



## Monica Villegas Paz

May 4, 1923 - September 20, 2009

Monica V. Paz, 86, died Sun., Sept. 20, 2009 in Vancouver, WA. She was born in Santa Barbara, Chihuahua, Mexico to Angel and Guadalupe Avila Villegas. She was brought to the United States as an infant and later was naturalized in 1949 in Yakima, WA. She grew up in Worland, WY, graduating from high school in 1941. Monica attended a Denver business college and then married Louis A. Paz in Yakima in 1942. She received her diploma from beauty school in 1954 and worked as a beautician and a stay-at-home mom for many years. Her hobbies were crocheting, reading, cooking and sign language. Monica is survived by her four children, Richard Paz of Troutdale, OR, Robert Paz, Marian Boyes and Veronica Gorton all of Vancouver; nine grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; brothers, Santos, Tune, Mark, Larry and Philip Villegas; and sisters, Lucy and Molly Villegas. Those preceding her in death were her husband of 55 years, Louis A. Paz; and her grandson, Timothy T. Paz; brother, Salvador; and sister, Ignacia Valadez. Funeral services Fri., Sept. 25, 2009 at 12:30 p.m. at Evergreen Memorial Gardens with Pastor Chuck O'Neal of Beaverton Grace Bible Church presiding.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Family of Monica Villegas Paz, From time to time my dad, Tune Villegas, would inform me of the various illnesses Aunt Monica was dealing with and I would pray for her. I was a girl the last time I saw her and her children, but I remember her melodious and resonant voice that enveloped me with a sense of well-being. I want you to know that I have only good memories of your mom, my cousins, and I know that God has welcomed her home and has given her back a sound mind. My prayers are with you and your family at this time. God bless you. Your Cousin, Cindy Denton

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**Cynthia Villegas Denton** - September 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My Dear Cousins: It is with great regret that your uncle and aunt, Santos and Stella Villegas, will not be attending the memorial service. As you know, they are living in Othello, Washington in an assisted living facility. Papa has Alzheimers and Mama has Dementia. Papa just turned 84 on August 2, the day after our Villegas family reunion in Yakima. We knew the trip to Yakima would not be easy on them but they were present and those that were able to attend were able to see them. The last time that Papa saw his sister Monica was at the service for their brother Salvador in April, 2008. We were late to the mass so were unable to sit with the rest of the family and stood in the back of the church. When the mass was over and the family was walking out of the church, Papa saw his sister Monica walking down the isle. She saw him and there were instant smiles on their faces. For that short instance, they recognized each other. My brother Al was next to me at the time and we both looked at each other and tears came to our eyes, as well as other family members and friends that saw the exchange of their smiles. It was very memorable. We know that they saw each other later that afternoon but because they both suffered from Alzheimers, we were unsure if they actually recognized each other at times. We do know though that at that short exchange at the church, they definitely did. I wanted to share this special moment with all of you. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

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**Terri Stephenson** - September 24, 2009 at 12:00 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy goes to the family. It is so hard to lose mom. I can still see monica making tortillas for marion , ronnie and myself. I loved those things. Millicent(mom) didn't cook much of the southern foods. I loved the majong games and the company of the whole family. Monica was so gracious and loving. God has opened his arms to her and bless her with everlasting life. Please call me if you care to--910-9911. Would love to hear from any of the family. Love Pat

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**Patricia Hunter (Larson)** - September 23, 2009 at 12:00 AM