

## Monica Melton (1937-2008)

Monica T. Melton, 71, died Oct. 22, 2008 in Apple Valley. She was born Feb. 16, 1937 in Belen, N.M., and had been a resident of Barstow for 56 years.

Monica was a 1956 graduate of Barstow High School and graduated from Barstow Junior College. She went on to Cal State San Bernardino, and graduated with a Bachelor's degree in 1978.

She was a Harvey House Girl, then went on to teach pre-school and was a supervisor for the San Bernardino County Pre-School in Barstow for over 30 years. She also was a bilingual aide for the schools. Monica liked to read Danielle Steele books, work crossword puzzles, play bingo and do many crafts. Her favorite vacation place was Germany. She had been a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church for many years.

Monica is predeceased by her parents, Ramon Torrez and Soledad Chavira; brothers, Jose and Fred Torrez; sister, Annie Barajas; and niece, Tina Rodriguez.

Surviving Monica are her husband of 51 years, Joe; children, Cora (Charles) Beniquez of Belleville, Ill., Monica (Gilbert) Chong of Barstow, Donna (Martin) Marin of Camarillo, Joseph Melton and Catherine of Barstow, Sally (Kris) Tetzlaff of San Bernardino, Evangeline Chavez and Sherman of Barstow, John (Veronica) Melton of Barstow; grandchildren, Ramon Garcia of Barstow, Dolores Taylor of Tucson, Ariz., Michael (Pide) of Barstow, Martine Marin and Carlo Marin of Camarillo, Christan Alcantar of Houston, Texas, Aloura Alcantar of San Bernardino, John Melton Jr., Nicholas Melton and Gabriel Melton of Barstow; great-grandson Michael Ernesto Joseph Garcia of Barstow; sister Betty (Ray) Rodriguez of Barstow; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Visitation will be Monday, Oct. 27, 2008 from 4 to 6 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 505 E. Mt. View. Rosary will follow at 6 p.m. Funeral Mass will be Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2008 at 10 a.m., also at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with burial to follow at Mt. View Memorial Park, 37067 Irwin Road. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the family.

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