



Patricia Abeyta

February 9, 1931 - February 28, 2017

Patricia Abeyta February 9, 1931 February 28, 2017 Patricia passed away peacefully at home on Tuesday, February 28 following a long battle with dementia. Patricia (affectionately known as Pat or Patsy) was born on February 9, 1931 in Walsenburg CO one of seven children. She grew up in Denver, where she graduated from West High in 1949 and later met and fell in love with her husband, Leo. Together they raised eight children - three born in Denver and five born after a move to sunny Southern California. It was Pat's greatest joy to be a mother and care for babies and children, and this extended beyond her own, as she and Leo served as foster parents for more than eight years. She was also beloved by neighborhood children for her warm, nurturing disposition and, of course, her famous tortillas. Her calling to care for others drew her to nursing as well she graduated from nursing school in 1973. Pat also loved painting, cooking, reading, traveling, long road trips and had a keen interest in real estate. Pat was diagnosed with Binswanger, a form of dementia, in 2001 and, while the disease took away many things, it never claimed her feistiness she fought for more than 16 years. She was able to live in the comforts of home, first under the devoted care of her husband, Leo, and daughter, Kristine, at their home in Covington WA. Leo passed away in 2012, after which time she relocated to Vancouver WA where she spent her final years under the loving care of her daughter Valerie and son-in-law Craig. Pat is survived by her eight children, Victoria Thomas (Fred), Vivienne McCormick (Terry), Eileen Varela, Michael Abeyta (Ginny), Valerie Martin

(Craig), Leo Abeyta, Timothy Abeyta and Kristine Gould, as well as 16 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Services will be held on Wednesday, March 8th, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vancouver. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, in honor of her late husband Leo, who served in the Korean War.

Tribute Wall



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