



Manuela "Nellie" Rocha Flores

February 23, 1932 - April 24, 2025

Manuela (Nellie) R. Flores was born on February 23rd, 1932, in Casper, Wyoming to Juan and Hipolita (Rivera) Rocha. On April 24th, 2025, she made her transition from this earth surrounded by family and was received by her many beloveds into eternal life.

Her family from Guanacevi, Durango, Mexico is of indigenous Tarahumara/Raràmuri roots. They began their journey in migratory farmwork through Texas, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana before settling in Wapato, Washington when her four brothers were drafted into World War II.

Nellie married her true love Conrado on March 6th, 1954 in Wapato. They raised a family in Toppenish and were blessed with a marriage of 36 years. Nellie led an abundantly full life. She came from a family of self-taught musicians. She sang and was self-taught to play the accordion. In her early married life she was a childcare provider and a second Mom to many in our community. She helped her husband operate their 30 acre orchard in Zillah for nearly 18 years. She and her husband loved Mexican music and dancing, they attended many dances and festivals. She enjoyed knitting and crocheting, in her later years she could always be found working on a word search puzzle.

Nellie was a long-time member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Seattle. She served for many years as a Eucharistic Minister and a member of La Legion de Maria where she had the blessing of doing outreach ministry to the ill, visiting patients in local hospitals and those who were homebound. This group

of friends gave her so many joyful experiences. Her strong faith and passion for life was witnessed by all who were blessed to be loved by her and to know her.

Nellie is preceded in death by her parents Juan and Hipolita, her devoted husband Conrado, 3 children Mary, Teresa, her son Conrado, Jr. and granddaughter Melissa. She is also preceded in death by one sister (Mary Hernandez) and 4 brothers (Pascual "Pat", Jose "Lalo", Mike and Juan "Johnny")

Nellie is survived by three daughters (Ramona, Patricia, and Maria), 11 grandchildren, 21 great grandchildren and 7 great-great grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister Maxine Rocha and by a large extended family whom she loves dearly.

Nellie is her family's queen and matriarch, a huge blessing to her family and all who knew her. She is a model of strength and tenacity and is truly an inspiration. She is loved and respected by many and will be remembered for her beautiful smile and laughter which will live in our hearts forever. Her children and grandchildren carry deep gratitude for the legacy she leaves behind – a legacy of love, joy, strength, courage, and unwavering faith that will continue to guide and inspire our lives.

The family would like to thank the staff at Swedish Cherry Hill including the many spiritual leaders who helped us through the difficult time in Nellie's final days. The compassionate care and support given to Nellie and her family are greatly appreciated.

Services for Nellie are being coordinated by Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home and will be held on Friday, May 2, 2025, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church in Toppenish.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Elmwood Road
Toppenish, WA

Previous Events

Viewing

MAY 2. 9:00 AM (PT)

St. Aloysius Catholic Church
213 N. Beech Street
Toppenish,, WA

Rosary

MAY 2. 9:30 AM (PT)

St. Aloysius Catholic Church
213 N. Beech Street
Toppenish,, WA

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 2. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Aloysius Catholic Church
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Toppenish,, WA

Tribute Wall

AT

“ 9 months later.... I go to this page every now then (prob more often than that) because it makes me feel a lil close to her...idk it just does. I still think of you everyday grandma. love always, your Y&R accomplice;)

Angelo (L totheizz-O) - January 31 at 09:17 PM

AN

Damn predictive text thought I was signing off like I do online (L totheizz-O) LOL dumb I know but so what!

Angelo - January 31 at 09:20 PM

MF

“ Maxine Rocha & family. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Manuela "Nellie" Rocha Flores.



Maxine Rocha & family. - May 01, 2025 at 04:16 PM

DT

“ Delia Torres purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Manuela "Nellie" Rocha Flores.



Delia Torres - April 30, 2025 at 07:23 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Manuela "Nellie" Rocha Flores.



April 30, 2025 at 02:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Manuela "Nellie" Rocha Flores.

April 30, 2025 at 02:09 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Manuela "Nellie" Rocha Flores.



April 30, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Manuela "Nellie" Rocha Flores.

April 30, 2025 at 12:25 PM



“ Pedro Xavier Cavazos purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Manuela "Nellie" Rocha Flores.



Pedro Xavier Cavazos - April 29, 2025 at 11:33 PM

PC

“ Pedro Xavier Cavazos planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Manuela "Nellie" Rocha Flores.

Pedro Xavier Cavazos - April 29, 2025 at 11:33 PM

JU

“ It was an honor to have met such a beautiful , kind lady. Rest in peace.



JU - April 29, 2025 at 10:34 PM

PS

“ Patricia's Seattle Circle Sisters purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Manuela "Nellie" Rocha Flores.



Patricia's Seattle Circle Sisters - April 29, 2025 at 05:43 PM

AN

“ I'll never forget your voice, your touch, and most of all your pure love and strength. Sundays will never be the same for me again. The only thing that turns the tears into a smile is knowing your reunited with your sister brothers, Conrad, Rosa, melissa and most important, grandpa. Never goodbye, because I know one day we will be reunited too. I love you forever,

Angelo - April 29, 2025 at 12:53 PM

PA

Thank you all for the flowers, attending mom's service & your love in her life. Our mom was an exemplary human being & one of the strongest people I have ever known along with our father. Their physical bodies have left this Earth & their legacy continues on. They blazed a path for us & we are forever full of gratitude & continue their work.

Patricia - November 23, 2025 at 01:00 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



Heggie's Colonial Funeral Home - April 28, 2025 at 12:35 PM

PF

Ya graduaste de esta escuela de vida, mamá. ¡Estoy tan feliz para ti! You have graduated from this Earth School with Honors, mom. I am so happy for you. Proud to be the 5th of your six children. TTFN (Tata for now, by Tigger). 💖🌟

patricia flores - April 30, 2025 at 03:44 AM

KA

*My love and prayers to the entire Flores family at the loss of Mrs. Flores. Her kindness and strong faith shows in each one of you. I count myself lucky to have known her.
Karen Halvorson Johnson*

Karen - May 01, 2025 at 11:03 AM

LC

Deepest condolences to the Flores family. I'm so sorry for your loss, and regret I am just learning of her passing. Hugs and prayers to your lovely family, abrazos Patience's

Laura Contreras - May 09, 2025 at 11:56 AM