



Carmelita Varela

August 27, 1948 - December 2, 2024

Carmelita Varela, 76, passed away peacefully at Kaweah Delta Hospital on December 2, 2024. Carmelita was born to Mike Diaz and Elvira Cabrera on August 27, 1948 in Exeter, California. She was raised in Visalia, California with her six siblings, Joe, Rosemary, Raymond, Gloria, Frankie and Hope.

Carmelita graduated from Redwood High School in 1966. After graduating high school she welcomed her son Alex Cantu on October 18, 1966 in Hampton, Virginia.

Carmelita returned to Visalia, California to help raise her younger brother and sister. She started working for Kings County Human Services as an accountant in 1990. She worked her way up to the position of Fiscal Analysis and retired in 2013.

Carmelita was a strong, independent, generous, outgoing, beautiful person. Many will remember her by her smile. She enjoyed watching movies, going to the casinos (especially on Tuesday for her free gift), going shopping, going out to eat with family and friends. But one of her most favorite things to do was to go camping at Montana de Oro. She would look forward every year, planning the whole trip out. She loved most when family and friends were able to make it out there. She was all about family and made sure everyone knew and felt loved and included. The family gained another guardian angel. She is now

with our Heavenly Father rejoicing with her grandmother, her parents, her husband, and son. She is survived by her grandchildren Carmen Cantu-Gonzalez and Abraham Cantu.

She will forever stay in our hearts, until we see you again. We love you.

Rosary will be held 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM Saturday, December 21st, 2024 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Homily of Prayers services will follow at 12:30 PM.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto www.salseranddillard.com.

Previous Events

Rosary

DEC 21. 12:00 PM - 12:30 PM (PT)

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

Homily of Prayers

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Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Carmelita Varela*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - December 20, 2024 at 12:18 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Carmelita Varela*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - December 18, 2024 at 01:24 PM

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I worked with Carmen for many years at Kings County Human Services. She was bright, hardworking and dedicated to her tasks. Lots of fun too! She assisted with many employee assistance activities and was deeply respected by her peers. All my prayers to her family. John Semas

John Semas - December 20, 2024 at 10:35 AM