

Hipolita (Paula) Mata (1945 - 2018)

Obituary

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September 8, 1945 - June 8, 2018



Hipolita (Paula) Mata, went to be with the Lord on Friday, June 8, 2018 with her husband by her side. Paula was born September 8, 1945 in Albuquerque, and lived in La Joya, New Mexico as a child. Paula moved to Barstow, California where she went to school, worked and raised a wonderful family. Paula graduated from Barstow High School where she met the love of her life and husband of 53 years, Louis Mata. Paula worked for the Barstow Unified School District as a teacher's aide and ESL instructor for over 17 years. Paula was loved by the students and faculty alike. Paula loved collecting antiques and searching for hidden treasures at garage sales. Paula was the author of many beautiful poems which captured life and the people she loved in her words. Paula would never let anyone who came to visit, leave her home without feeding them and making them feel loved. Paula was a devout follower of Jesus Christ. Paula was preceded in death by her mother and father Nancy and Sebastian Griego, her brother Moses (Moite) Griego, granddaughter Lauren Chavira, and nephew James Trujillo. Paula is survived by her husband Louis Mata, her children, Olivia and husband Thomas Chavira, Phillip Mata, Adrian and wife Jennifer Mata, Veronica and husband David Alexander, Lawrence and wife Lea Mata, her siblings Leo and wife Irma Griego, Robert and wife Denise Griego, Gilbert and wife Sally Griego, Elva and husband Robert Esquibel, Susan and husband Rick Aguayo, Wilfred and wife Laurie Griego. Paula has 14 grandchildren Olivia (Nene) Chavira, Alyssa Chavira, Lauren Chavira, Jonathan Mata, Jenessa Benitez, Benjamin Mata, Joshua Alexander, Kyle Alexander, Dylanray Alexander, Hannah P. Alexander, Lily Mata, Maylee Mata, Rylan Mata and Ely Mata. Paula also has numerous nieces and nephews. Services for Paula will be held Monday, June 18, 2018, Viewing at 10:00 a.m., Service at 11:00 a.m., at the Hi Desert Word Center Church, 30918 Soapmine Rd., Barstow, California 92311. Burial and reception to follow.