



Maria "Cuca" Refugio Gaeta

July 4, 1925 - February 6, 2016

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1925 – 2016

Maria Refugio Gaeta has gone to be with the Lord February 6, 2016, at her home in Tehachapi, California. She was the wife of the late Roberto Gaeta.

Born in Momax, Zacatecas, Mexico, on July 4, 1925, Cuca, as many knew her, lived a full, happy 90 years. A one-time resident of Monolith, California, she and her family moved to Tehachapi in 1954 and spent her final years under the unmatched, loving, live-in care of grandchildren, Leslie and Israel Herrera.

Cuca was the epitome of warmth – everyone was family in her eyes. Her home was always open, and her attention, completely yours. The tight hugs she gave and the million “I love you's” before leaving were everlasting, making each goodbye overflowing with adoration. Hearing her soft prayers of protection over those she loved as grandchildren fell asleep in her lap are memories each possess. She carried a smile so big her eyes squinted and made sure no one ever left hungry. Family was her prized possession, and she instilled that quality in each member to carry on, glowing through the generations. Her dreams of abounding happiness for each person she encountered were genuine. Her love was strong and her joy, the heartbeat of her family.

Cuca was well recognized throughout the community as well. From her days baking apple turnovers at Nunn's to her membership at St. Malachy Catholic Church, her stories of good times and relationships with great friends were endless, often being stopped for hugs and conversation on any outing. We trust she is now hugging and talking to great friends and family in Heaven.

She is survived by Arthur Gaeta and his wife, Candace; Robert Gaeta and his wife, Sharon; Joaquin Gaeta and his wife, Donna; Alice Sharp; Hope Kurfess and her husband, Doug; Anita Ochoa and her husband, Lee; Ruben Gaeta; Estella Bradford and her

husband, Kayole; 40 grandchildren; and 64 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Roberto Gaeta; and daughter, Yolanda Mathews.

A Vigil Service and Recitation of the Rosary will take place at Wood Family Funeral Service Chapel in Tehachapi on February 15, 2016, at 6:00 p.m. The Mass of the Resurrection will follow at 10:00 a.m. on February 16, 2016, at St. Malachy Catholic Church in Tehachapi.

“Death is not extinguishing the light, it is putting out the lamp because dawn has come.”

Wood Family Funeral Service was entrusted with her care.

Cemetery

Tehachapi Public Cemetery – Westside

920 Enterprise Way
Tehachapi, CA, 93561

Events

**FEB 15 Vigil and Recitation of the
Rosary** 06:00PM

Wood Family Funeral Service Chapel
321 West F Street, Tehachapi, CA, US,
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FEB 16 Mass of the Resurrection 10:00AM

St. Malachy Catholic Church
407 West E Street, Tehachapi, CA, US,
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Comments



“ RIP Cuca. You gave our family the warmest of welcomes whenever we visited from England. We think of you fondly and your amazing food :). Thoughts are with your family xx

Sarah Beagley - February 19, 2016 at 10:03 AM



“ RIP Tia Cuca..... You always made us feel welcome when we came to California



Angelica Carrillo - February 15, 2016 at 09:24 PM



“ Familia Gaeta,

We were so very sorry to hear about the loss of your mother. She was such a kind soul and we have so many wonderful memories of her. One of those memories was watching her and our mother laughing and having a good time at one of the countless showers they attended over the years. No one can forget the delicious shower sandwiches only your mother could make just right. Perhaps the fondest memory we have of her is when she offered her love, guidance, and support when our parents passed away. It is a memory we will cherish always. We hope you find comfort in knowing that she is now with our Lord. We have no doubt that when we make our final journey to the Kingdom of Heaven, she will be a part of the village that welcomes us.

Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Familia Chavez

Socorro Chavez - February 12, 2016 at 05:06 PM