

Grace Padilla

September 23, 1925 – February 8, 2025



Our beloved mother, Grace Campos Padilla, passed away peacefully on February 8, 2025 surrounded by her family in her home in Chino. Now she has entered eternal rest and joy with her Savior. Grace blessed all who knew her for 99 years. Born on September 23, 1925, she married her beloved Russell Padilla and together they raised seven children. Then Grace went back to college, obtaining a degree in education, focusing on English as a second language. After a rewarding career, Grace retired and traveled the world with Russell, and with her sisters.

Grace is survived by her children, Bridget Burns (Dan), Russell Padilla (Geronima), Dominic Padilla, Laura Cromer (Mike), Karen Widrick (William), and Camille Halliwill (Todd). Her grandchildren are Grace, Geraldine, Bryan, Zachary, Michaela, Allison, Jennifer, Jonathon, Julia, Jacob, Seth, and Nathan. She was also blessed with ten great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband and love of her life, as well as her beloved daughter Theresa Padilla and grandson-in-law Jesse Medina. We imagine there was a great celebration in heaven as she was the last of her Campos siblings to go home!

Grace's primary ministry was her family, and she served them lovingly. She was also very privileged to have served as organist for Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Chino for 65 years. She humbly received a special commendation from the church for her dedicated ministry, presented to her by Bishop Gerald Barnes. Grace loved music, reading, native American art, good old movies, and angels. She loved the Lord and is now in his loving arms. "Well done, good and faithful servant!"

Services are as follows, Friday, March 28, 2025 at 9:30 to 10 a.m. Rosary/Viewing; Catholic Mass 10 to 11 a.m. Both will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Chino, 5048 D St., in Chino. Burial will follow at noon at Holy Cross Cemetery, 444 E. Lexington Ave., in Pomona. The reception will be held from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Chino Community Building located at 10th and B streets.

