



## Benita Martinez Elizalde

May 8, 1932 - December 28, 2024

Benita Martinez Elizalde, 92, a longtime resident of Warden, WA passed away at her home on December 28, 2024 surrounded by her loved ones.

Benita was born in Corpus Christi, Texas to Anselmo and Francisca Obregon Martinez on May 8, 1932. The family moved to Washington in 1956. She married Jose Elizalde on July 7, 1958 in Grandview, WA. After moving to Warden, she worked for Skone and Connors for many years.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, cooking, tending to her plants and flowers, dancing and visiting the casinos.

In 1986, Benita dedicated herself to her family and home. She cherished watching her grandchildren grow up.

She loved to cook and would not accept a “no, thank you” when she offered a meal. She opened her house to her grandchildren and their friends for lunch which was a short walk from the school. She hosted wrestlers and yes, she even made lunch during football season. For many, many years and up until last month, she was making the grandkids and great grandkids a bean taco for their after-school snack. Her selflessness was one of her many beautiful qualities.

Benita was a sweetheart with a kind soul. She would light up the room with her smile. She was happy when she had visitors. She cherished family events and some of her favorites were the birthday parties, holiday get-togethers and family BBQ's.

A yearly highlight for Jose and Benita was to bring in the new year with dancing and celebrating in Grandview, WA with her brother Pedro and sister-in-law Amelia.

Benita is survived by her brothers Damian Martinez and Mario Martinez; her children - Anselmo Alvarado (Lucila), Francis Leinweber (Raymond), Joe Elizalde (Irasema), Ricardo Elizalde (Nelda) and Alfredo Elizalde. She had 13 grandchildren – Jake Leinweber, Ryan Leinweber, Kristina Garza (Ricky), Caprice DeHart (Kevin), Adrian Alvarado (Amy), Gabriel Alvarado, David Alvarado, Stephanie Elizalde, Sara Martinez (Mark), Stephen Elizalde (Natalie), Joseph Elizalde (Brandy), Amanda Ranck (Corbin), and Zachary Elizalde. She had 13 great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews who she dearly loved.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Jose Elizalde, her parents, Anselmo and Francisca Martinez her brothers, Pedro Martinez (Amelia), Herculano Martinez (Delores), Sisters Celia Martinez, Santa Jimenez (Jenaro) and Maria Gonzales.

A special thanks to her nieces Celia Castaneda and Marina Martinez for their compassion and generosity.

Visitation will be held at Queen of All Saints Church in Warden on January 2, 2025 from 9am – 11am. Funeral service will be held at Queen of All Saints Church, January 2, 2025 at 11:00am. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens in Warden.

# Cemetery Details

## Sunset Memorial Gardens

9934 Road U SE  
Warden, WA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 2. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Queen of All Saints Catholic Church  
1100 S. Pine  
Warden, WA

## Mass

JAN 2. 11:00 AM (PT)

Queen of All Saints Catholic Church  
1100 S. Pine  
Warden, WA

# Tribute Wall

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“ I will always remember Tía’s contagious smile that lit up any room.! She was a very loving and generous person! I will cherish the memories of visiting her with my mom, her sister, Maria.

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**Catrina Shipley** - January 01, 2025 at 05:33 AM

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“ My condolences to her family. She was a sweet lady.

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**Carolyn Kinkade** - December 31, 2024 at 12:13 PM

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“ Grandma Benita was an everyday staple for us grandkids and our kids. She left more than memories we continue to feel her love in her home and through each other. Everyone was family and you were treated as so. We feel so blessed to have had this saint for 92 years. ❤️



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**Kristina Benita Garza** - December 31, 2024 at 08:03 AM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



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**orlando martinez** - December 31, 2024 at 01:15 AM

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“ *My memory of my tia is her in the kitchen, cooking or making lunch for her daily visitors. I also remember how much she enjoyed going to the casino with her daughter Frances. I sometimes had a bit of difficulty conversing with my tia because of my limited Spanish, but I hope she always knew how much she is loved.*

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**Marina A Martinez** - December 30, 2024 at 11:50 PM