

Concepcion "Concha" Sanchez Chavez (1935-2010)

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Concepcion "Concha" Sanchez Chavez, 75, of Barstow, entered eternal rest on Dec. 30, 2010. She will be remembered for her love and devotion to family and friends, and being loyal and dependable to all that knew her.

Concha was born in Barstow on Aug. 16, 1935, and was raised and schooled here, attending Waterman Elementary and graduating with the Class of 1953 from Barstow High School. Her son Richard Chavez, smiled and remarked, "She was a Barstonian Forever." She never lived anywhere else except for Barstow. Her job experiences included civil service at Nebo Marine Corps Logistics Base, and retired as a secretary from the Barstow Unified School District after 30 years. Some of her favorite pastimes was watching a good game of football, basketball and baseball. She loved to read and travel when she could. Concha volunteered and supported many community events including, Senior Circle, Senior Tai Chi, Mojave River Valley Museum and Martha's Meals.

She is survived by two sons, Richard Chavez of Barstow and Jacob Chavez and his wife, Anna of Lemoore, Calif.; a sister, Ruth Garcia of Los Lunas, N.M.; brother and sister-in-laws Toby Padilla of Barstow, Elias and Luis Chavez of El Paso, Texas, Ramon Chavez and Fefa of Tome, N.M.; many nieces and nephews including, Henrietta Miranda of Barstow, Cindy Padilla of Victorville, Calif., David Padilla of Phoenix, Ariz., Glory Ann Pino of San Jose, Calif., Bernadette Bocnker of Ladera Ranch, Calif., Monica Guadado of Barstow, Calif., Terri Roehm of Templeton, Calif., Erin Garcia of Tustin, Calif., Juan Garcia of Costa Mesa, Calif., Gomez family of New Mexico, Chavez families of New Mexico and the Ashbrook family of both California and New Mexico; and many great nieces and nephews and great-great nieces and nephews and many many wonderful friends.

A Celebration of "Concha's Life" will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 505 East Mountain View in Barstow, on Tuesday Jan. 11, 2011. A Rosary will be said at 10 a.m., followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, a donation in Concha's name can be made to the Mojave River Valley Museum, P.O. Box 1282, Barstow, CA. 92311. Arrangements entrusted to Horizon Memorial Services of Barstow, 760-252-5222.

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