

and Ann Lavery, Lenexa, Kan.; Margaret M. (Mrs. Earl) Kirkpatrick, Alva, Okla.; and Terese (Mrs. David) Boydston, Rosland Park, Kan. She is also survived by dear special friends, Norman and Diana Brock, Cameron Park, Calif.; David and Ann Balmer, Grants Pass, Ore.; and Jerry and Anna Day, Lexington, Ky.

She was instantly liked by almost all she met and loved by those who knew her well. She will be sorely missed.

Donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements are under the direction of Wagner-Maloney Funeral Home.

Wilma L. Apalategui

Angels rejoiced at the passing of Wilma Lucille Apalategui, 78, Santa Maria. Her final journey home began at 9:25 on the morning of Nov. 14, 2000 at Marian Medical Center with family members at her side. Services will be held at Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary on Thursday, Nov. 16, 2000 at 2:00 p.m., followed with graveside services at the Santa Maria Cemetery at 3:00 p.m. Chris Scott, Minister of the Foster Road Church of Christ will officiate.

Mrs. Apalategui was born the eldest of two daughters to parents Harry Burton and Beulah Victoria Wright on Oct. 28, 1922 in Monet, Mo., where she and her family resided until their relocation to the Santa Maria Valley in 1937.

Shortly after moving to Santa Maria she met Joseph Leon Apalategui, in her words "The cutest cowboy I've ever seen". The two fell in love and married on Nov. 1, 1937 and shared 59 years of life and marriage until Joe's passing in 1996. During these devoted years Joe and Wilma were blessed by the birth of the daughters Julia Ann in 1938 and Beulah Marie in 1940. Wilma and family are best known for residing in the early 40's and 50's on the family farm on East Donovan, then known as Whitney Road.

The C.H.P. office, Department of Forestry, a Quik Stop Market and housing have now replaced the familiar one-time family home and rows of agriculture. Wilma was a devout member of the Church of Christ, worshipping with the Foster Road Congregation. Among her many talents Wilma is well remembered for her beautiful oil paintings, as well as her musical abilities. She enjoyed playing fiddle with The Santa Maria Rascals. As a charter member she, along with family and friends played many hours of the "old time" favorites for the enjoyment of those residing in the convalescent and retirement homes all along the central coast. In the late 50's and 70's Wilma served the community as a co-owner with her daughter Beulah in the "Cameo Coiffures' Beauty Salon, then located on West Tunnel. The most remembered and missed will be her own sweet smile, a reflection of our Master's grace, and her special brand of unconditional love. We love you "Nani" - "Steep" with those who knew her well. She is survived by her daughter Beulah Apalategui, Santa Maria. It's been noted that Wilma counted her biggest accomplishment and her greatest source of joy as being referred to and being "Nanny" to grandchildren Cindy, Huston and Debie Huston, Seattle, Wash.; James Huston, Sr., Santa Maria; and Marie McCarthy, Ft. Campbell, Ky.; great-grandchildren, Brandon and Ryan Mikel, Portland, Ore.; Lacey Huston, Ore.; Joseph Miles-McCarthy, Heather Miles-McCarthy, Garrett Miles-McCarthy and Jamie McCarthy, Ft. Campbell, Ky.; and Trevor Huston, Santa Maria; great-great-granddaughter, Kendra Mikel; numerous cousins, nieces and nephews also survive, including two nieces, Sandi Hunt, Apache Junction, Ariz.; and Carol Corbett, Kingman, Ariz.

She is preceded in death by her husband Joseph Apalategui, daughter, Julia Ann Apalategui, great-grandson, James Andrew Huston, Jr., and sister, Marjory Parks.

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Maria T. Ortiz

The Reclation of the Holy Rosary for Maria T. Ortiz, 68, Santa Maria, will be on Friday, Nov. 17, 2000 at 7:00 p.m., led by Deacon Ricardo Serumen. Visitation will be at the Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary on Friday, Nov. 17th from 4 - 8 p.m. Interment will be in Agascaliente, Mexico.

Mrs. Ortiz passed away Monday, Nov. 13, 2000 at her home in Santa Maria.

She was born April 22, 1932 in Indio, Calif.

Mrs. Ortiz was a lifelong homemaker. She has been a resident of Santa Maria since 1967. She was a member of the St. John Neumann Catholic Church.

She is survived by her daughters, Maria Guadalupe Alba, Maria Martinez, Martha Ortiz, Flora Trujillo, Maria D. Martinez; sons, Francisco Ortiz, Gerardo Ortiz, and Andres Ortiz, all of Santa Maria; brothers, Antonio Gallardo, Guadalupe, Isabel Gallardo, Fresno, and Juan Gallardo, Agascaliente, Mexico; 19 grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Marian Home Care Services, c/o Marian Medical

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