



Laura Lee Diaz

November 15, 1942 - May 24, 2012

Laura Lee Diaz, 69 year old Montague resident, passed away on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at the Madrone Hospice House in Yreka following a short illness.

Laura was born November 15, 1942 in Belleville, IL to Elmer and Mary Wild. She grew up in Larkspur, California after moving there with her family at a young age. She attended Larkspur High School and Marin Junior College. On April 16, 1966, she married Anthony Diaz. The couple ranched in Santa Margarita until moving to Siskiyou County where they formed and operated Atascadero Ranches, a 4-way partnership with Herb and Donna Merrell.

Laura worked for various employers as a secretary before she became a CNA through College of the Siskiyous. Laura enjoyed looking at fashion magazines and sewing clothes. She also loved ocean fishing with Tony. She was a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

She is survived by her husband, Tony, of Montague; two daughters, Rosemary (Bert) Gray of Keno, Oregon and Shasta (Charlie) Schnittker of Tianjin, China; two sons, David Diaz and Rick (Susan) Diaz, both of Atascadero; a sister, Sharon Wild of Tempe, Ariz; two brothers, Roger Wild of Memphis, TN and Gary Wild, of San Rafael, CA. She is also survived by four grandchildren, Debbie Hanleigh, Dena Greene, Maria and Dalton Gray along with her four great grandchildren.

The rosary will be recited at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Yreka on Monday, June 4, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Memorial Mass of Christian

Burial at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow the Mass in the St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Memorial contributions may be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097.