



## Esther Teske

October 17, 1930 - March 25, 2014

Funeral services for ESTHER C. TESKE, 83, will be held at 1pm Saturday, April 5, 2014 at the Colyer Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Jeff Twombly officiating. Burial will follow in the Valley View Cemetery. Esther died March 25, 2014 at the Leesburg Regional Medical Center in Leesburg, Florida. Memorials to the family to assist with funeral expenses would be appreciated. Visitation will be Friday from 3pm to 6pm and the casket will be open briefly following the service. Arrangements are under the direction of the Colyer Funeral Home and friends may send condolences to the family at [www.colyerfuneralhome.com](http://www.colyerfuneralhome.com).

Esther was born in Jackson, Mississippi on October 17, 1930 to Sebio and Delores (Castillo) Cantu. She lost her parents at an early age and was then raised by her older brother Jessie. She wed Lucio Rodriquez in 1954 and they had four children. Lucio passed away in 1960. In 1964 she was wed to Ray Teske and they had nine children. She made the most of the limited education she received by coming home from school and teaching her siblings to read and write. She spent many of her early years in the cotton fields as a migrant worker and later after moving to Mitchell, Nebraska she worked for eighteen years at the nursing home. She started out doing laundry and worked her way up to become a registered nurse. During harvest season she worked extra hours at the sugar factory to help support her family. All this and more while raising a houseful of children who were all well cared for and sent out each

day with full tummies and clean clothes that she had hand washed on the washboard. She enjoyed attending church services with her children and her hobbies included knitting, crocheting and gardening. She collected knick-knacks and the shelves of her house were always full of figurines. She was easily persuaded to share stories from her life and told them with passion in her voice. She loved to be outdoors and worked tirelessly in her yard tending her flowers. She spent her final years with her son Raymond in Leesburg, Florida. She was known as a hard worker and a loving wife and mother and spending time with her grandchildren was a special joy to her.

Esther is survived by her children Lucio Rodriquez, Jr of Wagoner, Oklahoma, Jim Rodriquez of Minden, Nebraska, Janie Legg of Minden, Joe Rodriquez of Guthrie, Oklahoma, Raymond Teske of Leesburg, Florida, LaGina Carter of Fromberg, Montana, Steve Teske of Winter Garden, Florida, LeRoy Rodriquez of Minden, Darlene Lawhead of Montrose, Colorado, Victoria Twombly of McCook, Nebraska, and Amie Teske of Surprise, Arizona; forty-five grandchildren; thirty-four great grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers August, Jessie, and Jimmie; sister Estella; husbands Lucio Rodriquez and Ray Teske; son Robert Teske; and daughter Teresa Solis.


# Previous Events

## Service

APR 5. 1:00 PM (MT)

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# Tribute Wall


 Tracy  
Rodgers-  
benson

“ *Tracy Rodgers-benson lit a candle in memory of Esther Teske*



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**Tracy Rodgers-benson** - April 04, 2014 at 12:19 PM

 Geraldine  
Gurnsey

“ *Raymond sending my thoughts and prayers to you and your family. Don't know if you remember me from Scottsbluff Nursing Center and church in Gering years ago. Geraldine Gurnsey*

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**Geraldine Gurnsey** - April 04, 2014 at 11:51 AM