



## Dina Marie Da Silva

December 24, 1968 - February 17, 2025

Dina Marie Da Silva, went to be with the Lord on Monday February 17th, 2025 at the age of 56 in Tulare, California. Dina was born to Rudy Lopez and Dianna Juarez on December 24th, 1968 in Upland, California. Dina was the youngest of five siblings: Rudy, Tina, Justin, Don along with step-brother, Steve, and half-sister Myra. She is survived by her loving husband, Luis, of 26 years, mother (Dianna) and step-father (Steve), aunts: Judy and Shirley, along with 16 nieces and nephews and 24 great nieces and nephews.

Dina was a godly woman, admired teacher, coach and devoted wife. Four years ago, Dina made the decision to accept Christ and it transformed her life. She was living for the Lord, loved reading the word, and getting closer to God. Dina and Luis started attending Visalia Nazarene two years ago. They immediately felt welcomed, grew strong in their faith and are extremely thankful for the church family that God blessed them with. She was passionate teacher and coach for 30 years. She was admired by many peers, students, and athletes alike making a difference in their lives. Luis and Dina met while in college, married in 1998 and had many joyous and adventurous days together. Although they had a strong marriage, when God entered their life, their love for each other grew not only on an emotional level but spiritually as well.

Celebration Of Life services will be held 5:00 PM Saturday, March 1st, 2025 at

Visalia Nazarene Church, 3333 W. Caldwell Ave., Visalia.

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

## Celebration of Life

MAR 1. 5:00 PM (PT)

Visalia Nazarene Church  
3333 W. Caldwell Ave.  
Visalia, CA 93277

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Dina Marie Da Silva*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - February 26, 2025 at 01:13 PM

JF

“ *I played for Dina at Golden West. She made me a better outfielder, taught me how to slap, and was just fun to learn from. A few years ago we were recovering from endoscopies in the same surgery center 😊. We got to visit as we were getting ready to head home. She will always be missed.*

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**Jennifer Fawkes** - March 01, 2025 at 10:07 PM

JF

“ *Josie Gallo & Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Dina Marie Da Silva.*



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**Josie Gallo & Family** - March 01, 2025 at 12:19 AM



“ *Best coach I’ve ever had* 💜



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**Josie Anaya** - March 01, 2025 at 12:09 AM



“ *Connie Nunez*

*Dina and I have known one another since high school. We continued our friendship over the years. During those years I was her hairdresser, Sister in Christ and she was one of my closest friends.*

*I was blessed to see her come to the Lord and give her life to Jesus and I was there to watch her get baptized. Dina loved the Lord with all her heart and it was so special to see God transform her life.*

*She loved her husband Luis and her family so much and I would always hear her talk so lovingly about them all. I sure am going to miss all our talks, laughter and our many texts. But one thing I know is that she is walking the streets of Gold with our Savior with the biggest smile! And I can imagine the Lord welcoming her saying, Well done my good and faithful servant. It’s not goodbye Sis, I will see you again. Meet me at the gate when is my time 💜 I love and miss you.*



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**Connie Nuñez** - February 28, 2025 at 10:10 PM

CO

“ *Carina & Michael Ott purchased the Blue Caribbe an Bouquet for the family of Dina Marie Da Silva.*



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**Carina & Michael Ott** - February 28, 2025 at 12:41 PM

TG

“ *Dina was my weight training teacher all through high school, she made me who I was in sports and I admire her dearly. May you rest in peace Dasilva* ❤️

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**Taylor Garcia** - February 26, 2025 at 03:45 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dina Marie Da Silva.*



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February 26, 2025 at 03:09 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dina Marie Da Silva.*

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February 26, 2025 at 03:09 PM



“ *Divine Light was purchased for the family of Dina Marie Da Silva.*



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February 25, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ *Many don't know how close Dina and I were in highschool. Likely that's because she was masterful at forming meaningful relations with seemingly random people even at that young age. While she was a beast of an athlete-that wasn't the connecting point for our friendship (because I was so not the athletic type). We shared seasons of secrets without judgement, loyalty and sisterhood. We had each other's back for no other reason than it was simply the right thing to do. We grew up, life took us on different paths and then intentionally reconnected several years ago. We shared a deep, meaningful and mature sisterhood that has withstood 40 years. I'm proud of the woman she was. I'm proud of the love and life she shared with her husband. I'm proud of the influence she wielded by simply being a light. And I'm proud to have known her and shared some life with her. Farewell my friend.*

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**Tiffani Stone Alvidrez** - February 25, 2025 at 11:57 AM



“ *Tiffani A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dina Marie Da Silva.*

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**Tiffani A.** - February 25, 2025 at 11:34 AM

ND

“ I was in her weight lifting class. I loved her so much. She was always pushing us to try our best and she was super dedicated to her workouts. She was the best teacher I loved seeing her everyday. She told me I had a cool sense of style and that I reminded her of one of her brothers. That touched my heart and I'll never forget her and our encounters. Forever in my heart, love you - Nicole Duran ♥

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**Nicole Duran** - February 25, 2025 at 05:11 AM

