

## **Kathrine Yslas-Yent (1942-2003)**

Katherine Marie "Katy" Yslas-Yent, 60, a resident of Barstow for over 50 years, died Saturday, March 29, 2003. Born October 28, 1942 in Seligman, Ariz., she worked for First District Supervisor Bill Postmus for two years and was a Superior Court Clerk for Judge Lee Simmons for 17 years. Her special interests were her family and wind surfing. She graduated from Barstow High School in 1960 and attended LaVerne University for two years receiving her paralegal AA. She was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church for 50 years. She was elected and served on Barstow City Council for two years and served as Barstow's mayor for four years. Yslas-Yent was a vocal supporter of the Veterans Home and instrumental in founding the Barstow Association of Governments as well as programs aimed at helping the needy and children. She was a member of Latino Impact of San Bernardino County and played an active role in organizing Martin Luther King Day remembrance events and the city's Christmas tree lighting ceremony. Yslas-Yent's tireless efforts on behalf of the community did not go unnoticed. In 1997, she was honored with the Government Community Leadership and Service Award. In 2001 she was named the 17th State Senatorial District's Woman of the Year by Sen. William J. "Pete" Knight, R-Palmdale while the Barstow Area Chamber of Commerce named her Woman of Continuous Service for the year 2001. Following her term in office, she was named Barstow field representative in 2000 for Bill Postmus, San Bernardino County Supervisor for the first district. Yslas-Yent left her 20-year post at Barstow's courthouse to tackle her new position. A certified paralegal, she worked at the Barstow courthouse from 1980 until 2000. She held the title of Barstow Superior Court Senior Clerk when she resigned. Survivors include her husband, Rufus Yent of Barstow; parents, John and Paula Yslas of Barstow; son, Vernon "Flip" Williams of Barstow; son and daughter-in-law, Vincent, Sr. and Joann Williams of Barstow; son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Tracie Williams of Lake Arrowhead; step-sons, Destin and Derrick Yent of California; brothers, John Yslas Jr. of Santa Monica, Fred Yslas, Peter Yslas and Paul Yslas of Barstow; sister and brother-in-law, Elizabeth and Robert Orloff of Kelseyville; brother, Andrew Yslas of Santa Monica; grandson and wife, Vincent, Jr. and Sarah Williams of Escondido; grandsons, Kyle Williams of Barstow, Nolan Williams and Matthew Williams of Lake Arrowhead; granddaughters, Kayla Williams, Allison Williams and Paula Brooke

Williams of Lake Arrowhead. Visitation will be today, April 2, 2003 from 5 to 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 505 E. Mt. View. A rosary will follow at 7 p.m. also at Saint Joseph Catholic Church. Mass will be Thursday, April 3, 2003 at 10 a.m. also at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial will be at Mountain View Memorial Park, 37067 Irwin Road.

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