



Cipriana Juanita Stiffler

December 25, 1919 - November 9, 2022

Cipriana J. Stiffler, 102.86 years, passed away peacefully at her home, surrounded by loved ones. She was born on December 25, 1919, by a midwife in Puerto, New Mexico, a small community west of Moses, New Mexico, to Isaac and Louisa Martinez. Cipriana witnessed horse-drawn wagons, a roundup, cattle drive from New Mexico to Oklahoma, and moon landings. She drove a rural school bus route and later delivered the mail during WWII.

She met her first husband when he was stationed in Dalhart, Texas, in the US Army. On May 5, 1945, they married in Clayton, New Mexico, and raised three sons that also served honorably in the US army. They lived in various places, including Las Vegas New Mexico, Gallup New Mexico, Tor C New Mexico, Deming New Mexico, and finally, to Roswell New Mexico, in 1956. Her husband was a social worker with the State Welfare Department.

Cipriana and her husband were active members of St. Johns Catholic Church, including parish council and teaching catechism. She later became a eucharistic minister and delivered communion to residents of Casa Maria Health Care Center. Cipriana made many friends during her life and was the family's matriarch. She was a member of the Guadalupe Society and an associate member of Sisters the Sorrowful Mother as well as a Carmelite. Preceding Cipriana in death were her husband, Harold E. Smith; son, Kevin

M. Smith; sister, Maxine Stevens; niece, Sharon Martinez; nephews: Adolph Martinez, Tommy Mestas, and David Mestas; great-nephew, Patrick Matinez; her second husband, Fred Joe Stiffler; and by many other relatives.

Those left to cherish memories of Cipriana are her sons: Isaac S. Smith and Alan S. Smith; granddaughters: Gloria Thompson, Autumn Nunez, and Kristi Horton; grandson, Iam M. Smith; great-granddaughters: Meadow Nunez, Summer Hilton, and River Hilton; brother, Manual R. Martinez; nephew, Michael Martinez and wife Joan; Angela Davis and husband Charles; nephew, Arthur Mestas and wife Ramona; Louis Mestas and Wife Carol; nephew: Charles Mestas and wife Florine; nieces: Loretta Mestas and best friend Nancy, Eileen Jaramillo and Husband Cliff, Michelle Smith and husband John; as well as many other relatives, too numerous to list.

Special "Thanks" to Geneva Dominguez and Gentiva Hospice.

A Rosary will be held at Anderson Bethany Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, November 22, 2022, at 2:00 PM, followed by a Graveside Service at South Park Cemetery.

Cipriana's tribute was written in her honor by her family.

Previous Events

Rosary

NOV **22**. 2:00 PM.

Anderson Bethany Funeral Home Chapel

Tribute Wall



“ I am Sister Sofia Berrones and knew Cippy as a young adult at St. John's Church in Roswell. I was in Roswell in August and asked about her. Paula Montoya's son was kind enough to send me her obituary. I so wanted to tell her "Thank You" from the bottom of my heart. She was generous with time and so kind and thoughtful. So I am saying to the family, she was an extra-ordinary woman who loved the Lord and served God with gentleness, kindness and deep love in her heart. May your lives reflect this precious "woman of God." Sister Sofia in San Antonio. sofia61@juno.com

SISTER SOFIA BERRONES, MCDP - January 24, 2023 at 01:38 PM



“ Cipriana Juanita Stiffler

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ Cippy rest in peace

Lupe Morales - November 20, 2022 at 05:49 PM



“ Tanya Johnson lit a candle in memory of Cipriana Juanita Stiffler



Tanya Johnson - November 20, 2022 at 01:28 AM

TJ

“ I have so many memories of Aunt Cippy. What a long life she was blessed with. She always had a hug for me and always called me mi hita, every time she saw me. Sending you all so much love, Tanya Johnson (Martinez)

Tanya Johnson - November 20, 2022 at 01:27 AM

JC

“ My mother Julia spoke very fondly of Sippy. Our condolences and prayers for the family



Julia Cordova - November 18, 2022 at 09:57 PM

BJ

“ Bartolo Jimenez lit a candle in memory of Cipriana Juanita Stiffler



Bartolo Jimenez - November 18, 2022 at 09:37 PM

RG

“ Roy Anb Sylvia Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Cipriana Juanita Stiffler



Roy anb Sylvia Gonzales - November 17, 2022 at 02:01 PM

FL

“ *Flora lit a candle in memory of Cipriana Juanita Stiffler*



Flora - November 17, 2022 at 01:47 PM

RL

“ *I have so many memories of cipriana as a young girl I used to visit her and her 1st husband and always enjoyed being around her in the Guadalupana society making tamales. She was a special person to everyone who knew her, May she Rest In Peace. My condolences to her family, I will always carry those memories in my heart.*



Ruthann Lopez - November 17, 2022 at 12:45 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Cipriana Juanita Stiffler.*



November 16, 2022 at 09:31 PM

MJ

“ *So sad to hear. I have known Cippy for many, many years. May she rest in peace. She was a very wonderful person. Hugs and prayers 🙏❤️. MaryAnn and Jimmy*

MaryAnn Jimenez - November 14, 2022 at 06:50 PM

CS

“ To Family Cipriana Juanita Stiffler, So Sorry for your Loss, May Perpetual Light Shine Upon Her Soul and May She Rest in Peace, She was a very nice, warm personality ,Loved her Family very much



Caroline Silvas - November 12, 2022 at 11:28 AM

OS

“ Onalisa Soliday lit a candle in memory of Cipriana Juanita Stiffler



Onalisa Soliday - November 11, 2022 at 10:17 AM