



Elvira Parada

April 25, 1935 - January 8, 2026

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved mother and grandmother, Elvira Parada, 90, who passed away on January 8, 2026 peacefully at home in Visalia, surrounded by her loving family.

Born on March 10, 1935 in Durango, Mexico, Elvira was the beloved daughter of Elvira Portillo and Cruz Payan. She was the oldest of 7 children and lived in Mexico until she met and married Manuel Parada in 1957. Shortly after being married, she and her husband migrated to the U.S. and lived in the Bay Area. She was a dedicated mother and wife who focused on creating a loving home for her 4 children, Grace, Gaby, Manuel Jr., and Rachel. While in the U.S., she learned to speak English, learned how to drive, and worked several jobs and eventually became a U.S. Citizen. She was mostly known for her dress making abilities and was well known in the community for creating beautiful custom wedding dresses, sometimes without a pattern. She was generous and kind to all who met her.

She will be remembered for her love of her family, her creativity, her talents in many different crafts, her love for the outdoors, traveling, and caring for her plants and flowers. She always maintained a loving connection to her family in Mexico, visiting and calling them regularly. Prior to losing her ability to walk, she loved hiking, swimming, camping and spending time shopping. She cherished time with her kids and her grandkids especially traveling and during

celebrations and holidays.

Elvira is survived by her soulmate and husband of 68 years, Manuel, and her children Grace, Gaby, Manuel Jr., and Rachel, 7 grandchildren, and 2 great granddaughters. She was preceded in death by her sister, Lola.

We appreciate condolences and prayers for our family during this difficult time.

Visitation will be held 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM Thursday, January 29th, 2026 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Rosary will follow at 6:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial services will be held 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Friday, January 30th, 2026 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 1908 N. Court St., Visalla.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 29. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

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

Rosary

JAN 29. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 30. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (PT)

Holy Family Catholic Church
1908 N. Court St.
Visalia, CA

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Elvira Parada*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - January 28 at 04:27 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Elvira Parada*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - January 26 at 11:12 AM

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“ *To the Parada Family, my condolences on the passing of Elvira. I have great memories of her. I am so sad to hear of her passing. She used to babysit my brother Anthony, Rachel and my sister Victoria were schoolmates, Gracie babysat us, and I went to school with Manuel. She was always so kind to us and I last saw her in 2016 at Anthony's services. Praying for Gracie, Gabby, Rachel, Manuel, and Mr. Parada and the extended family. My thoughts are with you. Julie Castro, Fort Worth, TX (formerly of Sunnyvale, CA)*

Julie Castro - April 14 at 07:04 PM

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“ *Familia Parada Garcia purchased the Fairest of A
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Familia Parada Garcia - January 29 at 08:26 PM