



Chanita S. Romero

December 3, 2012

Chanita S. Romero, age 89, a resident of Peralta, NM, passed away peacefully in her home on Saturday, December 1. Chanita was born March 19, 1923 in Peralta, NM. She had been battling bladder cancer since June 2012. She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Peralta. Her parents were Isabel Garcia Stubblefield and Aginaldo "Gillie" Salazar. Her father passed away in an accidental fire when Chanita was barely two years old. Chanita and her brother, Jose were raised by their mother, Isabel with help from Chanita's grandfather, Ramon Garcia. She attended Peralta Elementary School and Harwood Boarding School in Albuquerque. At the age of 16 Chanita married Jesus G. Romero of Peralta and together they raised six children, two daughters and four sons. She was a stay at home mom who loved her church, her husband, her children, and her extended family. Everyone who has ever known Chanita agrees that she was an outstanding cook and that one of her greatest joys was to see that nobody went hungry when she was around. She had an amazing ability to feed large groups of people, even if she had not prepared for it she never panicked and always seemed to find a way to provide enough food for everyone at her table. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jesus G. Romero in 1997; mother, Isabel Stubblefield in 2005; grandson, Daniel Romero in 1987; and great-grandson, Joshua Romero in 2006. Chanita is survived by six children, Sylvia Maiorano of Philadelphia, PA, Marybelle Tabet and husband, Ronnie of Belen, Jesus Romero and wife, Lucy of Peralta, Kenneth Romero and wife,

Mary Ann of Peralta, Chano Romero and wife, Corrine of Peralta and ~Frank Romero and wife, Janet of Los Lunas; eight grandchildren, Michael Kleha, Jeff Kleha, Jimmy Romero, Anthony Romero, Dorie Ann Romero, Joseph Romero, Angela Clark and Marianne Candelaria; 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren; brother, Jose Salazar and wife, Lucy of Los Lunas; aunt, Celia Gurule of Albuquerque; sister-in-law, Elvira Romero of Espanola, brother-in-law, Ramon Griego of Los Lunas; and sister-in-law, Jenny Romero of Peralta. She is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. All Services will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church in Peralta on Wednesday, December 5 beginning with a Public Viewing at 9:30 a.m. with a Rosary to be recited at 10:30 a.m. and a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Valencia Catholic Cemetery. Pallbearers will be her grandchildren, Anthony Romero, Joseph Romero, Jimmy Romero and Angela Clark, and great-grandchildren, Dominic Sosa and Gabriel Romero. The Romero family wishes to extend a very special "gracias" to her caretakers, Maria Caridad Cartegna and Ada Hernandez for the loving care that they provided Chanita during the last year and a half of her life.