

Celia Merino Cuevas, 71, Clayton, died Monday, April 17, 2006, in Gainesville.

She was born May 14, 1934, in Mexico, to Episanio and Carmen Martinez Merino. She lived in the United States for many years. She worked in the poultry industry. She attended St. Helena Catholic Church.

Survivors include: three sons, Everado Cuevas and Julio Cuevas, both of Gainesville, and Hosea Cuevas of Fort Worth, Texas; seven daughters, Ninfa Cuevas and Veronica Cuevas, both of Mexico, Araceli Dominquez and Mary Lou Manrique, both of Clayton, Rocio Cuevas of Gainesville, Norma Jimenez of Fort Worth and Sandra Cuevas of Otto, N.C.; a brother, Hosea Claudia Cuevas of Gainesville; several grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Friday at St. Helena Catholic Church with the Rev. Lewis Zarama officiating. Burial followed at Rabun Memory Park.

Hunter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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