



Mercedes B Garibay

November 23, 1937 - March 30, 2019

MERCEDES B. GARIBAY

Mercedes B. Garibay, 81, of Toppenish passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 30, 2019, surrounded by her loving family. She was born on November 23, 1937, to Jesus M. and Manuela F. Botello in El Moral, Mexico, and was raised in Eagle Pass, Texas.

Mercedes migrated with her parents and siblings to the Pacific Northwest performing farm labor until she married the love of her life, Juan P. Garibay, in 1966, in Eagle Pass, TX. Mercedes and Juan settled in Toppenish where they raised their two children, Juanita and Juan Jose. Mercedes and Juan were inseparable even working side by side performing farm labor and at the Del Monte cannery until they retired. They spent many hours at yard sales all over the Yakima Valley and were known for taking yard sale day trips to the Seattle area. At the time of Juan's passing in 2018, they had been happily married for 52 years.

Mercedes was truly proud of and loved her family. She especially came to rely on her granddaughter, Jenessa, who became her devoted caregiver. Mercedes enjoyed the company of Jenessa and her great-granddaughter, Alianna, as well as all her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. They brought her much comfort after the passing of Juan and carried on the

tradition of going to yard sales with her whenever possible.

Mercedes was preceded in death by her husband Juan, two infant children, her parents, and her brother Jesus Botello.

Mercedes is survived by her daughter Juanita (Johnny) Zepeda of Yakima, son Juan (Jennie) Garibay of Buckley, WA. Grandchildren Jenessa (Rudy) Vela, Mercedes (Raul Vela) Zepeda; Johnny Zepeda Jr, and Julian Zepeda all of Yakima. Great-grandchildren Alianna, Genesis and Felix Vela and Zaniyah Zepeda. Brothers Antonio Botello and Elias (Rosie) Botello of Toppenish, Emanuel (Maria) Botello and Alfonso (Refugia) Botello of Yakima; sisters Nohemi Sanchez and Elma Cervantes of Toppenish and Maria (Wence) Velasquez of Castroville, TX.

Viewing will be held Monday, April 8, 2019, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. with a Rosary starting at 5:00 p.m. at Colonial Funeral Home. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at the St. Aloysius Church on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Concluding services and burial will be at the Elmwood Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Elmwood Cemetery

Elmwood Road
Toppenish, WA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Rosary

APR 8. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Colonial Funeral Home
228 S. Alder
Toppenish, WA

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 9. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Mercedes B Garibay

October 05, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ Sending prayers to the Garibay family..always
great compadres y amigos
Departa de su compadre y ahijada Alvaro y
Diana Tijerina & familia



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“ Sulia Carranza sent a virtual gift in memory of
Mercedes B Garibay



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