



Maria Atencio Chambers

June 5, 1907 - August 27, 2008

Maria Valentina Atencio Chambers died Wednesday, Aug. 27, at West Hills Assisted Living Center. She was 101. Maria was born in San Acacio, Colo., to Maxmillian and Candalarita Atencio. She grew up in Fort Garland, Colo., and, as a young girl, often caught fresh trout for dinner from the clear “Ute Creek” that ran through the family’s farm. Later, Maria was the first switch board operator in Fort Garland. She was fluent in Spanish and English and was able to accommodate most calls. In 1929, she married James Edwards Chambers and together they had eight children. Maria prided herself on being a homemaker. She was an accomplished seamstress, loved to quilt and crocheted many beautiful gifts for family and friends. She also loved to garden and loved flowers.

She is survived by three daughters, Arlene Wheeler of Corvallis, Josephine Clack of Alaska and Wilma Steinmetz of Eugene; three sons, Mike of Eugene, Dan of Reedsport and Dick of Jefferson; a sister Rosie Trujillo of Colorado; many grandchildren; and numerous great-, great-great-, and great-great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1953; her son, Edward; her daughter, Edna; her grandson, Chris; and her granddaughter, Maria Jené. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Maria’s name can be made to a charity of your choice in care of McHenry Funeral Home, 206 N.W. Fifth St., Corvallis, OR 97330.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 29, in the West Lawn

Memorial Park Cemetery in Eugene.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the McHenry Funeral Home.