



## Celia Montoya

December 3, 1932 - June 11, 2023

Celia “Sally” Montoya passed away Sunday, June 11, 2023 at the Copper Ridge Health and Rehab Center in Butte. She was born in Ribera, New Mexico Saturday, December 3, 1932 one of eight children to Jose C. and Escolastica (Aguilar) Medina. She attended schools in New Mexico and on February 25, 1950 she was united in marriage to Jose Lucio Montoya. Together they settled in Butte that same year and Celia worked many years as a housekeeper at the Finlen Hotel, retiring in 1992. She and Jose were longtime member of the Immaculate Conception Parish and Celia belonged to the Mano a Mano Con Cristo Spanish Singers.

She is survived by the love of her life and husband of 73 years, Jose Lucio Montoya of Butte, daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Manuel Herrera of Butte, sons and daughters-in-law, Lee Montoya of Butte, Edward and Frances Montoya of Grants, New Mexico, Larry and Beki Montoya of Butte, Daniel Montoya of Butte, Frank and Julie Montoya of Butte and Margaret Montoya of Albuquerque, NM. Surviving grandchildren include: Bob Herrera, Kristina and Jim Messmer, Melissa Schiff, Andrea Montoya, Erica Valenzuela, Louella Montoya, Selena and Devin Sherman, Edward Montoya Jr. Kayla Montoya, Vanessa Valencia, Michael Montoya, Joseph Montoya, Miko Montoya, Charlie Montoya, Chaz Montoya, Nicholas Montoya, Dezzi Montoya, K.C. Montoya, Edward Tinker and Billy and Koti Tinker. Fourteen great-grandchildren survive as well as her brother and sister-in-law, Ruben and Viola Medina. She is preceded in death by her son, Rudy Montoya.

Cremation has taken place. The rosary will be recited Thursday evening at 6 o'clock in the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church and funeral mass will be celebrated Friday afternoon at 1 o'clock followed by entombment in Mount Moriah Cemetery Mausoleum. Express condolences at [www.wayrynen-richards.com](http://www.wayrynen-richards.com).

## Cemetery Details

### Mount Moriah Cemetery

2415 S. Montana Street  
Butte, MT 59701

## Previous Events

### Rosary

JUN 15. 6:00 PM.

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church And Funeral Mass Will Be Celebrated Friday

# Tribute Wall

PV

“ I only recently have been able to meet fellow residents of the cottages for an occasional dinner. What a delightful couple and I knew right off Celia was an especially friendly person. I needed that at the time because I had just lost my husband of 64 yrs after coping with alzheimers for 10 yrs. I feel very blessed to have had her enter my life. Pat Vasecka.

Pat Vasecka - June 16, 2023 at 02:11 PM

NM

“ I will always remember living with you for time being. You were so, good to me.I will ever be thankful for everything you did for me. You we're my second Momma.You will be missed. I love you my beautiful Auntie Sally.May you R.I.P. 🙏

Nina Montoya - June 15, 2023 at 03:08 PM

MA

“ I take this time tia to thank you. For being there for me. You were like a second mom to me. I will remember the times I spent with you and treasure those moments. I don't say goodbye because I will see you some day when my time has come. Love you Tia. God bless you 🙏😊. Your nephew Mario Montoya. From New Mexico. Love yeah Tia. Always and that's the Truth 💖💖💖💖

Mario - June 14, 2023 at 06:18 PM

MM

“ Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs,Im sorry for your loss, Ill have my beautiful Celia in my heart, Love Estela Mehring from San Antonio Tx

Maria E. Mehring - June 14, 2023 at 05:33 PM

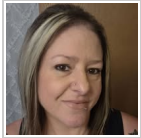


“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Celia Montoya.* ”



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June 13, 2023 at 03:21 PM



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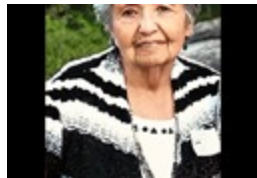


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**Melissa Montoya Schiff** - June 13, 2023 at 10:00 AM



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**Erlinda. Herrera** - June 12, 2023 at 10:26 PM



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**Carter Dinius** - June 12, 2023 at 09:48 PM



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**Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home** - June 12, 2023 at 05:52 PM

HJ

*What a great picture*

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**Heather Johnson** - June 12, 2023 at 07:57 PM

BS

*Thoughts and prayers for Jose and Celia's family. She was one of the sweetest lady I ever knew. Enjoyed visiting with her. Bev Svejkovsky*

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**Bev Svejkovsky** - June 12, 2023 at 09:12 PM