



## Isabel A. Perez

December 5, 1924 - October 8, 2017

Isabel Angelina Luna Perez, 92 years old, (12/5/1924-10/8/2017) during a weekend visit on October 1, 2017 to her home in Visalia, suffered a massive stroke. She passed on to begin her eternal life with the Lord, on October 8, 2017 at 5:07 p.m. in Visalia, California. She was cared for in the Kaweah Delta Hospital Palliative/Hospice care unit. She was surrounded by a weeklong family vigil of prayers, songs, tears and support. She resided in Castro Valley, California for the last 6 years of her life with her daughter Isabel and family, which included stays with her son Joseph.

In 2011, she relocated to the Bay Area and lived among four generations, her daughter Isabel, granddaughter Gina and great-grandsons John & Victor. She rode her stationary bike every day, even until the last week prior to her death. She still cooked until the last years of her life, making tamales, baking cookies, cleaning & cooking nopales, fried potatoes and making hot chili. She participated in all family functions, visiting museums, beaches, going to concerts, Dia De Los Muertos celebrations and many other major events in the Bay Area until she began to slow down. She was independent, a strong-silent force that did not hesitate to speak her truth, yet was very loving to her family. Her family was very important to her throughout her life. She always said to family members leaving home "God be with you". She was often told she looked very good for her age of 92 years.

The Luna's her migrant farmworker family, migrated across the Southwest to look for seasonal work. Along the way Isabel was born in Needles, California. She told many stories of her family moving and living in camps, discussing the absolute resilience, creativity and strength required to live as they moved around. Her family eventually settled in Fresno, California. Isabel was the last surviving sibling of the Luna family.

She met her husband Tom J. Perez in Fresno, California at a dance. They eventually married on August 2, 1948 and moved to Visalia where she resided until 2011. She remained married for 64 years until the death of her husband in 2012. She raised her four children, was a fantastic cook, sewed all her clothes and was an excellent gardener. Her Visalia home was surrounded by a beautiful flower garden she created. In 1970 she joined her husband's business, Tom's Volkswagen Repair Shop, as a self-taught office manager, interacting with customers for twenty-seven years. She could even identify initial needs of cars when customers came in for repair. She loved dancing and listening to her Mexican music and attending family events. She also volunteered as a teacher's aide in the elementary classroom of her daughter Barbara.

She is preceded in death by her parents Estanislada & Antonio Luna; brothers Frank, Louie & Martin Luna; sisters Mary, Lola & Lupe Luna; her husband Tom J. Perez; daughter Barbara J. Reyes; grandson Ruben M. Yanez and great-grandson Jason Roger. She is survived by her daughter Isabel Perez-Yanez; sons Tom A. Perez, & Joseph R. Perez; grandchildren Gina Hernandez (Robert), Barbara Furtado (Jose) & Ruben Reyes, Jr.; son-in-law Ruben Reyes; nephew Richard Quiroz; great-grandchildren John Hurtado, Savannah Furtado, Victor Hernandez; growing family which includes great-grand children Jose, Jr. (Cynthia), Alex (Paulina) & Niko Navarro; great-great grandchildren Aleah, Kailanii, Amayah, Navarro, and extended family of nieces and nephews on her Luna side of the family.

Visitation will begin at 4:00 p.m. followed by a Rosary at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 19, 2017 at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell, Visalia, California. A Mass will be held at St Mary's Catholic Parish, 608 N. Church Street

Visalia, CA, 93291 on Friday, October 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Burial will follow immediately after the Mass. A "Celebration of Life" reception will be held at St. Mary's Parish Center, 506 N. Garden St. Visalia, CA 93292 following the burial. Condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com) <<http://www.salseranddillard.com/>>. The family of Isabel A. Perez appreciates all the love and support during this difficult time of loss.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church - Visalia, CA  
608 N. Church Street  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall



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