

## Rita Maes (1938-2008)



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Rita Maes, born June 19, 1938 in Albuquerque, N.M., died Sunday evening July 20, 2008 at home in Barstow. Rita was a resident of Barstow for 60 years and attended Barstow High School.

She was the head housekeeper for Holiday Inn for six years, line dancing instructor at the Barstow Senior Center for 10 years and volunteer for Martha's Meals and Desert Manna for many years. Rita was a lifetime member for adoration at St. Joseph Catholic Church and was an expert cake maker and decorator.

She is survived by her husband of 56 years, Felix Maes; sister, Jenny Gutierrez of Barstow; sons, Robert Maes and Steve Maes and his wife, Sylvia Maes, of Barstow; daughters, Liz Dunn and her husband, Randy Dunn, Sylvia Villalobos and her husband, Robert Villalobos, and Nancy Soto and her husband, Steve Soto, of Barstow; grandchildren, Robert and Joane Villalobos, Anthony and Paula Padilla, Joseph Villalobos, Ginevie Maes, Michael Maes, Isaac Padilla, Stephanie Maes, Tasha Dunn, Jesse Maes, Pfc. Nicole and Vandallas Smalls, Danielle Dunn, Andrea Soto, and Manuel Soto; great-grandchildren, Rebecca, Alexis, and Serena Villalobos, Deligah and Zacheriah Maes, Destiny, Brian, Malaki, and Brooklyn Smalls; and family pet dog, Sparky.

Visitation will be held Friday, July 25, 2008 at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, with rosary following at 10 a.m. and services at 11 a.m. Burial will be at Mt. View Memorial Park.

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