



Mary D. Gonzales

May 12, 1940 - April 25, 2014

Maria “Mary” D. Gonzales, 73, Morris, OK

Maria D. Gonazles was born May 12, 1940 to Placido and Lola (Leal) Esparza in Pleasanton, TX and departed this life April 25, 2014 in Morris, OK at the age of 73 years, 11 months, and 13 days.

Mary married the love of her life, Manuel Gonzales in August 1956. Through this union the couple had four children. She lived her life serving others. Mary retired from Mangum Schools after 27 years. She volunteered at the Christian Thrift Store in Mangum, the Free Clinic in Mangum, Little League concession stands for 18 years, and Relay for Life. She was awarded the Ed Birchall’s Award for her volunteering efforts. She also won the “Older American of the Year May 2005” Award from SW. Okla. Community Action. Her & her husband Manuel bought school pictures for children who couldn’t afford them. They also bought coats and clothes for children in need, and helped family member in their time of need. In the past 5 years she was active in the Morris Sr. Citizens, she loved playing dominoes & bingo. While in Mangum she attended Sacred Heart Catholic Church and while in Morris she attended the Methodist Church. Living at her home is her dog and precious companion J.R. since her husband passed away in 2009. Mary was a dear friend to many and will be dearly missed.

She is preceded in death by her parents, Palcido and Lola Esparza; her husband, Manual Gonzales; and 3 brothers, Manuel, Martin, and Placido Jr.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Moffeit and husband Ray, Okmulgee, OK; 3 sons, Manuel Gonzales, Jr. and wife, Jo Ann, Clinton, OK; Mike Gonzales, Lone Wolf, OK; Matthew Gonzales and wife Sulbiye, Turkey; 8 grandchildren, Sommer Scott and husband, David, Drumright, OK; Chris Moffiet and wife Jenny, Morris, OK; Sarah Gonzales, Clinton, OK; Austin Gonzales, Clinton, OK; Stana Powell, Mangum, OK; Dusty Gonzales and wife Tiffany, Depew, OK; Maria Gonzales, Turkey; and Sophia Gonzales, Turkey; 7 great grandchildren; 2 sisters, Petra Martinez and husband Margarito, Pleasanton, TX; and Mary Lou Orosco and husband Joe, Mangum, OK; 4 brothers, Greg Esparza and wife Delores, Mangum, OK; Tom Esparza and wife Andrea, Granite, OK; Victor Esparza and wife Teri, Granite, OK; Pete Esparza, Altus, OK.

Funeral Services will be at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Mangum, OK on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at 10:00 AM with Father Arokiasamy Andarias officiating. Burial will be at the Roselawn Cemetery in Mangum, OK under the direction of People's Cooperative Funeral Home, Lone Wolf, OK. Please view and sign the online guestbook at peopelscooperativefuneralhome.com

In Lieu of Flowers:

Scleroderma Foundation

300 Rosewood Drive, Suite 105

Danvers, MA 01923.

Cemetery Details

Roselawn

Mangum, OK 73554

Previous Events

Service

APR **29**. 10:00 AM (CT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
Mangum, OK

Tribute Wall



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October 04, 2023 at 11:28 PM



“ *Mary was always so nice and kind to me, and as far as I know, to everyone. She almost always spoke kindly about others. When I first taught in Mangum in the early 80's, I was able to take a few trips with her and Mrs. Martin to some conferences. Mary was always upbeat and fun to be around. She and Manual were great assets to Mangum, its schools, and its people.*

Steve Sappington - April 30, 2014 at 06:14 PM



“ *Mary was a dear friend and such a wonderful person. We worked with Mary and Manual at Edison Elementary in Mangum from 1978 until their retirement and became lifelong friends. We loved her dearly. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family.*
Rodney and Ann Wales

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