



## Maria M. Rodriguez

January 2, 1937 - October 2, 2011

October 2, 2011, Maria Mendez Rodriguez, 74 went home to be with her Heavenly Father, at Central WA Hospital in Wenatchee, WA from a sudden illness. Her husband of 59 years and their children were at her side, lovingly holding her hands. Family will greet friends for viewing from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011 at Kayser's Chapel. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 8, 2011 at the Moses Lake Christian Missionary Alliance Church, 1100 N. Grape Drive. Inurnment will be at Guarding Angels Cemetery, Moses Lake.

Maria was born on January 2, 1937 in Choate, Texas. Maria was the 2nd of 6 children born to her proud parents, Reynaldo and Cruz Mendez. On July 3, 1952 Maria was joined in marriage to Pedro S. Rodriguez in Portales, New Mexico. They lived in Brownfield, TX for 17 years. During this time, they were blessed with 5 children. They moved to Washington in 1964 and made their home in Mt. Vernon for 10 years and moved to Moses Lake in 1974 and have made Moses Lake their home until her untimely death.

Maria worked as a Greeter at the Moses Lakes Wal-Mart ever since they opened their doors in June 1993. Maria never met a stranger at her job. She has touched the lives of many people and truly loved going to work every day.

Maria is survived by her spouse of 59 years, Pedro, her 5 children and

their spouses, Jesusa (Jim) Snohomish, WA, Pete (Corinne), Eltopia, WA, Estelita, Olympia, WA, Roy, Moses Lake and Joe (Rhonda), Moses Lake. Her brothers Joe Mendez of Sunnyside, WA and Moneco Marez (Nana) of Texas. Her grandchildren, David, Jeffrey, Nichole, Olivia, Rey, Jeremy, Roy and Jaclyn. Her great grandchildren, Taylor Briggs Slack, Paxton Carmichael Wiseman, Aiden Cooper Rodriguez and Alex Rodriguez, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Maria was preceded in death by her parents, her infant brother, her brother Daniel and her sister Oralia.

Maria was a bright and shining star to her family and to the many people that she met every day at her job. Her star was put out too early here on earth, we know she is in heaven "greeting" people as they enter into their heavenly home. We love and miss you here but we know we will greet you again one day.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **6.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Kayser's Chapel of Memories  
831 S. Pioneer Way  
Moses Lake, WA

## Service

OCT **8.** 11:00 AM (PT)

Moses Lake Alliance Church  
1100 N. Grape Dr.  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ Oh Maria, we have been through alot in our 18 years together, you have watched me grow over those years and answered many questions about life and love. I will miss you and to Maria's family, my prayers are with you.##imported-begin##Marty Haug##imported-end##

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October 12, 2011 at 05:52 PM



“ I miss you my friend!!!!!!!!!!!!##imported-begin##marolyn martinez##imported-end##

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October 11, 2011 at 08:05 AM



“ I just learned of Maria's passing and am sorry to have missed the service. I've known her and Pedro all my life, being neighbors out in the country. I got such a kick getting and hi sweetie and a big'ol hug every time I came to town and went to Walmart. She will be greatly missed by all those whose lives she touched. My heart goes out to the family.##imported-begin##Desiree Sunford (Kast)##imported-end##

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October 09, 2011 at 12:56 AM



“ We were shocked and heart broken to hear of the passing of your wife, mother, grandmother and friend. Maria would say hi to us everyday when we came in to walk around the store. She would always ask me if I needed an electric cart to use and if I told her no she'd ask me if I was sure. Maria had a wonderful and sweet spirit about her. She will be greatly missed. May God bless you and your family during this time of your loss. Be rest assured that you are in the prayers of many here in Moses Lake and that she will be very difficult to replace at WalMart. She had a wonderful smile and demeanor about her. She is surely greeting all the newcomers to Heaven and helping all of those that are in need of it. You're in our thoughts and prayers.....The Nanto's Jim and Debbie###imported-begin##Jim and Debbie Nanto###imported-end##

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October 09, 2011 at 12:25 AM



“ God bless you. We will miss you dearly.###imported-begin##Laura Weddle and family###imported-end##

