

Rites for Basque hotel keeper, restaurateur set

Grace Elizalde, 79, 525 Sumner Street, 60-year Kern County resident and operator with her sons of the Noriega Hotel and its Basque restaurant, died Sunday.

Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m.

Wednesday and requiem mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Thursday, both in St. Francis Catholic Church, with Msgr. Patrick Leddy and the Rev. J. Sallaberremborde officiating. Interment will follow in Union Cemetery.



GRACE ELIZALDE

Mrs. Elizalde moved to Tehachapi from France in 1914 and worked in a restaurant. Later she and her husband, John, who died in 1933, raised sheep before going into the hotel business in 1927. They bought the Noriega Hotel in 1933.

She was a member of California Wool Growers Association, East Bakersfield Progressive Club, Greater Bakersfield Chamber of Commerce and Kern County Basque Club.

She is survived by two sons, Albert and Louie, both of Bakersfield; two daughters, Marie Ansolabehere and Jennie Mendiburu, both of Bakersfield; 10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

Instead of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society or Mercy Hospital building fund.

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