



## Irene Devora Villanueva

February 23, 1941 - June 12, 2018

Irene D. Villanueva (77) of Toppenish past away on June 12, 2018 in Yakima at the Cottage in the Meadow. Irene was born in Las Cruces, NM on February 23, 1941 to Bernardo and Veronica (Chavarria) Devora. As a young girl her family moved to Toppenish where she was raised and educated. She married her neighbor, Alfonso Villanueva in 1960 and they spent 58 years together. They owned and operated a construction company. She enjoyed taking care of her family, baking, cooking and photography. She is survived by her husband, Alfonso of Toppenish; children, Alfonso Jr. (Diane) of Anchorage, AK, Irene (Bob) Aimone of Madras, OR; Michael of Yakima, Mona (Ray) Sutton of Portland, David (Delma) of Toppenish and grandson, Jerry Villanueva of Toppenish; 14 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren; her brother, Bernardo Devora of Longview; five sisters, Linda Lozano of Toppenish, Delores Grajeda of Idaho, Marguerite Hall, Mary Heneghen and Virginia Devora all of Yakima; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents, and one brother, Salvador. Memorial Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday June 29, 2018 at 10AM at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Toppenish. Colonial Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

## Cemetery Details

### City of Toppenish

(509) 865-2080

## Previous Events

### Mass of Christian Burial

JUN **29**. 10:00 AM (PT)

St Aloysius Catholic Church  
213 N Beech St  
Toppenish, WA 98948-1318  
(509) 865-4725

# Tribute Wall



“ *Irene Devora Villanueva*

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October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM

“ Once upon a time in a kingdom far, far away, there was this little girl, she came from a royal family and her father was an Almighty King. She was sent to live with an earthly mother and father and would soon forget about this kingdom she came from.

She grew to be the eldest of six siblings and with this came a great responsibility.

Though difficult at times, she always did what she thought was best in order to help her parents support their family which was not uncommon to ask of the eldest child. Though the family did not have much material wise, the parents made sure to instill in her teachings of responsibility, character, morals, and work ethic. These attributes were very important to them.

Like the blink of an eye, this little girl was now a woman and an earthly mother herself.

She was living the dream she always had of being a doting wife, involved mother, and caring friend.

And as life is, times were not always easy and her dream did not always go as planned.

She did her best to adapt, maneuver, and evolve with and through life's many changing circumstances.

She was able to do so by finding strength in God along with the support and love of her family.

All in all, she wanted the two things that each of us searches for throughout our time here on earth; to be loved and to be happy.

As she grew older the body she arrived in grew weary and sick; her Spirit knew the time to return to her Heavenly Father was approaching.

She fought hard to stay on this Earth for her loved ones but her Spirit knew the time had come.

Irene is now with her true Heavenly Father and by His hand, will have everlasting peace, love, and happiness.

Virginia Devora

Virginia Devora - July 09, 2018 at 10:23 PM

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“ For you precious one,



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Kay - June 14, 2018 at 10:40 PM

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“ She a very loving beautiful person. Always had a hug for all that knew her. Grew up knowing such a precious lady, full of love for and laughter. She loved her family, and cherished her children. I will never forget all the times we would joke around when ever we met. No matter what she always had a smile. She always came to our families funerals paying her respects. She came to my Dad & mom's house on the gravel road in her electric chair, it was a rough ride for her, but she was there for us to pay her respects. A very loving and supportive lady to all around her. We will miss her dearly and always have fond memories of her. Never will be forgotten.

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Kay - June 14, 2018 at 10:37 PM