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A service will be held Jan. 24 at 12 m. in the chapel at Bryan-Braker Funeral Home, 1850 West Texas Street, Fairfield, Calif., telephone (707) 425-4697, www.bryanbraker.com. Interment will take place later in Grinnell next to her husband, the late Guillermo (Bill) Mendoza.

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Memorials may be made to the Partnership in Education or the Community Mini-Grant Program by contacting Monica Chavez-Silva, director of community enhancement at Grinnell College, 641-269-3900.

She was born in Laredo, Texas, the daughter of Agapito and Rebecca Coronado, into a family with seven brothers and sisters, and grew up in Mexico. She was united in marriage with her husband in 1943, and they spent most of their married life in Grinnell where her husband was a professor of biology at Grinnell College.

Following his retirement, the Mendozas moved to San Antonio, Texas, where they resided for many years before moving to Suisun, Calif., in 1994 to be closer to their grandchildren.

She enjoyed gardening, quilting, reading, church groups, travel and spending time with friends and family.

She is survived by her sons, Guillermo (Memo) of Fairfield, Calif., and Carlos of Erie, Colo., both graduates of Grinnell College; three grandchildren, and a faithful canine friend Chula. She was preceded in death by her loving husband Bill to whom she was married for 57 years and two sisters, Elizabeth and Rebecca.