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Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; ~ John 11:25

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FUNERAL HOME

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*Maria Refugio
Perez-Mendez*

Maria Refugio Perez-Mendez was born on July 4, 1938, in Mexico to Leonardo Perez and Magdalena Mendez, Maria arrived as the world celebrated, and her life would go on to reflect the same spirit of joy and resilience. Raised in a lively, love-filled home with many siblings, she learned early that true wealth is not measured in possessions but in the strength of family and the love shared among them.

She married Rosario Garrido in 1956. The young couple worked alongside one another from field to field as migrant laborers, making their way from Mexico to southwest Oklahoma in the 1980s where they planted roots. They shared 54 years together before Rosario's passing in 2010.

Maria had a natural gift for nurturing life and beauty. Her garden overflowed with vibrant flowers and vegetables - always enough to share. Her home, like her heart, was full, filled with the love and energy of the seven children she and Rosario raised: six sons and one daughter. She passed down to them her values of hard work, dedication, and deep family connection.

A collector of angel figurines and a creator of elegant silk floral arrangements, Maria's greatest joy came from time spent with family, which was always centered around a meal lovingly prepared by her own hands.

Maria passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 29, 2025, just days after celebrating her 87th birthday.

Her husband, Rosario; parents, Leonardo and Magdalena; children, Seferino Garrido, Gabriela Garrido, and Zenon Garrido; and three siblings preceded her in death.

Her legacy of love and a deeply cherished life will live on in her children, Abundio Garrido and wife-Maximina, Natividad Garrido and wife-Maria Esther, Manuel Garrido, and Gonzalo Garrido and wife-Lucia; grandchildren, Christina, Roberto, Gerardo, Alejandro, Mario, Betty Lou, Adriana, David, Fabiola, Zenon, Jr., Isaac, Erik, Evelyn, Manuel, Uriel, and Gonzalo, Jr.; twelve great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; eight siblings; and many nieces, nephews, other family members, and friends.



July 4, 1938 ~ July 29, 2025

Mass of Christian Burial

10:00 AM

Saturday, August 2, 2025

Prince of Peace Catholic Church

Altus, Oklahoma

Burial

Altus City Cemetery

Altus, Oklahoma

Jackson County

Officiating

Rev. Father Joseph David

Pianist

Judy Cosway