



Josephine M. Brewer (Long)

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Josephine was the daughter of August and Anna (Hepp) Long. She and her siblings (George, Elizabeth, and William) attended the Thomas School during their elementary years, but boarded with the nuns for the year she made her first communion. She left Wien to become a

“Harvey Girl” and served in two Fred Harvey Restaurants from 1914 to 1916. (Casa Del Desierto in Barstow, CA and Fray Marcos in Williams AZ. Her husband to be was an engineer and she married him (Robert Brewer) in 1916. They lived in Bakersfield , CA near his family and also moved to Barstow AZ for some part of the year. Robert died October 3, 1935 at 46 years of age. By the 1940 census, Josephine was working and living in the Kansas City, MO area where she cared for the elderly in their own homes. During WW2, she worked in a munitions factory. Josephine lived for more than 40 years in Kansas City but frequently visited her sister and relatives in Wien, MO. She was member of the Redemptorist Parish of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church and at 101 was still making quilts for the Sisters of her church. Josephine was treated for cancer from age 99 to age 102 and said previously that “old age will get me, if the cancer doesn’t. She moved to a care center in Marceline MO when she was in her last few months of life. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers, William and George Long, and a sister, Elizabeth Meinhardt. She is survived by nieces and nephews.

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