



## Bessie Mendoza

January 9, 1930 - July 25, 2016

Bessie Mendoza (86) of Toppenish passed away at Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital on Monday July 25, 2016. Bessie was born on January 9, 1930 to Plutarco and Dolores (Ruiz) Soto in Mesilla, NM. She was raised in New Mexico, Kansas and moved to Toppenish as a 14 year old. She worked for Gibbons Pharmacy for many years. She is survived by four daughters, Josie (Ray) Riojas of Moxee, Dolores Stairret of Kennewick, Carolina Mendoza of Scappoose, OR and Amelia Mendoza of Concord, CA; one son, Nickey Mendoza of Yakima; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; two brothers, P.R. Soto of Seattle and Julian Soto of Renton; and two sisters, Linda Franco and Adeline Rojas both of Walla Walla; Bessie was preceded in death by her husband, Nicholas in 2013; her parents and a sister, Alvina Leon. Visitation will be held on Wednesday July 27, 2016 from 1-5PM at Colonial Funeral Home with Mass of Christian Burial on Thursday at 10AM at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Elmwood Cemetery west of Toppenish. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

<b>City of Toppenish</b>
(509) 865-2080

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bessie Mendoza*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *My Mother Lorraine was a great friend with Bessie. They would both right eachother letters back and forth ever since my mother moved from Toppenish. There Friend Joe Razo recently passed also. My mother send her condolences to all her family. When I told my Mother about Bessie she stated, "was wondering why She never wrote back"...it saddens her heart losing such a wonderful dear friend who the family knew from when they lived in Toppenish. Love and prayers to all the family. You are all in our thoughts. Prayers for Peace and comfort and so very sorry we just learned of her passing. RIP Bessie.*

*Ralph and Lorraine Medrano from Moses Lake, Wa.*

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**debbie padron** - August 09, 2016 at 10:33 PM



“ *To all of Bessie's family I respectfully send wishes for your comfort. Bessie was a happy and expected presence for those of us living in Toppenish. She always had a sincere calmness, joy, and caring as she asked if she could help. I believe here character has been passed into the family tree since she wrapped it in unselfish love. Thank you for sharing her with us. Peace to your hearts.*

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**Stephen T. Busby** - July 31, 2016 at 03:21 PM

CH

“ *My condolences on the passing of your mother. Your parents did a wonderful job raising you full of passion and love for others.*

*Curtis Harris*

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**curtis harris** - July 27, 2016 at 01:18 PM

JL

“ *Bessie truly was a "One of A Kind" lady. I worked with her at Gibbons Pharmacy and she was a joy to work with and to know. Please accept our most sincere condolences for a GREAT lady whom we will never forget and "hope" to be as lucky to live a long, joyful, life as she did.*

*Jeanne Lewis-Smiskin*



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**Jeanne Lewis-Smiskin** - July 27, 2016 at 11:03 AM

OT

“ *OCC Crew Accommodations Team purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Bessie Mendoza.*



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**OCC Crew Accommodations Team** - July 27, 2016 at 09:06 AM

CM


“ We are praying for you and your family to have peace and strength at this time. You all have our deepest and most sincere sympathies.



*The Mings  
Crystal, Brandon, Caleb & Ella  
McDonough, Ga*

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**Crystal Mings** - July 26, 2016 at 12:25 PM

 Christy Doonan

“ To Bessie's Family, I sure loved Bessie! Every time she came into my shop she brightened up my day, and I am going to miss her! She was one of my favorite customers and I always enjoyed chatting with her. You will be in my thoughts and prayers. Christy Doonan, Alice's Country Rose Floral

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**Christy Doonan** - July 26, 2016 at 11:27 AM

HZ

*R.I.P Petite Bessie...Wear your angel wings well..you will always be in my heart and I hope to be as kind a person that you were.*

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**Hope Zuniga** - July 27, 2016 at 10:46 AM

RP

*My deepest sympathies to the Mendoza family. Bessie was one very special and classy lady! I came to know Betsy because she was my sister's neighbor on North "E", also from Gibbon's Pharmacy and our fathers car pooled to work together. Bessie always had a smile on her face and was so willing to help any customer that walked through the doors at Gibbon's. We always stopped and visited when we'd see each other and catch up on the family. Bessie loved her family very much and was very proud of each one of you. She will be greatly missed. Thank you for sharing such a wonderful women with the community. Bessie will forever be in our hearts!*

*Raquel Ramirez Perez (Rachel)*

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**Raquel Perez** - July 27, 2016 at 09:44 PM

NR

*God bless Bessie, what a sweetie pie. I will never forget her phone call when my Mom died. It meant more than you will ever know RIP Bessie!*

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**Nancy Roedell** - August 02, 2016 at 11:50 PM

GM

“ *Gaspar, Hope, Stella, Sophia and Sylvia Mendoza purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Bessie Mendoza.*



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**Gaspar, Hope, Stella, Sophia and Sylvia Mendoza** - July 26, 2016 at 10:23 AM

KL

“ Bessie was one of the "sweetest ", "busiest", elderly lady that I had the pleasure of getting to know. She was so full of life... always on the go with a full agenda to accomplish.

Bessie frequented our pharmacy on a regular bases...not necessarily to get medicine, but rather to visit with former colleagues or better yet, to purchase gifts . These treasures were not for herself ... mainly for her family. She bought items to celebrate anniversaries , birthdays, upcoming visitations , and "just because." Bessie was in deed a very kind, and thoughtful lady, On my last visit with her, she was feeling poorly... not well at all. When I began to depart from her house she made a special attempt to thank me and my co-workers for being good to her. She was so HUMBLE! I went away feeling kind of sad because I was afraid for her well being.

I would like her family to know that I thought very highly of this special lady and I that I will miss her .

♥ Karen Lommers

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karen lommers - July 25, 2016 at 11:10 PM