



## Maria Rita Sedillo-Sanchez

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Maria Rita Sedillo-Sanchez, age 98, a resident of Belen, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 19.~ She was a member of Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church.~ Maria was the oldest of 12 children born to the late Francisco and Petra Garcia-Sedillo.~ She worked at various places including teaching weaving in her 20's.~ Maria retired from the Los Lunas Hospital and Training School after years of outstanding service.~ She attended Los Lunas High School and dropped out to help support her family.~ Maria took correspondence classes 31 years later and graduated from Los Lunas High School in 1968 and walked the line along with the younger students.~ She and her husband, Manuel raised their oldest granddaughter, Maggie Garcia.~ Maria will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her.~ She was also preceded in death by her loving husband of 55 years, Manuel Rito Sanchez; her brothers, Vidal, Bilialdo, Joe, Arturo and an unnamed infant boy; her sisters, Romelia Copper, Cruzita and the first Romelia; her son, Herman and a great-granddaughter, Elizabeth Rose Garcia and daughter-in-law, Yolanda Sanchez.~ Maria is survived by her only daughter, Agnes Garcia and husband, Joe; three sons, Wilfred of San Antonio, Texas, Gene and wife, Louise of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Alfredo and wife, Sari of Aurora, Colo.; three sisters, Eulalia Collins and husband, Jerry of Oregon City, Ore., Clarita Trujillo of Los Chavez, N.M. and Valentina Oberson of Milwaukie, Ore.; 15 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.~ A viewing will be held at Romero Funeral Home Chapel, at 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, Dec. 22, with a rosary to be recited at 7:00 p.m.~ A final visitation will be held at Our Lady of Belen Catholic Church, at 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, Dec. 23, with a Funeral Mass to be celebrated at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Belen Memorial Gardens. ~Pallbearers will be Joseph, Michael and Philip Garica, Daniel and Anthony Sanchez and Kar King.