



Josephine Fulgenzi Chavez

June 28, 1920 - August 29, 2015

Josephine Fulgenzi Chavez, 95, of Albuquerque, NM passed peacefully into the loving arms of the Lord on August 29, 2015. She was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene and Dolores Fulgenzi of Las Vegas, NM; her husband, Edward E. Chavez of Albuquerque, NM; five brothers, Carlos Fulgenzi, Fred Fulgenzi, Ernest Fulgenzi, William Fulgenzi, and Lawrence Fulgenzi; her sister, Dolores Fulgenzi Sena; and her son-in-law, Roderick Waller. Josephine is survived by her two daughters, Dolores Waller and Virginia Myers and husband John; two grandchildren, Patrick Myers and wife Amanda and Lauren Myers and partner Richard Galli; many nieces and nephews as well as grand-nieces and grand-nephews.

Josephine was a member of the "Greatest Generation." During World War II, she worked as a riveter for McDonnell Aircraft Corporation and Lockheed Aircraft Company. She was the quintessential "Rosie the Riveter." She was born in Las Vegas, NM on June 28, 1920. She grew up in Las Vegas and met her sweetheart and future husband, Eddie, while he was training with the Army at Camp Luna outside of Las Vegas. He was stationed in the Philippines before the start of World War II and was captured by the Japanese and survived the Bataan Death March and was a prisoner of war for three and a half years. After Eddie was liberated, Josie and Eddie were married in San Francisco in October of 1945. Josie lived all of her adult life in Albuquerque where she was active in her daughters' and grandchildren's school activities, the Democratic Party, Las Mujeres and the Hispanic Women's Council. She

was a very loving and caring wife, mother and grandmother and a loyal friend to many people in her life.

The family wishes to thank Dr. Suzanne Pinon and the owners and staff of Meadows Senior Care in Albuquerque for their loving and compassionate care of our mother during the last six years of her life.

Rosary will be recited Thursday, September 3, 2015, 9:00 a.m., followed by Memorial Mass at 9:30 a.m., at Risen Savior Catholic Community, 7701 Wyoming Blvd. NE. Interment of cremated remains will take place at Gate of Heaven Cemetery following the Mass. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that contributions be made to a charity of your choice.

FRENCH – Wyoming
7121 Wyoming Blvd. NE
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Cemetery Details

Gate of Heaven Cemetery

7999 Wyoming Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP **3**. 9:00 AM (MT)

Risen Savior Catholic Community
7701 Wyoming Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Memorial Mass

SEP **3**. 9:30 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall

HG

“ Aunt Josie will always remain in our hearts. Her beautiful and welcoming smile and laughter. Sitting around the kitchen table making biscocitos and just sitting and visiting are memories that remain in our minds. Of course, when we think of Aunt Josie we also think and remember Uncle Eddie. They were a big part of our lives. Our children remember them always with love and affection. We were always given the ultimate hospitality whenever we would come to visit. We miss them. God has prepared a special place in heaven for them....
Helen and John

Helen John Guzman - September 08, 2015 at 08:17 PM

LC

“ Dear Dolores and Virginia and family...
You are in my thoughts and prayers at this time.
What a beautiful and joyful woman I will always remember Aunt Josie to be... Always full of cheerful laughter and sparkling eyes and an endearing presence. I hold her memory close to me and know that heaven gains a very special soul! May she rest in eternal peace. Laura Guzman Cavazos

Laura Cavazos - September 06, 2015 at 10:46 PM

CL

“ Dear Dolores,

I am so sorry for the loss of your mother. You were both blessed to have each other; you were such a good daughter to her. I trust that God will be your comfort and peace for all the days ahead and that one day you will embrace her again!

My deepest condolences to you and your family.
Connie Leyva

Connie Leyva - September 02, 2015 at 01:08 PM

RB

“ We are so sorry to hear of your Mom's passing. Sometimes it seems like just yesterday when we took my Mom and Dad to Josie's 90'th birthday party. I know that my parents truly enjoyed that day, especially spending time with your Mom and your Uncle Lawrence, and all the other relatives. May she rest in peace, and may God give you strength and faith during this time. RALPH & PRISCILLA BUSTOS

Ralph & Priscilla Bustos - September 01, 2015 at 07:45 PM

SH

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Shelia Hocker - August 31, 2015 at 04:05 PM

MB

*Dear Dolores,
It is with great sadness that we read of your mother's passing. Gene
and I always thought of her as a great lady.
She had a long and blessed life.
May your memories of her sustain and comfort you during this trying
time.
Merlinda and Gene Belcher*

Merlinda&Gene Belcher - September 03, 2015 at 05:14 PM

PM

*I'm so sorry to hear of the loss of your mother she was a great lady I
have great memories of her. Phyllis Esquibel Martinez*

Phyllis Esquibel Martinez - September 04, 2015 at 10:54 PM