

Juanita Rodriguez

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A Mass for Christian burial was held for Juanita Rodriguez, age 92, on Thursday, Feb. 1, at 10 a.m., at the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Wheatland, with Father Malcolm Reid as celebrant. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Juanita Rodriguez was born Dec. 10, 1897 in Trinidad, Colo., the daughter of Casimiro and Natividad (Martinez) Olguin. She was reared in and around the Trinidad, Colo., area. She married Basilio Martinez, and they lived in Colorado until his death.

In 1926, she moved to Wheatland. She married Rafael Rodriguez in 1926 in Wheatland. He preceded her in death in 1937. She remained in the Wheatland area after his death until her death on Jan. 29 at the Platte County Memorial Nursing Wing in Wheatland.

Juanita was a charter member of St. Patrick's Altar and Rosary Society.

She is survived by five sons, Felix Martinez of Corona, Calif., Meline Martinez of Rapid City, S.D., Jesus Rodriguez of Hartville, Mike Rodriguez of Penrose, Colo., and Robert Rodriguez of San Jose, Calif. Also surviving are four daughters, Nellie Gonzalez of Laramie, Jessie Grable of Cheyenne, Nettie Abeyta of Westminster, Colo., and MaryLou Montoya of Wheatland.

A sister, Raymunda Fernandez of Denver, numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren also remain.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two husbands, a son, Fred, one sister, and three brothers.

Serving as pallbearers were Lee Apodoca, Albert Apodoca, Lizbeth Thomas, Roberta McIntyre, Michael Griego, Anthony Gonzales, Roxanna Johnson and Gloria Vasquez.

A memorial fund has been established to the Saint Joseph's Home for Children in Torrington, and to the St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Wheatland.

The Platte Funeral Chapel was in charge of arrange-