

MRS. PAUL GALTES CLAIMED BY DEATH

The death of Mrs. Mariana Galtes, wife of Paul Galtes, pioneers of Bakersfield, occurred yesterday morning in Los Angeles at 7:30. She was 77 years of age. It was two months ago that Mrs. Galtes was removed to Los Angeles in the hope that her health would be improved. After an operation at the Sisters' hospital she was thought to be better. Felix Galtes, the younger son, who is a banker here, was notified Monday that his mother's condition was serious and left for the south immediately.

Mrs. Galtes was the wife of Paul Galtes, who came to Bakersfield in 1871, when there were only six families here. It was a year before the county seat was established in Bakersfield. The young Spaniard bought a place on Nineteenth street and established a store. He married Mariana Lexague, native of Basses-Pyrenas, France, in San Francisco, in 1873. The couple made their home in Bakersfield. They had four children, the eldest son, Paul, Jr., a graduate of Santa Clara college, who entered the order of Jesuits and is now a priest in St. Louis, Mo. The younger son, Felix is also a graduate of Santa Clara college and now in the National Bank of Bakersfield. The elder daughter, Sister Mary Christa, is at Santa Monica with the Sisters of the Holy Name, and Lucy, the wife of Edward Helbling.

No funeral arrangements have been made as yet. The body will be brought to Bakersfield on Thursday and interment will be in Union cemetery.

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