



Helen Elizabeth Peinado

October 6, 1922 - December 19, 2013

Helen Elizabeth Peinado of Porterville, California passed away on December 19, 2013 due to complications of kidney and congestive heart failure.

She was born in Pontiac, Michigan on October 6, 1922 to Howard and Matilda Green. She is survived by her brother Don (and Ivy) Green of Novi, MI and her sister Dorothy (and Bill) Green of Lafayette, CO. She is also survived by her five children: Marilyn (and Todd) Benson of Rochester, MN; Brenda (and Nap) Del Prado of Mt. Talbot, Ireland; Millie (and David) Rhoads of Porterville, CA; Judy (and Brian) Bennett of Lincoln, NE and Kenny (and Valeni) Peinado of Antioch, CA. Her 10 grandchildren are: David, Carrie and Kevin Benson; Etienne and Aaron Del Prado; Stephen, Megan and Christopher Rhoads, and Jake and Cyrus Peinado.

Memorial Services will be held on Friday, December 27th at 11:00 a.m. at Living Word Fellowship Church (1150 Pioneer Avenue – across from Westfield Elementary School).

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Missionary Gospel Fellowship (P.O. Box 1535, Turlock, CA 95381) or Source of Light Ministries International (1011 Mission Road, Madison, GA 30650).

Elizabeth graduated from Pontiac High School and Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Illinois. She served as a missionary in Bolivia and a short time in Brazil. Returning to Michigan, she worked for her brother for 10 years, and then in 1974 she moved with her family to Porterville and began her work with Missionary Gospel Fellowship. Her ministry involved working with the Spanish

speaking communities, primarily in the Woodville Labor Camp (where she was affectionately known as “La Viejita”) but also in Porterville and the surrounding areas. For the last 30 years she was also involved in a jail ministry and Bible correspondence courses in Spanish and English.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, gardening, reading, playing games and doing puzzles. But her driving passion was her love for Jesus Christ and her desire to serve Him and others and to bring many into a personal relationship with Him. She remained active in these activities up until the last week of her life. She will be greatly missed by many.

Tribute Wall

EV

“ Elizabeth was a very important in my life. She supported in a difficult moment in my life. I'm sorry she is not with us now but she still in heart. God bless all her family.

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XO

“ Descanse en Paz Señora Peinado. Thank you for giving me such warm childhood memories. They are happy stories I share with my own children today. It gives me comfort knowing my grandparents have a great friend and sister with them in Heaven.
Xochitl Ortiz

Xochitl Ortiz - December 27, 2013 at 02:03 PM

SG

“ I can hear the words now. The Lord saying, "We'll done my good and faithful servant." Every summer for a few days this elderly lady with a kind voice would walk around Woodville and pick up the neighborhood kids, including myself, and take them to vacation bible school. There Mrs. Tienda would be playing the piano and leading us in-

The Lord is My shepherd I'll follow him always; he leads me to green pastures I'll follow him always; always, always, I'll follow him always; always, always, I'll follow him always.

Then Mrs. Peinado would give us our bible lesson and daily activity. Then we would go home and return the next day. This would occur every summer for as long as I can remember. Not many people had a heart for a place like Woodville in those days. A migrant farming community riddled with poverty and gangs much like it is today. No Mrs. Peinado didn't change the community. She did what the Lord told her to do, and she changed lives.....

Scot Grimsley on behalf of the Grimsley,Smith and Meneses family.

scott grimsley - December 26, 2013 at 12:19 PM

RM

“ For the past 28 years, Elizabeth has been a significant person in the Muñoz family. We were privileged to show her off as our mother & grandmother in every one of our school events she attended or personal milestones we completed. I remember graduating from High School with many scholarships and honors and I made my grandma proud. She would find any opportunity to say to others, "She is my granddaughter!" Looking through pictures, it is evident how happy and proud she was. It is difficult to signal specific memories with our grandma Elizabeth, as we were blessed to have many and they were equally important to us. However, the biggest experience I can share is the privilege of having the best grandmother ever. Elizabeth cared for us as if we were her very own family. She provided that love and comfort we never received even from our biological families. Thanks to Elizabeth, my siblings and I could boast that our grandmother is the best! We will miss every aspect of having her here, physically, with us: playing board games and getting beat by grandma; the serious talks while eating cookies or ice cream; reviewing Bible lessons with her while grandma corrected our very own grammar (Both in Spanish & English); her carrot cake and phone call every year to wish us happy birthday; and many more things I can't seem to recollect at this very moment. As I write this, I remember grandma sitting in the back of my car and smiling. Her words then give me comfort now. "I can't wait to be with the Lord," she said happily. "I'm excited." Although the pain from her loss is inevitable, my grandma's wish has been granted. She is now with our beloved Lord.

To her family, we extend our most sincere condolences and we pray that God give you comfort and strength to live day by day. Thank you so much for allowing our family to be part of yours.

Rosio Muñoz - December 23, 2013 at 12:04 PM