KZ

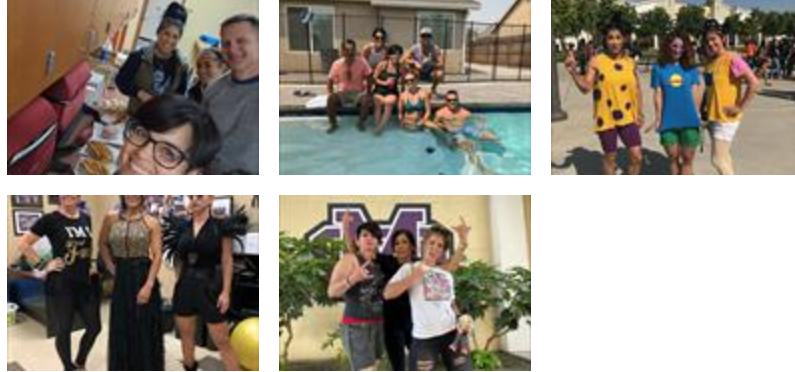
“ While I didn't have Dina as a student at TW, I felt I knew her through her athletic prowess; in fact, Dina was a presence on campus. She was one of the most outstanding athletes to graduate from TW. She was beautiful and the picture of grace in more ways than one. Years later, I did get to know her as an adult and colleague when she returned to teach and coach. She shared her gifts and gave back to many students in Tulare. She made her mark again and made a difference in so many lives. I commend MO for naming the softball field in her honor. I cherish the picture I was able to take with her, to celebrate her. Dina's memory and legacy will rightly live on. RIP, beautiful girl

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**Kathy Zakarian** - February 24, 2025 at 05:41 PM



“ So many memories with Dina. Here are a few of our dress up days. She was so creative. Love our time together. It's not going to be the same in our office without her. Dina you will always be in my heart. My sister through our Lord Jesus. Love you ❤️🙏



Bridgett Kelly Enriquez - February 24, 2025 at 02:25 PM

JN

“ Da Silva, one of the best. I met Da Silva my freshmen year of high school (2012-13) at Mission Oak. She was one of the most admirable teachers I had ever met. She walked around with so much poise, but remained welcoming, caring, and always encouraging. She contributed to the foundational pieces of my athleticism, work ethic, and mind of matter mindset. She's one of the best. I've always referenced Da Silva as a key component in my high school time of life, and I plan to continue that memory and honor of her. Rest in Peace Da Silva



Jocelyn Ngo - February 24, 2025 at 01:27 PM

SJ

“ *First time I meet Dina my sister brought home in a big red stocking. She was a Christmas gift from God. I watched her grow up into a beautiful Godly woman. She loved her Lord And Savior more then anything in this world. Her faith was so strong and have no doubt she is walking with the Lord now. I am a blessed woman , God allowed Dina and I to retire and spend quality time. She sharpened my faith and showed so much love. She was my niece, my Christian sister, and I loving call her my friend... Love you always Auntie Shirley*

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**Shirley Juarez** - February 24, 2025 at 11:35 AM

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*Sending prayers of comfort and strength to you and your family Shirley*

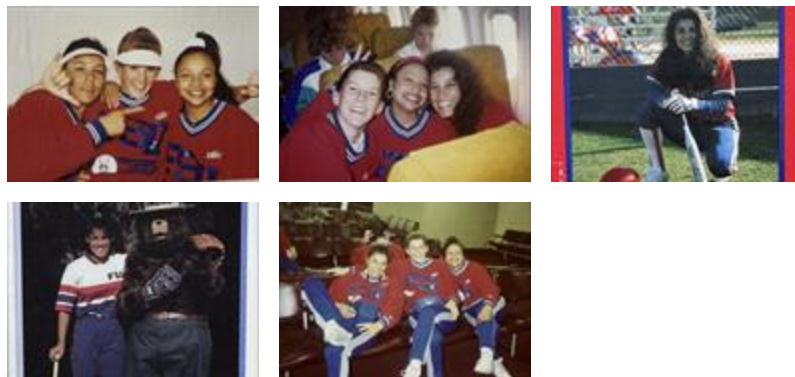


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**Connie Nuñez** - February 28, 2025 at 10:11 PM

MP

“ I had the distinct pleasure of being Dina’s teammate & friend at Fresno State. She was beautiful, strong, athletic & fun. I have so many wonderful memories of her & the experiences we shared. I’m certain she used her talents to have a positive impact on the next generation in her role as a teacher and coach for so many years. I also know her family was very important to her. I’m keeping you all in my prayers during this time of loss. I pray God keeps you surrounded by loved ones during your grief.



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**Misty Pence** - February 23, 2025 at 04:03 PM

SJ

“ I remember when I was about maybe 8 or 9, you were playing softball at Fresno State at that time. I went to visit you and my Nina. I stayed the night with you so that I could watch you practice. I remember little about that night but I remember watching you play softball. I admired you so much that day and was proud that you are big cousin. You looked so athletic but also so beautiful. Ever since then your look never changed. Always fit and always looked amazing. You are truly a gem inside and out and we all will miss you soooo much but have no doubt we love you more and will cherish the memories we all shared with you. I love you cousin and I know that we will cross paths along this journey to enlightenment. Tell all our family that has advanced on the journey before you that I love them.

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**Shunte Joseph** - February 21, 2025 at 11:51 PM

JO

“ *She was the best person to look up too. Beautiful, strong, athletic, smart, she had it all. What an honor it is to call her Aunt Dina.*

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**Journee** - February 21, 2025 at 08:30 PM

MW

“ *I had the wonderful pleasure to coach Dina at Fresno State. God Bless her family , friends and teammates. We love you, Dina*

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**Margie Wright** - February 21, 2025 at 06:36 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Dina Marie Da Silva.*



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February 21, 2025 at 06:31 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Dina Marie Da Silva.*

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