



## Beatrice Soxman

May 11, 1941 - September 7, 2023

Bea (Anahid Mikaelian) Soxman passed away September 7, 2023. She was born in Dinuba May 11, 1941 to Hacher and Takouhi Mikaelian. She was the youngest of 5 children and grew up on the family farm in Monson.

Bea attended Yettem Armenian School, Dinuba High School, COS, and Fresno State. She began teaching at Orosi High School. Bea then taught at Mt. Whitney High School in Visalia and helped open Golden West as their Business Department Chair. She ended her educational career as head of the vocational education programs for the Visalia Unified School District.

She married Jim in 1964 in Yettem, Ca. The couple had 2 daughters, Donna (Del) Venturella and Tracy (Albert) Valencia, and 5 grandchildren: Elizabeth and Alex Torosian, and Ani, Lauren, and Gabriel Valencia. Bea enjoyed taking her grandchildren to her Morro Bay home for vacations and shopping. Disneyland was an annual trip for many years. She cherished many gatherings with family and friends.

Bea was active in Church activities her entire life. She was a member of ACYO, Mr. & Mrs. Club, the Century Club, and the Ways & Means Committee. She served as Sunday School Superintendent and Parish Council Chairperson for many years. Bea was awarded the Diocesan Hye Spirit Medal for her years of service. She was a born leader.

We want to give special thanks to Lucelina Rocha and Veronica Garcia, two caregivers who treated Bea with kindness as if she were part of their family. We would also like to thank Gentiva Hospice for all their love and support.

Home service will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 5:30 pm at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell, Visalia, CA. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 10 am at St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church, 14395 Ave, Yettem, CA. A memorial luncheon will follow the church service at the church hall. Buriel will follow the luncheon at Visalia District Cemetery District, 1300 W. Goshen Ave. Visalia, CA.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that remembrances be made to St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church, P.O. Box 367, Yettem, CA. 93670.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Previous Events

## Viewing

SEP **19**. 4:00 PM - 5:30 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277

## Prayer Service

SEP **19**. 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel  
127 E. Caldwell Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277

## Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **20**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church  
14395 Ave. 384  
Yetttem, CA 93670

## Reception

SEP **20**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

St. Mary Armenian Apostolic Church  
14395 Ave. 384  
Yetttem, CA 93670

## Graveside

SEP **20**. 2:00 PM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery  
1300 W Goshen Ave  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Beatrice Soxman*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - September 19, 2023 at 01:09 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Beatrice Soxman*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - September 18, 2023 at 05:57 PM

LM

*Donna - senior you many prayers and hugs. Losing my mom has been the hardest ever on me so I will continue to keep you in prayer. Your mom definitely left a legacy. She was well loved by many.*

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**lisa Majarian** - September 23, 2023 at 09:04 PM

JB

“ *Anahid was a part of our family my entire life. She was always so kind, thoughtful, and loving. She had a lot of energy and worked very hard. Anahid was very devoted to our Yetteem Church and she was always available to answer questions when I had them. The entire Gene & Helen Davis family loved and adored her. She and her husband Jim were definite favorites of ours. We will miss her very much but find comfort that she is now with so many of our loved ones. We love you Jim, Donna & Tracy. Judy Beard on behalf of the entire Davis Family.*

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**Judy Beard** - December 27, 2023 at 06:14 PM

LC

“ *With deepest condolences to Mrs. Soxman's family & friends. I had her as a teacher at Golden West High school when it opened in 1979/1980 school year. Such a wonderful teacher & learned many business skills in her classes that prepared me for my career.*

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**Laura Camero** - October 18, 2023 at 10:53 PM

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“ *My condolences at the loss of your Mother. Mr and Mrs Soxman lived at the other end of the street from us (I think!) and I used to babysit about 6 kids (Soxman/Millhorn/???) on occasion in probably '68 or '69, when I was a Junior or Senior. I remember both of them fondly.*  
*Patty Morrelli Tapney*

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**Patty Tapney** - September 20, 2023 at 02:21 PM