



Lena Briano

May 2, 1932 - December 1, 2021

Lena Briano, age 89, passed away peacefully December 1, 2021 in Visalia CA. She was a devoted daughter, wife, mom, aunt and friend. Lena was born May 2, 1932 in Holtville, CA, the daughter of Casper and Magdalena Britschgi. She grew up shucking corn, milking cows and tending to the family farm with her siblings and mother. She graduated from Chino High School in 1950 and her first job that she loved, was as a telephone operator for General Telephone. In the mid-50s she met a dairy farmer, Albert Briano, and they married on November 15, 1958.

Mom kept busy as she had "6 kids in 8 years!!" In the '70s she was the butter churning champion at the LA fair and was invited to be on the Mike Douglas show. She was involved with the Women's Club and 4-H for many years volunteering her time for various events. She was very proud to be part of the 1984 Summer Olympics and volunteered for the shooting competition at Prado Olympic Shooting Park in Chino, CA. Mom loved to be on the go and enjoyed adventures with her family and friends. You always knew where to find mom as she loved being in her garden and with her animals. We are so thankful she saw most of her family in June and was able to attend her granddaughter Jenna's wedding in September in Idaho.

Mom is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Albert "Papa" Briano and her sweet daughter, Dena Supino and several other relatives.

She is survived by her children Trudi Briano (Angelo), Albert Briano (Belinda), Linda de Graaf (Brian), Jo Ann Fiscus (Jeff), Heidi Green (Dallas) and son-in-law Bob Supino. Grandchildren: Joseph Pedro (Jessica), Briann Morais (Justin), Derek de Graaf (Julie), Austin de Graaf (Katie), Ethan de Graaf, A.J. Briano, Kory Briano (Elizabeth), Jordan Fiscus (Abby) and Jenna Conroy (Darren). Great grandchildren: Rylee, Gianna and Kade Pedro, Quinn and Evann Morais, Elijah and Joslyn de Graaf, William and Benjamin de Graaf, Bradley Briano, and Jackson Fiscus.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to City of Hope, 1500 E. Duarte Road, Duarte, CA 91010, www.cityofhope.org

Viewing will be held 11 AM - 1 PM Friday, December 17th, 2021 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Prayer Service will be held 1 PM - 2 PM Friday, December 17th, 2021 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Graveside services will be held 2:30 PM Monday, December 20th, 2021 at Bellevue Memorial Park, 1240 W G St., Ontario.

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

Previous Events

Viewing

DEC 17. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (PT)

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

Prayer Service

DEC 17. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

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

Graveside

DEC 20. 2:30 PM (PT)

Bellevue Memorial Park
1240 W. G St.
Ontario, CA 91762

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Lena Briano*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - December 17, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Lena Briano*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - December 03, 2021 at 07:30 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lena Briano.*



December 18, 2021 at 01:14 PM

GF

“ GONZALEZ FAMILY purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Lena Briano.



GONZALEZ FAMILY - December 17, 2021 at 08:53 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Lena Briano.



December 16, 2021 at 02:48 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Lena Briano.



December 16, 2021 at 12:12 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Lena Briano.



December 14, 2021 at 03:07 AM

GJ

“ I am going to miss Lena. She was a strong woman with a huge heart and an amazing zest for life . She loved her family unconditionally, and her life was a testament to this truth. She adored Papa, and with him she built a amazing family and legacy; we can take comfort that she is reunited with him now. I am thankful that God brought Lena into my life. I have cherished the opportunity to work with her and her family over the years. May God bless her memory and may His promises bring comfort to the entire family at this difficult time. Love, George Phillips, Jr.

George Phillips Jr. - December 13, 2021 at 08:26 PM



“ Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Lena Briano.



December 12, 2021 at 06:54 PM



“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Lena Briano.



December 09, 2021 at 06:56 PM

KG

“ Dear family,
In these times of sorrow and sadness it is a privilege for me to let you all know how sorry we are with the loss of your beloved mom and (great)-grandmother Lena Briano! Sure remember the times I visited her on Bon View back in the seventies! Wishing you all that's needed in the times ahead! Koos and Ria de Graaf!❤️🙏❤️🙏🇺🇸🇳🇱

Koos de Graaf - December 09, 2021 at 06:05 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Lena Briano.



December 09, 2021 at 04:44 PM

HE

“ Heidi lit a candle in memory of Lena Briano



Heidi - December 09, 2021 at 02:21 PM

RB

“ Rick, Dena & Orion Bondar purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of Lena Briano.



Rick, Dena & Orion Bondar - December 09, 2021 at 02:15 PM