



Olojia Maria Gallegos

May 16, 1934 - April 27, 2020

Olojia Maria Gallegos, 85, passed away peacefully April 27, 2020 at the Wentworth at Coventry . She was born May 16, 1934 in La Plata, New Mexico to Martin and Petra Mariquita Casaus Carrillo. Mom met and married the love of her life, Jose Leandro (Lee) Gallegos on September 5, 1955. Together they raised nine children; Lee (Stephanie), Mike (Cindy), Steve (Sherril), Carlita (Rich Lucero), Shayla (Scott Moffitt), Paul (Karie), Peter (Angela), Danny (Dave Losee), Belinda (Bill Nelson).

Olojia enjoyed working on jigsaw puzzles, baking cookies, and cakes and made the worlds best tamales. Cooking, cleaning, and taking care of her small army kept her busy, but not too busy to spend time with each of her kids. She was always teaching her kids something as simple as tying their shoes, to ironing and cooking. Olojia always wanted to make sure her kids were ready to meet the world. She made sure all her kids did their best in school and made good choices in their lives.

Olojia came to be known as the “broom stick guard” for watching out for the neighborhood, especially the elderly. Whatever project Dad was working on Mom was always by his side. They could be found working together on everything from the cars to remodeling the home.