



Jessie Reyes

April 26, 1931 - July 11, 2017

Jesus "Jessie" Reyes,
Kearney, NE

Jesus "Jessie" Vargas Reyes entered into eternal rest July 11, 2017 at her home surrounded by her family. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 am Monday, July 17 at St. James Catholic Church with Father Art Faesser officiating. Burial will follow at Kearney Cemetery. A vigil/prayer service will be 3:00 pm Sunday with visitation following from 4:00-5:30 pm all at the O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home. Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jessie was born April 26th, 1931 to Cruz and Quintina (Gallardo) Vargas in Overton, NE. She was the oldest of 9 siblings. In 1937, her parents returned to Mexico.

Jessie was raised by her grandparents, Trinidad and Hermina Gallardo. She enjoyed growing up on the farm. There were many stories told of how life was on the farm with the Gallardo family.

On August 6th, 1949, she was united in marriage to Franciscus "Frank" Reyes in Lexington, NE. They shared 65 years together. To this union, five children were born. They moved to Holdrege and resided there for forty years.

She was employed by Artistic Woven Labels and retired from Becton Dickinson in 1988. In 1989 they built their home in Kearney. Jessie had a love for quilting, sewing, ceramics, baking and she was very proud of her candle making skills for weddings. She belonged to the Catholic Daughters of Saint James Church and Prairie Quilt Guild. Jessie also had a passion to cook. She cooked at Huss Sale Barn for three years to pass the time. Many friendships were made at these sales.

Jessie endured many trials in her life, but her strong faith and diligent praying sustained her through these trials.

She was preceded in death by her husband Frank in July 2015; son Max in July 2001; three sisters, Esperanza (Hope), Amalia, and Virginia; and one brother Pedro (Pete) Vargas.

To cherish her memory include four daughters Susan (Dan) McElvain of Kearney, Peggy (Tom) Geer of Omaha, Christine (Mark) Vogt of Arlington, and Kathy (Zenon) Rivera of Grand Island; 14 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great grandchild; 2 brothers Ignacio Vargas of California and Mario Vargas of New Jersey; 1 sister Oralia Orosco of Mexico; 1 aunt Margaret Jimenez of Fort Collins, CO; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law Emily (Tom) Hernandez of Kearney and Josie Reyes of Grand Island, Dave Canas of Cozad, Ben Salvador and Gilbert Reyes; and numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Cemetery Details

Kearney Cemetery

4400 Avenue I
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 233-3244

Previous Events

Vigil / Prayer Service

JUL 16. 3:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
info@osrfh.com
<https://www.osrfh.com>

Visitation

JUL 16. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 17. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church
3801 Avenue A
Kearney, NE 68847

Tribute Wall



“ *Jessie Reyes*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *was so saddened to hear of the passing of this lady, didn't know her name until I saw her picture in the paper, I always sat behind her on Satureday night mass. I will miss her not being there,my thoughts and prayers for her and her family Sincere sympathy Joan Schall*

Joan Schall - July 17, 2017 at 12:52 PM



“ *Dear Susie and family, I send my deepest sympathy to you for the loss of your mother. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Sheryl Olson Holdrege*

Sheryl Olson - July 15, 2017 at 05:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Jessie Reyes.*



July 15, 2017 at 01:55 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jessie Reyes.*



July 15, 2017 at 12:00 PM



“ *What a sweet lovely lady. She will be missed. Our sincere sympathy to your family.*

Dennis and LaVonne Fries

Dennis Fries - July 15, 2017 at 11:49 AM



“ *I remember Jessie from my childhood, she was a wonderfully kind and caring woman who shared her kindness with everyone.*

Linda Hilman Smith--Holdrege - July 15, 2017 at 11:20 AM



“ *To Susie , Dan, and family of Mrs. Reyes - our sympathy to all of you. Suzanne (Richmond) Strickland*

Suzanne Strickland - July 15, 2017 at 11:00 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessie Reyes.*



July 14, 2017 at 01:47 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Jessie Reyes.*



July 14, 2017 at 01:09 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessie Reyes.*



July 13, 2017 at 07:42 PM



“ *My heart goes out to you with all my sympathy. Jessie was always so sweet and loving - a truly gentle soul. She loved her family so much and it showed in the way her face lit up when she was with family or spoke about them. I will miss her smile and visiting with her - especially her gentleness and sense of humor. May God grant you his mercy and comfort at this time and grant Jessie mercy and eternal life. Mary Stearley*

Mary Stearley - July 13, 2017 at 05:39 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jessie Reyes.*



July 13, 2017 at 05:13 PM

JM

“ I called Jessie back a few years ago to get her recipe for tortillas, cause I remember them from when we lived next door and ate them then. Now Rachel makes them and I remember Jessie when it burrito night.

john muthart - July 13, 2017 at 04:48 PM

JR

“ Aunt Jessie a very thoughtful, caring, strong willed lady! You will be missed but not forgotten! Love you Nephew Joseph A. Reyes

Joe Reyes - July 13, 2017 at 04:39 PM

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“ Olson, Naylor, Medinger families. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Jessie Reyes.



Olson, Naylor, Medinger families. - July 13, 2017 at 03:50 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Jessie Reyes.



July 13, 2017 at 10:35 AM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of *Jessie Reyes*.



July 12, 2017 at 08:43 PM