



## LaVerne Azevedo Sullivan

September 28, 1930 - November 2, 2021

### LaVerne A. Sullivan Obituary

The world is a little less bright after the loss of LaVerne A. Sullivan, 91 of Visalia, California. She passed away Tuesday, November 2 of complications from cancer. LaVerne was born in 1930 in Lemoore, California to Joseph A. and Mary B. Azevedo. She graduated with honors from Lemoore Union High School in 1948 and received an AA degree in 1950 from College of the Sequoias. She married George M. Rocha in February of 1952, who preceded her in death in 1966.

LaVerne was passionate about life, loved gardening, building things in her wood shop, the stock market, reading, sewing, and learning new things. She absolutely loved her truck, driving fast, and she would happily tell anyone she met how wonderful it was. No matter, a stranger in a parking lot or policeman in a restaurant, she'd invariably ask, "Do you want to race?" One of her other favorite things was renting a limousine and treating family and friends to spontaneous trips, "around the countryside".

LaVerne spent 40 very happy years as an executive secretary for estate and business planning attorneys, specifically James Clevenger and David Rauber. She began with Crowe, Mitchell, Hurlbutt, Clevenger, Long, Vortmann and Rauber, and finally Rauber and Johnson. LaVerne proudly said she loved every day she went to work, as it was always interesting, and she so enjoyed

doing her part, knowing the clients were always treated professionally and courteously.

LaVerne started a travel group called The Roadrunners in 1972, taking groups of friends on bus trips to both San Francisco and Carmel. Several times a year, for 15 years, she teamed up with her sister Evelyn Watson and friend Barbara Lamb, taking up to 37 fellow travelers on those wonderfully memorable excursions. Oh, the fun, anticipation and excitement of those trips! LaVerne is survived by her daughter, Mary Rocha Lawler, husband Kevin and (sparkle in her eye) grandson, Elliot. She is predeceased in death by four sisters, and a brother. She is survived by several nieces, nephews as well as grand-nieces and nephews.

Please join us in celebrating her life Tuesday morning, November 16th, 2021, between 9AM and 1PM at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Avenue, Visalia. Viewing will be held from 9AM and 11AM, including a recitation of the Rosary at 10:30AM, and a Catholic Funeral Service to begin at 11AM. A graveside service will be held at Lemoore Cemetery, 1441 N Lemoore, Ave., Lemoore, CA 93245 at 2PM. A reception buffet will be held immediately following the service at the Marriott, at the Convention Center, 300 S. Court Street, 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

## Viewing

NOV **16.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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

## Rosary

NOV **16.** 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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Visalia, CA 93277

## Catholic Funeral

NOV **16.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

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

## Graveside

NOV **16.** 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM (PT)

Lemoore Cemetery District  
9660 18th Ave  
Lemoore, CA 93245

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of LaVerne Azevedo Sullivan*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - November 15, 2021 at 07:41 PM

JC

“ *Jim Clevenger purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of LaVerne Azevedo Sullivan.*



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**Jim Clevenger** - November 15, 2021 at 12:34 PM

LS

“ *I have so many wonderful memories of Laverne I would not know where to begin. She was and still is my best friend. We laugh together we cried together and We had adventures. We had the most fun times trying to stay out of trouble! I loved her positive attitude and love for life. We often had lunch at Harris Ranch. The drive over she would count all the furrows in the fields . She loved the land, birds, clouds. She truly saw beauty in everything. Life will never be the same without her. She will live in my mind and heart forever. I truly love her*  
*Linda Smith*

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**Linda Smith** - November 13, 2021 at 01:41 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of LaVerne Azevedo Sullivan.*



November 12, 2021 at 12:47 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of LaVerne Azevedo Sullivan.*



November 11, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of LaVerne Azevedo Sullivan.*



November 11, 2021 at 01:30 PM



“ *Love From Your Art Tribe! purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of LaVerne Azevedo Sullivan.*



**Love From Your Art Tribe!** - November 11, 2021 at 01:19 PM