



## Bernice Ann Wilker

April 27, 1965 - April 21, 2022

Bernice Ann Wilker gained her wings on April 21, 2022.

She was born at Tulare District Hospital on April 27, 1965.

She is survived by her husband Jeff Wilker, daughter Laura Smith, son John James Wilker, son in-law Joshua Smith, grandson Dakota Meister, granddaughter and best friend Chasidy Smith, her father Jim Bryant, her sister Lois Lopez, brother William Bryant, step sister Debbie O'Conner, step sister Jennifer Phillips, and so many more loved ones, family and friends.

She is preceded in death by her mother Ora Bryant, mother in-law Arlene Wilker, father in-law John F Wilker, aunt Thelma Malone, aunt Rosie Tonga, sister Joanna Marie Bryant (who passed away at birth), and many more loved ones she missed so much.

Bernice married the love of her life, Jeff Wilker at the age of 16. They were married for 40 years and had 2 children, Laura and John. She had Laura at the age of 17 in 1982. She struggled to have another child, and after several miscarriages the doctors told her she would not be able to carry a baby to term. But she never gave up, always said it's God's will. In 1994 she got a miracle and John was born one month early.

She loved to cook and be around family and friends,

She loved to listen and dance to her favorite music, play softball, watch movies with her grandkids, and spoil them rotten.

She was always encouraging others and helping them in anyway she could. She was only a phone call away if you needed her.

Bernice overcame a lot of obstacles in life as the doctors told her she would be in a wheelchair before the age of 30. She proved them wrong and that she was a fighter. She kept on fighting, but her body just couldn't keep up.

Bernice was simply amazing and we will always cherish our memories and carry her close to our hearts. We love you mom

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).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I have many fond memories of Bernice and her family. I knew her for over 40 years. She was a great woman and I loved her very much. My prayers go out to all of the family. May she rest in Heaven! Kathy Shannon*

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**Kathy Shannon** - May 06, 2022 at 01:01 AM