

MARY LOUISE MONTOYA

February 20, 1929 ~ May 29, 2022 (age 93)

A funeral liturgy for Mary Louise Montoya, 93, will be held at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday, July 23, 2022 at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Wheatland, Wyoming with Father Hiep Nguyen as the Celebrant. The Vigil for the Deceased will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Friday, July 22, 2022 at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church. Inurnment will be in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mary Louise Montoya passed away on Sunday, May 29, 2022 at Platte County Memorial Hospital, in Wheatland, Wyoming.

"I was born seven miles southwest of Wheatland, in a farmhouse on Wednesday, February 20, 1929. My parents were Raefal Rodriguez and Juanita Olguin Rodriguez. I attended country school through 7th grade, and then transferred to school in Wheatland. I graduated from Wheatland High School with the Class of 1947. I worked at a couple of businesses in Wheatland before marrying Louis Montoya in 1949. We had two daughters. I worked at Hested Variety Store for 19 years, and during that time I was the first woman to be made Store Manager for any of the Hested Stores in the Colorado, Wyoming, and Montana Region. I won Manager of the Year in 1967. I was also Secretary of the Wheatland Retail Merchants Association, which later became known as Chamber of Commerce. I belonged to St Patrick's CCW in which served a term as President and a term as Treasurer. I served many years.

In retirement, I tried many hobbies to include gardening, ceramics, cross-stitching, and baking. But what I loved the most was quilting. One of my best quilting successes was donating my beloved "50 State Star" quilt to St Patrick's for their fundraiser.

Mary Lou is survived by her husband of nearly 73 years, Louis Montoya; two daughters, Cynthia Montoya Desautel (Jim) and Christine Montoya Horkan (Dan). Mary Lou is also survived by her older brother, Jesus of Hartville, Wyoming and younger sister, Jessica of Sequim, Washington. Mary Lou and Louis had five grandchildren, Ryan Desautel of Woodbridge, Virginia, Andrew Desautel of Woodstock, Georgia, Joshua McKay of Castle Rock, Colorado, Cody Horkan of Casper, Wyoming, and Kelly Horkan of Casper, Wyoming. She is also survived by three great grandchildren, Ainsley McKay, Ella McKay, and Eleanor Montoya Desautel.

Serving as pallbearers will be Ryan Desautel, Andrew Desautel, Josh McKay, Cody Horkan, and Kelly Horkan. Honorary pallbearers will be Carolyn Vineyard, Glenda Duff, Carol Bromley, and Glenda Goetz.



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