

Julia Chacon Del Bosque

1914 - 2005

Julia Chacon Del Bosque passed away in her home in Oro Loma, California, on her birthday, July 30th. She was 91. Born in 1914, in Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico, she was the youngest of Felix and Ponciana Chacon's 11 children. With civil war raging in Mexico, Julia's extended family immigrated to the United States in 1916, seeking refuge and greater opportunity.

In 1918, Julia's parents settled down in California's Imperial Valley, where agricultural jobs were plentiful. Julia attended school in Brawley and grew up to be a beautiful young woman. There she met Joe L. Del Bosque, a handsome, hard-working, and respectable young man. They were married June 5th, 1941. Eventually, Joe was recruited by Vaughn H. Azhderian, of Turlock, to relocate to the Westside and manage one of his agricultural operations. Joe and Julia eventually settled down in Oro Loma, where Joe became the well-known and respected farm manager for Three Star Farms.

Julia was a devoted housewife and mother of five children. Understanding the importance of assimilating to her new country, Julia was an active parent in the Oro Loma Elementary School. There she contributed to the school, among other ways, by serving as a "Room Mother." Stressing the importance of education and hard work, she encouraged her children - and later on, her grandchildren - to excel in their studies and pursue their interests and ambitions vigorously. Her achievements were her children, who became two educators, a diplomat, a self-made rancher, and an office manager - successes by any measure. She will be greatly missed.

Julia was preceded in death by her beloved husband Joe and an infant daughter, Mary Ruth. She is survived by her five children, Socorro Noriega, of San Antonio, Texas; Priscilla Del Bosque Schouten and Gloria Del Bosque Longoria, of Oro Loma; Joe Del Bosque, Jr. of Los Banos; and Alma Del Bosque Chambers, of Firebaugh; their respective husbands and wives, as well as numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Visitation will begin at 5 pm, Thursday, August 4th followed by a recital of the rosary at 7 pm, at the Sacred Heart Church in Dos Palos. Mass will be held for her on Friday, August 5th, at 10 am, also at the Sacred Heart Church in Dos Palos. Burial will follow at the Los Banos Community Cemetery.

