**[Maria Del Refujio Celaya](http://www.fortstocktonpioneer.com/obituaries/article_3b84c98e-f203-11e1-8be8-0019bb2963f4.html" \o "Maria Del Refujio Celaya)**

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Maria Del Refujio Celaya Fort Stockton, TX Maria Del Refujio Celaya, 94, was called to our Lord on Friday, August 24, 2012. Rosary was recited on Monday, August 27th at 7:00 PM at the Memorial Funeral Home Chapel of Hope.  Funeral mass was celebrated on Tuesday, August 28th at 10:00 at St. Agnes Catholic Church with Father Serafin Avenido officiating.  Holy burial followed the mass in the Fort Stockton Catholic Cemetery. Pallbears: Rojelio Baiza, Joe Louis Baiza, Joe Louis Garcia, Alvaro Baiza, Alvinita Baiza and Prisella Gomez.  Funeral services entrusted to Memorial Funeral Home of Fort Stockton. Mrs. Celaya was born on July 4, 1918 in Muzquiz, Mexico to Candelario Baiza and Albina Granado.  Maria was a homemaker and a member of the Catholic Church.  On July 24, 1949 in Alpine, Texas, she entered into marriage with Pablo S. Celaya.  Pablo and Maria came to Fort Stockton from Marathon in 1960.  Maria was a loving mother, grandmother, aunt and friend who will be greatly missed but will remain in our hearts forever. Maria is preceded in death by her husband, Pablo S. Celaya; and her parents, Candelario and Albina Baiza. Maria is survived by her son, Manuel Celaya and his wife Alma of Dallas, Texas; her granddaughter, Erika Nikole Gomez of Midland, Texas; her great granddaughter, Lailah Jayde Gomez of Midland, Texas; several nieces and nephews; and many friends.