**Joe & Nadine Carrasco**

Jose De La Luz Carrasco was born September 8, 1933 in Presidio, Texas and was the 9th of 10 children. He moved to Las Cruces, New Mexico in 1943 then moved to Salomon, AZ in 1951.

Enedina Rosario Polanco Carrasco was born June 25, 1935 in Gila, New Mexico and was the 6TH of 10 children. She moved to Safford, Arizona circa 1950.

Joe and “Nadine” married on September 23, 1952.

Their 9 children are Lenny, Clara, Weda, Cyndi, Albert, Danny, Lencho, Oscar and Paul. They had 34 grandchildren, 106 great grandchildren and 14 great-great grandchildren for a total of 168 family members.

**Joe**

Joe worked a variety of jobs and for various employers including; Southern Pacific Railroad, Welker Ranch, City of Safford, Union construction worker and finally Phelps Dodge retiring in 1995.

Joe also worked on community help projects such as building houses for the “Little Hollywood” settlement.

Joe’s hobbies were hunting, fishing, camping and singing at social functions; on occasion singing with local groups and sounding to the likings of Vicente Fernandez.

**Nadine**

Nadine attended the Gila, New Mexico school district completing the 8th grade. Eventually she earned her GED after her youngest child was born. At that time she was the first graduate and the first minority woman to receive the GED in Graham County.

Nadine loved her children dearly and with “tough love” encouraged them to graduate from high school. Some of them even attended college.

She served as President of the Little Hollywood Association which entailed relocating families to Vista Linda and Montierth Lane during the 1972 flood. She attended meetings in Washington D.C. lobbying for minorities to receive funding for low income homes. Nadine started the GED Program at “Little Hollywood Community Center”

She worked for Graham County Community Action Program as a coordinator and Red Cross Information Referral Representative. During this span she also participated in the organization of the food and clothing bank and the weatherization program.

She was an area representative for the “Beneficio Propio”

Nadine started the community action programs LULAC and “Chicanos por la Causa” in Graham County

Nadine, parishioner of St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church was involved with various activities and responsibilities as follows:

* Cursillista
* Cinco de Mayo Celebration
* Religious Education Teacher
* Parish Secretary
* Grand Marshals for the 2016 Cinco de Mayo Parade

One of her most prized hobbies and likes besides her family was playing women’s fast pitch – she was a pitcher and enjoyed it till she turned 51. She enjoyed bowling; she was a member of the Safford Women’s League. Nadine liked camping and fishing as well.

This family was selected because of their contributions to the community and for being outstanding citizens of this county i.e. “salt of the earth”.