

Bernice Caballero Arellano

Bernice Caballero Arellano, 87, died May 9, 2005, at CMP Guest Home in Rancho Cucamonga.

A Chino resident for 85 years, Ms. Arellano was born June 21, 1917. Her family was one of the pioneering families that settled in Chino. She was a 1937 graduate of Chino High School, where she was active in the girls' athletic organization, acting as manager in her senior year. She also belonged to the Homemakers' Club as a senior.

In 1942, Mrs. Arellano became a charter member of the Chino Fire Department Auxiliary, formed when manpower was critically short during World War II. She was a member of the Chino Historical Society and attended the Chino Basque and Chino Pioneer picnics and her Chino High School reunions.

Her parents, Christina and Sabino Caballero, first settled and farmed in what is now the Prado Dam area. They then had a small ranch near the top of the summit in Carbon Canyon, for almost 50 years.

Mrs. Arellano is survived by a daughter, Isabel Ann Santos of Rancho Cucamonga; a sister, Felisa Etcheverry of Winchester, Calif.; and two grandsons, Eric and Marc. She is preceded in death by two brothers, Frank and Victor Caballero.

Services took place yesterday (Friday) at Pierce Brothers Griffith Mortuary in Chino. Private interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Pomona.

Pierce Brothers Griffith Mortuary of Chino handled the arrangements.

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