

Josefina Gonzalez Martinez, endeared by all as “Josie”, was born on November 14, 1940, in Belén del Refugio, Jalisco, Mexico to Macario Gonzalez and Agapita Mota. She was raised in Mexico until her family relocated to south Texas. One of six siblings, Josie, knew the value of family relationships at an early age. She married her true love, Ignacio Garcia Martinez on September 23, 1962, in Reynosa, Mexico. They shared 62 years together, raising five children in a home full of laughter and love. Early in their marriage they moved to southwest Oklahoma where Ignacio farmed, and Josie took care of their home.

It was always important to Josie that her children were raised in a home that was secure, not just financially, but in relationship to each other. She always strived to ensure her children had more in their formative years than she did. There was always an adventure to be had and games to be played with Josie around. Her tiny stature did not diminish the magnitude of her love for her beloved Ignacio or her children.

As an adult, Josie became a United States Citizen in 1996, an accomplishment she worked tirelessly at until successful. She made exceptional tamales and loved working in her vegetable and flower gardens. She enjoyed shopping and going out to eat as well as signing in the choir of their Mexican church. Josie carried on the tradition of watching old western TV shows and Perry Mason for three months and three days after the passing of her beloved Ignacio. But her most treasured adventures were when her family were gathered in one place. She loved the *togetherness* of everyone in her home. Josie passed away peacefully at her home southeast of Altus on Monday, February 17, 2025.

Josie’s husband, Ignacio; and her parents, Macario and Agapita preceded her in death. Her spitfire, bigger than life personality will be missed by those that survive her – children, Juanita Burch, Bessie Martinez Ensign and husband, Joel, Steven Burch, Ignacio Martinez Jr. and wife, Veronica, and Angel Martinez and wife, Deanna; grandchildren, Eliza Burch Ruttle and husband, Raymond, Brittany Ensign, Nick Ensign, Janet Duke and husband, DJ, Veronica Soni and husband, Christian, Rosita Henson and husband, Dylan, Samantha Martinez, and Andrew Mayabb; great-grandchildren, Leland Duke, CJ Duke, Isaac Soni, Kathy Soni, Aubree Duke, and Ulisses Soni; siblings, Juan, Macario, Cristina, Chino, and Longina Gonzalez Mota; as well as many extended friends and family.



*Josefina “Josie”
Gonzalez Martinez*

1940 ~ 2025

Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy;
love does not parade itself, is not puffed up;
does not behave rudely, does not seek its own,
is not provoked, thinks no evil; does not rejoice
in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears
all things, believes all things, hopes all things,
endures all things. Love never fails. But where
there are prophecies, they will fail; where
there are tongues, they will cease; where
there is knowledge, it will vanish away.

1 Corinthians 13: 4-8



In Loving Memory Of

Josie Martinez

Entered Into Life

November 14, 1940
Belén del Refugio, Jalisco, Mexico

Entered Into Rest

February 17, 2025
Altus, Oklahoma

Funeral Service

2:00 P.M., Monday, February 24, 2025
First Methodist Church
Altus, Oklahoma

Officiating

Rev. Jerry Raab

Pallbearers

Scott Dodson ~ DJ Duke ~ Joel Ensign
Leland Duke ~ Andrew Mayabb ~ Dylan Henson

Interment

Altus City Cemetery
Altus, Oklahoma

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