

Amelia Rivera

Services for Amelia Rivera, 81, were held Saturday, September 5, at 10 p.m. at First Christian Church, 95 - 19th Street, Wheatland, WY, with Andy Gudahl, Minister officiating. Interment was in the Wheatland Cemetery.

Mrs. Rivera died Monday, August 31, at the Platte County Memorial Hospital in Wheatland. Amelia was born February 14, 1917, in Chacon, N.M., the daughter of Emelio and Delphinia (Cruz) Lopez. She moved with her family at the age of 12 to Wheatland and attended schools in Wheatland. Amelia married Juan Federico Chavez on April 30, 1933, at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Wheatland. She raised her children and after her husband's death, she married Anthony "Tony" Rivera in Cheyenne, in 1954. Amelia was a member of Women of the Moose Lodge and a 30-year member of Veteran's of Foreign Wars Auxiliary. She enjoyed sewing, cooking, crocheting and fishing.

Amelia is survived by her husband, Tony of Wheatland; six children, Bernice Chavez Quintana and husband, Joe of Pueblo, Colo., Bill Chavez and wife, Evelyn of San Jose, Calif., Priscilla Chavez of San Jose, Larry Chavez and wife, Phyllis of Winslow, Ariz., John Chavez and wife, Margaret of Santa Rosa, Calif.; sister, Marie Salazar of Beaumont, Texas; 21 grandchildren; 40 great grandchildren; and 9 great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Juan on March 26, 1951; a daughter, Gloria Chavez; two brothers, Levi and Eddie; two sisters, Della and Emma; a grandson, Lawrence Quintana in 1996; and a granddaughter, Linda Chavez in 1997.

Serving as pallbearers were her grandchildren, Reese Chavez, Andre Chavez, Fred Chavez, Lori Mullens, David Quintana, Tom Quintana and Rueben Vigil. Honorary pallbearers were Red Birkle, Rick Bowen, Essie Ramsey and Pink Long Jr.

Memorials to the VFW Auxiliary, P.O. Box 872, Wheatland, WY 82201 would be appreciated by the family.

Platte Funeral Chapel of Wheatland was in charge of the arrangements.