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October 08, 2011 at 10:56 AM



“ Maria was like a second mother to me in so many ways. I will miss our conversations, our laughs and mostly her smile and the way she made me feel. She touched so many lives which is what i believe her purpose on this earth was for and she served it well. My prayers go out to her family. Everyone loved Maria. Her heart was over flowing with happiness that shined on everyone who knew her. God Bless###imported-begin##jennifer alessandro###imported-end##

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October 08, 2011 at 09:28 AM



“ To the family of Maria, she was such a wonderful person, she will dearly be missed. Walking in to Wal-Mart will not be the same. She was the 1st person you would see when you came to work, with her Hi Babe and a hug. She will be missed by all and won't ever be replaced. We Love you Maria. ##imported-begin##CSM Ginny##imported-end##

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October 07, 2011 at 11:35 PM



“ Maria will be missed. My you rest in peaced. Juanita ##imported-begin## Juanita Pleinis ##imported-end##

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October 07, 2011 at 07:59 PM



“ Maria was such a wonderful person. I will miss her smiling face I have seen for so many years. She will always be remembered from all her many friends. She will be an angle to us now.. I send my prays and condolence to the family and her loved ones. She dwells with god above with no more tears, pain or sadness where there is just eternal love. ##imported-begin## Barbara Allen ##imported-end##

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October 07, 2011 at 06:36 PM



“ You will be so missed I will miss seeing you every time I come to the store and you ask how I am doing. Your wonderful smile and your warm heart will be missed. ##imported-begin## Barbara Dalton ##imported-end##

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October 07, 2011 at 12:52 PM



“ My family will miss her smile every time we walk in the store. Our thoughts and prayers will be with her family at this time

Dennis & Barbara Ghylin##imported-begin##Barbara Ghylin##imported-end##

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October 06, 2011 at 10:37 AM



“ Maria was the most kind hearted and happy person I knew I worked with her for only 1yr but she treated me as if she knew me forever she always had a smile on her face and the god knows she is smiling at us now. My heart goes out to her family as I feel sad that she is gone and well always remember her as always telling me Hi mijita how are you. she is truly a guardian angel know and everyone there loved her very much. May she rest in peace and watch over us.##imported-begin##Priscilla Boudreau##imported-end##

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October 04, 2011 at 05:34 PM



“ Forgive me Pete. Since I moved to Spokane, I did not know Maria was even ill. GOD BLESS and KEEP YOU and the FAMILY in HIS tender Care. In case I am not able to be at the service, please accept my love, prayers, and precious memories of your dear special wife, mother, sister and my dear friend. I am so very saddened by this news. May GOD comfort you all in the coming days. Know though that she is at peace in JESUS' loving arms. Maria, give my mom and dad my love for me and tell them I hope they are doing well. Love always, Nancee Thomas. 509-328-3147/509-771-2674. Walmart will never be the same. They should just close the store. SHE WAS WAL\*MART.##imported-begin##Nancee Thomas##imported-end##

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October 04, 2011 at 03:44 AM



“ Maria you were always smiling I loved working with you and am very lucky to have got to know you and your son Roy when I came to the Moses lake store from Othello store in 2006. It was a pleasure working with you. I loved the way you always greeted Janissa and the kid's and I when we came into the store You will be greatly Missed.  
God Bless your Family.##imported-begin##Stephen Boswell##imported-end##

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October 04, 2011 at 01:58 AM



“ Maria was a cherished friend, and will be greatly missed. Comforted by the knowledge she is at peace with the Lord. God bless her family.##imported-begin##Lorri coates##imported-end##

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October 03, 2011 at 09:51 PM



“ i will miss her, she was a great lady and a good friend. she gave me a ring that i will always keep. it will remind of her. i miss u maria##imported-begin##jodi cheyney ##imported-end##

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October 03, 2011 at 07:05 PM



“ Maria,  
You are truly "My Angel" and you will be missed dearly! You brightened my day so many times, helped me to smile when I was down and your hugs were precious to me. I will forever have "my baby" in my mind. You will forever be in my heart. I love you my special friend and angel.....##imported-begin##Terry L Smith##imported-end##

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October 02, 2011 at 11:45 PM