



## Gloria Jean McCarthy

July 15, 1942 - October 28, 2025

Gloria McCarthy, a beloved mother, grandmother, sister, teacher, and faithful servant of Christ, passed peacefully surrounded by her family on October 28, 2025. She was born on July 15, 1942, in Monterey Park, California, to John and Bertha Hammond, the youngest of four daughters.

Gloria is survived by her loving sisters Marlas, Carole, and Janice; her devoted children, Tanya, Bradley and Jill; and her cherished grandchildren Joshua, Hannah, Justin, Courtney, Jordan, Samuel, Jonah and Reece. She was preceded in death by her husband, George, and by the love of her life, John Bothof.

A woman of steadfast faith, Gloria lived each day with the joy and gratitude reflected in Psalm 118:24: "This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it." She truly embodied this verse in every season of her life-finding reason to rejoice, to serve, and to share Christ's love no matter the circumstances.

Gloria was known for her generous spirit and her heart for others. She sought to bring encouragement to everyone she met, lifting up friends, family, and even strangers with kind words and a radiant smile. She believed deeply that every child was a gift from God-worthy of love, understanding, and opportunity.

Her calling as a special education teacher in the Tulare School District spanned more than 20 years. Through her dedication and compassion, she touched countless lives, giving her students the confidence to see themselves as capable and loved.

The light of her life was her family, especially her grandchildren, into whom she poured endless love, time, and encouragement. Her legacy of kindness, generosity, and unwavering belief in God's goodness will live on in all who were blessed to know her.

Gloria's life was a beautiful testament to the power of faith, love, and service to others. Though she will be dearly missed, her spirit continues to shine in the lives she nurtured and the hearts she touched.

A private service will be held on November 12, 2025 with her family.

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

## Graveside

NOV **12.** 11:00 AM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery  
1300 W Goshen Ave  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Tanya and Jill I am heartbroken with the loss of your beautiful mother. She was truly an exceptional lady and amazing teacher. I will never forget her beautiful smile or soft voice or her laugh. You have such wonderful memories to continue sharing with one another and your children. Sending comfort and love to you all.  
Cheryl, Angel Mendiola and family*

Cheryl Mendiola - November 15, 2025 at 04:08 AM

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“ *A Friend purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Gloria Jean McCarthy.*



A Friend - November 11, 2025 at 12:37 PM

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“ *A Friend planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gloria Jean McCarthy.*

A Friend - November 11, 2025 at 12:37 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Gloria Jean McCarthy.*



November 10, 2025 at 06:19 PM