



## Bonnie Vanna Perez

April 30, 2003 - August 13, 2022

Bonnie Vanna Perez was born in Visalia, California on April 30th, 2003, to Tasha and Joaquin Perez at Kaweah Delta Medical Center. She was the first niece and granddaughter, thus making her the princess of the family. She grew up with her grandparents, aunts and uncles living in the same home early on until her parents moved into a home just next door. For a time, she was able to visit her grandmother and grandfather, aunts, and uncles whenever her heart often led her little feet to do so. Her family remained extraordinarily tight knit, taking two family trips per year as a clan, spending a week at the beach in the summer and a week in a cabin at Shaver Lake during the snowy winter. Also catching up on church Sundays and finding any reason to share time and the best meals under the heavens together.

These early days were filled with family gatherings and watching Vanna and her favorite person in the world and beloved little brother, Aaron, sing, dance, and play with their cousins. Following in her family's footsteps, Vanna attended kindergarten at Delta View Elementary the last year before its closure and graduated from Kit Carson Elementary in 2017. She graduated Mt. Whitney High School in 2021 with honors and a CNA certificate and was continuing her 2nd year at College of the Sequoias.

Vanna's greatest passions became intertwined- reading, writing, art, music, Faith, and her family. She decided that she would not pursue a career in nursing and would instead, chart a different course than the rest of her family by becoming an art history teacher. The life she led from that point on

demonstrated an amalgamation of all the things in Vanna's heart and mind, seeing and expressing herself to her family and friends as their most beloved poem by the way she lived her life. She was also a hopeless romantic and was saving herself for the right young man. Working at Vans with her friends became the place for further expression, freedom, and thriving in all that she planned to become.

Nothing put a spark in her eye like talking about her baby sister on the way. She simply could not wait for the day to hold her baby sister in her arms. Inevitably, she began nesting with her mother, buying baby outfits, and collecting books she was going to read to Honey. Having just returned from the clan's summer beach trip, Vanna had so many plans and hope for the future, including a dinner time with her best friend and cousin, Graciela Jimenez, and her upcoming Twenty-One Pilots concert. Vanna's favorite season was the Fall and she was looking forward to pumpkin spice cold brews and cardigans.

Her creative work consisted of her journal, personal note jar, Bible Study notes, paintings, drawings, sculptures, shoe collection, music playlists, iPhone video clips, and her beloved book library, giving us a beautiful glimpse into the mind of our precious Vanna Banana.

On Friday, August 12th, Vanna was on her way to work when she suffered a tragic motor vehicle accident. She was taken to Kaweah Health Medical Center where she fought alongside the nurses, doctors, healthcare team and her beloved family that never left her bedside. Vanna passed away Saturday August the 13th at 10:52 a.m. and entered the Lord Jesus' Eternal Glory. Vanna was preceded in death by her grandfather Ruben Silva and many other family members. She is survived by her father Joaquin Perez, mother Tasha Silva-Perez, brother Aaron Perez, unborn sister Honey Rhea Perez, grandmother Bonnie Silva-Perez, grandfather Angel Perez, grandmother Rebecca Perez, uncle Adam Silva, aunt Karla Silva, cousins Luke, Caleb and Asher Silva, aunt Lilia Thompson and cousins Tony and Alicia Thompson, uncle Luis Penaloza, aunt Janelle Silva-Penaloza, uncle Daniel "Mijo"

Jimenez, and uncle Marcos Perez. Vanna is now living in Eternity and will forever live on in our hearts.

The family would like to extend an invitation to all that are able in joining them in celebrate the precious life of Bonnie Vanna Perez. God bless you all!

Viewing will be held 4 PM - 7 PM Thursday, September 1st, 2022 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Viewing will be held 9 AM - 10 AM Friday, September 2nd, 2022 at Salser & Dillard. Funeral services will be held 10 AM - 11 AM Friday, September 2nd, 2022 at Salser & Dillard. Graveside services will be held 12 PM Friday, September 2nd, 2022 at Visalia District Cemetery, 1300 W Goshen Ave, Visalia. Vanna's Celebration of life will be held from 12:30pm-4:30pm at The T.D.E.S. Portuguese Hall of Tulare, located at 515 N I St, Tulare Ca 93274.

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 1. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

## Viewing

SEP 2. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

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

## Funeral

SEP 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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

## Graveside

SEP 2. 12:00 PM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery  
1300 W Goshen Ave  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall

LK

“ I'm a sister in Christ of Vanna. I follow Bonnie Perez on a platform due her educational posts. When I saw that many were posting condolences, I decided to research and found the precious one. Upon reading her obituary Miss.Vanna led a beautiful life here on hearth and left a legacy with family and friends. Miss Vanna is with her heavenly father, rejoicing where she will has a very special job assigned especially for Vanna. May we all give thanks to the Lord for the blessing of Courageous Kindness Vanna. With Love Ms. Lydia King Wichita Falls, Texas.

Lydia King - August 30, 2024 at 01:26 PM

CM

“ I am so sorry for the tragic loss of Bonnie Vanna. I am thinking of the entire family and remembering the care that they gave to my parents, Charles and Sylvia Stager you are all in my prayers.

carol moran - December 29, 2022 at 06:54 PM

BG

“ 🙏❤️ It's been a little over two weeks that we laid your body to rest. My Beautiful Vanna since that day you had that accident! I have not rested! My heart aches 💔 I wish I could have been sitting by your side when all this happened! I know that The Lord, and his angels surrounded you and never left you. Until that day I to see our Lord Jesus Christ we will be reunited and together will worship our Father in heaven and Savior Jesus Christ. I love you Mija with all my heart ❤️ You have been one of the greatest blessings that God gave us! No goodbyes until we see each other again, I will continue to hurt and miss you with all my love Bonnie mom.....

Bonnie Silva - Grandma - September 19, 2022 at 01:40 PM



“ *Sweet Solace Spray* was purchased for the family of Bonnie Vanna Perez.



August 31, 2022 at 06:26 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes* was purchased for the family of Bonnie Vanna Perez.



August 29, 2022 at 10:10 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray* was purchased for the family of Bonnie Vanna Perez.



August 25, 2022 at 11:46 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Bonnie Vanna Perez.



August 25, 2022 at 09:49 PM