Rosary

APR **25**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MT)

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
Highway 191
Sunsites, AZ

Mass

APR **25**. 10:30 AM (MT)

St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church
Highway 191
Sunsites, AZ

Tribute Wall



“ *Olivia A. Ibarra*

January 30, 2023 at 12:50 AM



“ *Monse lit a candle in memory of Olivia A. Ibarra*



Monse - April 24, 2017 at 11:53 AM



“ *Just became aware of her passing and wish we could have attended her services. Olivia was a dear, very thoughtful friend of our mother, Evangelina Melendez. Our condolences to the family. We will keep you all in our prayers.*

Gerardo, Teresa, Delia and Vangie

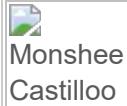
Vangie DeBruler - April 30, 2014 at 11:44 PM



“ *Monshee Castillo sent a virtual gift in memory of Olivia A. Ibarra*



Monshee Castillo - April 29, 2014 at 05:16 PM



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“ *Monshee Castilloo lit a candle in memory of Olivia A. Ibarra*



Monshee Castilloo - April 29, 2014 at 05:15 PM



“ *Forever Shining Star was purchased for the family of Olivia A. Ibarra.*



April 25, 2014 at 01:54 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Basket Arrangement was purchased for the family of Olivia A. Ibarra.*



April 25, 2014 at 04:30 AM



NC

“ *Want you and your family to know how sorry I am for the lose of your Mother, I met her when I was very young and wish I would have known her though out her life, but I remember the joy she gave me as a kid. You all will be in my heart on Friday as you lay her to rest.*

Nancy Miller Conley

Nancy Miller Conley - April 24, 2014 at 09:13 PM

RO

“ *The first time I visited the Ibarra in Kansas Settlement, she was dressed in a flowered dress. It was during the monsoons and the road was being shored up by a road crew. I was in a daze, but she just tucked her arm in mine and started telling me all about living out there. I felt welcomed and safe. I will miss her very much.*

Roberta - April 24, 2014 at 09:08 PM

NC

“ *Nancy Miller Conley lit a candle in memory of Olivia A. Ibarra*



Nancy Miller Conley - April 24, 2014 at 09:07 PM

YL

“ *Yvette Leonard sent a virtual gift in memory of Olivia A. Ibarra*



Yvette Leonard - April 24, 2014 at 07:41 PM

YL

I remember being a guest in your parent's home. I felt welcomed and enjoyed being with your family. Your mother was always cheerful and loving. I remember your family as being a strong loving bunch.

Yvette Leonard - April 24, 2014 at 07:42 PM

GI

“ Gloria Ibarra-Zazueta lit a candle in memory of Olivia A. Ibarra



Gloria Ibarra-Zazueta - April 24, 2014 at 06:55 PM

GI

“ Gloria Ibarra-Zazueta sent a virtual gift in memory of Olivia A. Ibarra



Gloria Ibarra-Zazueta - April 24, 2014 at 06:54 PM