



Antonia Marie Espinoza

May 8, 1926 - February 3, 2024

Our precious mother, Antonia Espinoza, 97, passed away peacefully at her home in Napa on Saturday, February 3, 2024. Antonia (“Tonia”) was born on May 8, 1926 in Live Oak, CA. She moved to the Napa Valley as a young child in the mid1930s.

She was part of the first generation of Mexican American migrant families that helped establish the Napa Valley we know today.

She married Joseph Espinoza at the Holy Mission Family Catholic Church in Rutherford in 1944. They had 4 children, settled in Rutherford to raise their family and were married until Joseph’s death in 2005. Tonia was a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. While she focused on raising her family, she worked as a nurse’s aide at an Up-Valley convalescent home and eventually worked as a dedicated housekeeper to some of the valley’s most esteemed families.

Her proudest role was that of a loving mother and grandmother. She was happiest with a baby in her lap, a thriving garden to tend and her family surrounding her with love and laughter. Tonia is predeceased by her husband, Joseph; son, Frankie David, her sister, Petra Avila, and her brothers, John Torres and Joe Torres. She is survived by her children, Connie Espinoza Dwyer (Jon), Richard Espinoza, Cindy Espinoza (Ed); 12 grandchildren; 20

great grandchildren; 2 great great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews and extended family.

A Viewing will be held on Thursday, February 22, 2024 between 3pm - 6pm at Treadway and Wigger Funeral Chapel.

A Funeral Mass will be held on Friday, February 23, 2024, at 11:00 am at the St. Helena Catholic Church. Burial to follow at the Holy Cross Cemetery. Family has requested memorial donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB **22**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Treadway & Wigger Funeral Chapel
2383 Napa-Vallejo Highway
Napa, CA 94558

Funeral Mass

FEB **23**. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Helena Catholic Church
1430 Tainter St.
St. Helena, CA 94574