Margaret Carranza Born January 14, 1911 Leon Guanajuato, Mexico Died *February 3*, 2017 Lambert, Montana Mass of the Christian Burial 10:00 A.M., Thursday, February 9, 2017 St. Matthew's Catholic Church Sidney, Montana Celebrant Fr. Jim O'Neil Fr. Hilary Tran Music Lestie Bieber Larry Riggs Casketbearers Tarry Mueller John Carranza Levi Helmuth Joe Torres Pastor Tony Sifuentes Jason Riggs Honorary Casketbearers David and Vesta Verschoot, Eva Schabel, Amelia Torres, Tami Wisorik, Christine Brookman, Lola and Fred Sifuentes, Nancy Baue, Connie and Phillip Angel, Bonnie Mueller, Tina Rehbein, Colleen Evenson, Ellagene and Richard Tieszen, Bobbi Jo Hackman, Vicki Vaira, Glenn Mavity, Christa Veltman, Lewis, Pat and Kenny Torgerson, Carmen Latka, Tate and Jo Vaira, Margaret and Gordon Bradley, Pastor Louise Christensen and Margaret's many other friends

Ushers Mark Rehbein Bill Rehbein, Jr. Interment Sidney Cemetery Sidney, Montana

Lunch will be served in the Ned Shinnick Hall following graveside services

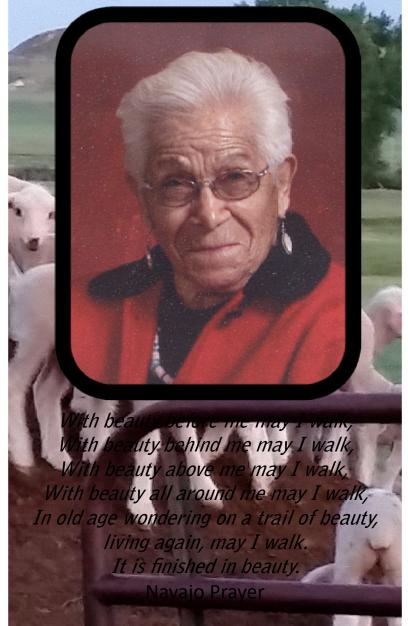
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In Memory Of

Agueda Margaret Carranza

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Winers on January 14, 1911. One was born, Mexico was plunged into a y war that caused tremendous loss of innocent

Her brothers and sisters: Juan, Antonia, Faustino and Conchita had all died due to the ravages of war and the flu epidemic. Anastacio decided that if the rest of his children were to survive, he needed to take his young family north to the safety of the United States because he didn't want to see any more of his children die. In 1916 Anastacio and Brigida and their children, Juanita, Margaret and Santos crossed the border at El Paso, Texas. At that time all they needed to cross into the United States was a five dollar gold piece, a picture of the individual or family and a certificate that they had been deloused, bathed, vaccinated and their clothing and baggage disinfected, the family still has a copy of the certificate.

Anastacio obtained work with a section crew working with the El Paso Railroad in Palestine, TX where their daughter, Guadalupe was born and a little boy, Jose who died from pneumonia. From El Paso the crew went to work n Madera, Ca and then on to Pueblo, CO where their work ended in 1924. Fortunately, the Holly Sugar Company was recruiting families to go to Montana where they were opening a sugar beet factory and the Carranza family arrived in Montana by train in 1925 along with 400 other Mexican families to work sugar beets in the Yellowstone Valley; thinning the beets in the spring, maintaining the fields from v hand

Life for the large Mexican community was made lighter on weekends with local musicians planing their native music and later at Dreamland, a local dance hall. Celebrating their cultural traditions such as the 16th of September (Mexican Independence Day) the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe were important too, for it gave families a sense of belonging. It was not without controversy because when the first Mexican fai arrived there were signs in some local stores sayin dogs or Mexicans allowed

Anastacio purchased their second farm in Sidney and in 1952 Margaret, Santos and Anastacio all became proud United States citizens with John Marmon of the F.T. Reynolds grocery store sponsoring Margaret and Anastacio in their application because they had been his customers since he opened his first stor

the discrimination nation-wide against Women, Hispanics,

When Anastacio died in 1953, ret took over her father's dream farming both the and Fairview farms, learning to drive tractors: plan cultivating and harvesting sugar beets, plowing and ling fields and raising cattle and registered Targhee sho p. She became a successful farmer and rancher by sheer determination an will-power.

In 1980 Brigida died without a will, Margaret was forced to seek financing from FmHA to payoff heirs, attorney's and coupled with financial losses from Margaret's first brain surgery to Almost immediately the disparate t repeated late loan funding, refusa and regulations that were deborrowers but not Mexic was later documented in DC. To try and save the Carranza legacy Margaret traveler by train to Washin fon, DC at the age of eighty-nine so her daughter, Juanita could testify before the United States Senate Agriculture Committee Hearing that was held on September 12, 2000 to hold USDA accountable for

ain her family legacy. Reatment begin with I to implement rules hed to assist other farmers all of which court in Washington,

Black Farmers and Native Americans. Politicians on both sides of the aisle pledged that day that justice would prevail, it didn't.

The never give up attitude from 1916 prevailed as Margaret and Juanita started over with rented land at Enid, MT and benefactors who provided cows and sheep; all of which allowed her to continue to enjoy the life she led her entire life. A life of hard work, in the beautiful, big sky country of Montana and most importantly communing with God, daily thanking him for all of his many blessings.

How else would she have survived colon cancer at ninety-two, gall bladder surgery at one hundred and becoming the oldest surviving cranial surgical patient in the United States at one hundred and four? Despite all of her medical problems she was always active, bouncing back like the Energizer Bunny doing the things she loved: Shoveling snow, chopping weeds, tending to her flowers and later finding mischief to get into with her walker or wheelchair. Margaret always loved music and she played her guitar until she was ninety-nine. Her beautiful ball gowns that she saved, are also a testament to her love o dancing.

Margaret was a member of St. Theresa's Catholic Church, she loved going to eat at the Lion's Den, the CQ Bar and the Fox Lake Center in Lambert and grocery shopping at her favorite store, Reynolds Market in Sidney.

Margaret is survived by her daughter, Juanita, her liece, Patricia Paulus that she raised, her niece, Arlene Riggs, nephews, John, Leo and Thomas Carranza and numerous nieces and nephews and her beloved cat, Gata Loca.

She was preceded in death by: her parents; brothers, Santos, Juan, Jose, and Faustino; her si Conchita, Antonia, Juanita, and Guadalupe H