



## Tonia Farias

April 5, 1941 - October 25, 2011

Tonia R. Farias, 70, longtime Moses Lake resident and lifelong Catholic was born into eternity on Tuesday, October 25, 2011.

She was born into life on April 5, 1941, in the beautiful countryside of the Mexican state of Michoacan. Never ready to conform, even at a very early age, Tonia took to helping her father tend to the crops and animals that provided the family of 12 with a livelihood.

As she grew, so did her conviction to help others. It was decided, however, that she was not to turn her life over to the service of the Church. So, she immediately began to put things into place for the purpose of getting to where ever it was that life awaited her. She saw opportunity in the world of commerce and quickly built her own retail shop from the ground up, relying solely on the determination and strength bestowed upon her from Heaven.

At the age of 24, with the proper paperwork in hand and a few dollars in her pocket, Tonia left everything she knew and everyone she loved behind in her voyage to the unfamiliar United States. Alone and with no particular destination, she ultimately made her home here in Moses Lake, Washington, where she would live the rest of her life. Much more can be spoken of about this wonderful woman - her generosity, her wisdom, and her absolutely loving heart; but, for now, let us just say that she will be missed.

Tonia is survived by her sons Anthony Mejia and Joel Rodriguez, from whom she has five grandchildren: Mateo, Pablo, Joaquin (Kini), Chalina, and Lilly.

Holy Rosary will be prayed at 1:30 PM, Sunday, October 30, 2011, at Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 AM, Monday, October 31, 2011 at Our Lady of Fatima. Viewing will be from 10 AM until the time of the Rosary on Sunday, October 30th and on Monday, October 31st from 9 to 9:45 AM at Our Lady of Fatima. Interment will follow at Guardian Angels Cemetery, 2595 Road L NE, Moses Lake.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **30**. 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church  
200 N. Dale Road  
Moses Lake, WA

## Service

OCT **30**. 1:30 PM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Holy Rosary)  
200 North Dale Road  
Moses Lake, WA

## Visitation

OCT **31**. 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church  
200 N. Dale Road  
Moses Lake, WA

## Service

OCT **31**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church (Mass of Christian Burial)  
200 N. Dale Rd  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall



“ I just read about Tonia, i knew Tonia in her younger years, she was a very hard working woman loved her boys, i had the pleasure of taking care of them while she worked. I will always remember her smile and how she was so grafeul that i took care of them. I m sure she touched many lives and will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##velma alaniz##imported-end##

November 02, 2011 at 01:14 AM



“ Joel,  
We are so sorry for your loss, Our prayers go out to you and your family.##imported-begin##Mando & Lori Lopez##imported-end##

November 01, 2011 at 02:06 PM



“ Anthony, our prayers are with you and Joel and your families. With God adelante you know everything will be ok.  
May God Bless you. Thelma Moreno##imported-begin##Thelma Moreno##imported-end##

October 31, 2011 at 01:00 PM



“ Anthony, Joel and family, I'm so sorry for your loss. You will all be in my prayers. Remember and cherish the wonderful memories you have with your mom.##imported-begin##Esperanza Saucedo ##imported-end##

October 30, 2011 at 11:41 PM



“ *She was part of our family for a brief moment. She was a beautiful, loving, and very special lady. We will miss her dearly. We love you all so much. Prayers are being uplifted for you all. Xxoo##imported-begin##Jeanne. Cunnington##imported-end##*

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October 30, 2011 at 03:14 PM



“ *My heart is heavy...Tonia was very dear to me. I will miss her smile and warm embrace. Please know that I am here for you. You will ALL be in my thoughts and in my prayers.##imported-begin##Brenda L. Adame##imported-end##*

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October 27, 2011 at 06:47 PM