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Ocariz G. Duran, 75, passed away on March 27, 2011 at Rancho Specialty Hospital in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif. She was surrounded by her loving family when she went to be with the Lord.

Okie was born on Nov. 17, 1935 to Jose and Lola Gurule in Tome, N.M. She moved to Barstow in 1943 and lived here for the rest of her life. She graduated from Barstow High School in 1953 and attended Barstow Community College. She began working for Contel in Barstow as soon as she graduated from high school. In 1955, she met the man she would happily spend the rest of her life with, Jose S. Duran. The following year, they proudly welcomed their only son, Tony Jack. When Contel changed to Verizon, Okie transferred to Victorville to work for Verizon. She retired from Verizon after 30 years of service. After retirement Okie concentrated on helping family and friends. She enjoyed bingo and loved going to the Gold Strike in Jean, Nev., with her husband, Sam.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jose and Lola Gurule. Okie will be dearly missed by her family including her husband of 55 years, Sam; her son, Tony Jack and his wife, Cindi; grandchildren, Jennifer and her husband, Matt, Amy and her husband, Steve, Jason and his wife, Shaylin, Courtney and her husband, Trever; great-grandchildren, Leah, Carly, Emily, and Kaden; sister, Elsie and her husband, Richard; brother, Gilbert; nieces, Valerie, Rachel and her husband, Isaac, Evangeline, Crystal and Idalia; nephew, James; her friend, Jeffrey; and many, many others.

Rosary will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at St. Joseph Catholic Church at 9 a.m., followed by Mass at 10 a.m. Interment will be at Mt. View Memorial Park. Arrangements provided by Mead Mortuary. 760-256-5671.

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