



Nora Malles

April 19, 1910 - September 3, 2012

MALLES, NORA M.

Age 102, a resident of Albuquerque, died Monday, September 3, 2012. She is survived by her son, Reece Malles and wife, Leslie Ann of Gordon, NE; and daughter, Frankie Mae Hitson of Albuquerque, NM. Nora was preceded in death by her husband, John and her parents. Nora (Chiole) Malles was born in Silverton, CO to Frank and Valentina Chiole. She was their only child. Nora started school in Telluride, CO but finished elementary grades at Breen in a rural one room school house. She attended 'old' Fort Lewis boarding high school for four years. The facility became a junior college which Nora attended. She subsequently started teaching elementary school on the Fort Lewis Mesa. She received her degree in elementary education when Fort Lewis college became a full four year institution. Nora taught 31 years in LaPlata county at various schools on the Fort Lewis Mesa. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, a honorary teachers sorority. Nora loved teaching and working with her pupils. She enjoyed her young years on a farm. Nora entered all the community activities. She loved to dance, she and John danced well into their 90's. In 1934, Nora married John Malles of Durango, CO. He worked in the family business, Malles Transfer. When the business closed in 1942, the family moved to Breen where they ranched. Two children were born to Nora and John, daughter, Frankie Mae and son, Reece. In 1971 after 31 years of teaching, she retired. They also sold the ranch. They moved

to Cortez, CO and from there they traveled throughout the country and Mexico by RV. In 1982, they moved to T or C, where they could dance five nights a week. They also continued to RV. In 2004, they moved to Albuquerque, NM. They celebrated their 72 years of marriage before John passed away in 2007. Graveside Services will be held on Monday, September 10, 2012, 1:00 pm at Greenmount Cemetery in Durango, CO. Please visit our online guest book for Nora at www.RememberTheirStory.com.

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Tribute Wall

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“ I had the pleasure of meeting Nora and her family when I visited them in Cortez . Years have gone past, but I have never forgotten, and never will, her kindness, generosity and wisdom. She made quite an impression on me, I was very fond of her and I am grateful to her for all that she did. Rest in peace, dear Nora, with your beloved John, you will never be a dim memory for me.

Carla Arizio - November 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ This is from Patricia Chavez daughter of Mayme and Abe Chavez. My mom is so sorry for your lost..Nora was a Great Women.. My Mom's phone number is 970--565-7037..Reece my mom remembers you and your wife...my mom's address is 725 Stratton Dr. Cortez, CO 81321. Prayers to you and all your family...Sorry my mom will not be able to attend services due to her illness. However, she would be there if she could.The Chavez Family

Mayme Chavez - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SD

“ Reece . Leslie, Frankie, so sorry for your loss.

Saundra Stockdale Davies - September 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ Nora was one of the most amazing women, I have ever met. I was her Nurse at Manzano. She was such a part of my everyday. I will miss her dearly.

Gina Lucero - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dear Frankie and Reese - Nora's picture in yesterday's Herald reminds me of how attractive she'd always been -- especially her hair! I enjoyed the correspondence Nora and I shared these last several years, and it was good to reminisce about our shared experiences since 1940, when I married Harold and moved to Durango. I attended John's graveside service but am unable to attend Nora's. My ninety years have brought on some mobile limitations. I know how much you'll miss her. LANA WILSON

Lana Wilson - September 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ I read in the paper today about the passing of Mrs. Malles and my heart dropped. Mrs. Malles taught me in sixth grade at the new Ft. Lewis Mesa school. I have thought about her all these years, since 1965, for she was my most favorite teacher. In fact, I was talking about her the other day with another elementary classmate and he said that she was his favorite also. In the past, I have tried to contact Mrs. Malles to let her know how much she meant to me and how she effected my life. I never could find her and now I feel such a loss for not being able to let her know how important and beautiful she was. May she rest in peace and may she teach and dance again with God. With much love and adoration, Debbie Dunn Matthew

Debbie Dunn Matthew - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Malles was one of those teachers that left an indelible impression on those she taught. She is on a very short list of teachers who remain close to my heart even though I haven't been in her classroom for 50 years. I'm so pleased to see that she and her family had so much great time together. I can still hear her laugh and know she's left many many people with fond memories.

Carolyn Archuleta - September 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM