



## Manuela Hinojosa

July 22, 1953 - May 15, 2024

Today we honor the life of Manuela Hinojosa, also known as "Mela". Mela passed away on May 15th, at age 70 years old.

Mela will be forever remembered by her seven brothers and their families, her mother Vicenta Hinojosa and her three children Omar, Marlena and Marissa. She will also be greatly missed by her beautiful nine grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Manuela "Mela" was an incredible mother and always put the needs of others first. She was a loving, independent woman and worked hard all her life. She was born in Texas and raised in Farmersville CA. She raised three children on her own and many other children that were not hers, but loved them as her own. She retired as a retail worker at Wal-Mart of 11 years in Visalia, Ca. She was a momma to the motherless and second mom to many. She was a friend to everyone and I mean anyone. Neighbors adored her, coworkers became family and even strangers passing by would experience the love she had to offer. Most of all, she took great pride in being the best grandmother ever.

As many of you may have known, Mela was in a long fight with cancer. She

had overcome cancer twice. After years of fighting she felt like her body could not take anymore. Some may say that they had no idea she had cancer because of her joy and positive attitude during this fight. She fought with love and kindness. She definitely left a mark on anyone she encountered. She lived to serve others and lived by faith in God. Even in times of struggle she gave our lord and savior all the praise and worship. She is the definition of a faithful strong and mighty woman.

Viewing will be held 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM Monday, June 3rd, 2024 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Funeral services will be held 12:00 PM Tuesday, June 4th, 2024 at Praise Center Church, 503 N. Floral St., Visalia. Graveside services will be held 2:00 PM Tuesday, June 4th, 2024 at Exeter District Cemetery, 719 E. Marinette Ave., Exeter, and closing with a reception at Praise Center Church in Visalia.

Those who would like to make any donations in memory of Manuel please contact  
marlena @marlena93277@gmail.com

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

JUN 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

## Funeral

JUN 4. 12:00 PM (PT)

Praise Center Church  
503 N. Floral St.  
Visalia, CA 93291  
(559) 733-2744  
[contact@praisecenterchurch.org](mailto:contact@praisecenterchurch.org)  
<http://www.praisecenterchurch.org/>

## Graveside

JUN 4. 2:00 PM (PT)

Exeter District Cemetery  
719 E. Marinette Ave.  
Exeter, CA 93221

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Manuela Hinojosa*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - May 31, 2024 at 11:12 AM

BQ

“ *I met Mela when I was 13 years old. She came to myMom’s house to reach out to my sister Michelle for Jose. They’ve been together ever since. Every time I seen Mela, parties, Jose and Michell’s house, anywhere, she always had a big smile on her face, shook my hand, just like her Dad. I’ll not forget her. Deepest condolences to the Hinojosa family. May you each find strength and comfort in our Lord Jesus. She’s in glory with our King and the angels.*



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**Bene Quinones** - June 03, 2024 at 06:11 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Manuela Hinojosa.*



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May 29, 2024 at 12:21 AM

RH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Roy Hinojosa** - May 28, 2024 at 02:57 PM

LZ

“ *I can close my eyes and see her smile as she greeted you, hear her voice as she said your name. Mela was like that big sister when il was 18. Was blessed to always had her in my life .she became family to my sister as Jose was added to our family. Mela you have left many memories upon others you may not know the lives you have touch. Your memories will be within the hearts of all . You fought a good fight ,a fight that took faith, courage and all the strength you had to endure you overcame the assignment given by the Lord. He has smiled with gladness the test you past. 2Cor. 5:8 to be absent in the body is to be present in the Lord. You are now home in perfect health with Lord and all others who have gone before us.. until we meet again. Love you always and never forget you.*

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**Lorraine Alvarez Zepeda** - May 27, 2024 at 01:43 PM

MA

“ I thank my heavenly Father letting us share his daughter with us, she has always been a very happy sister. Here last Three months she would visit me a lot. She would minister to me, not by her words but through her action. She always look forward to see what the knew day would bring. Little did I know Jesus our King had plan her day to go with him and help build her mansion asking her advise on her favorite colors and how much room she needs. I will always have her in my heart. Thank you Father giving us the privilege.

Mario - May 25, 2024 at 01:38 PM

NM

Manuela was a wonderful woman..I went to school with her..I remember my brother being in love with her..She will be missed.May she RIP..

Nancy Madrid - May 27, 2024 at 12:04 PM

RH

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Roy Hinojosa - May 24, 2024 at 08:50 PM

LG

“ My deepest condolences to the family Mella is indeed everything you said n then some, when she come to pick up Jay we always had a short chat about our troubles n always indeed with a prayer, I miss her she was beautiful inside n out wish she was still here with us definitely a great loss to many, God has her in his Glory now n she is celebrating no doubt, until we meet again Mella 🌸❤️

leticia Fitzgerald we shared a grandson - May 24, 2024 at 03:29 AM

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“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



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**Roy Hinojosa** - May 23, 2024 at 11:18 PM

SR

“ My deepest condolences to Vicenta and family. Manuela was my friend since high school. We kept in touch through the years and most recently got to spend some time with her. She had a big heart, loved her family but most of all our Lord. She always had a smile even through the toughest times. Through all these years of knowing her she always maintained a positive attitude and forgiving heart. She only saw the good in people. I have so many memories of our times together that I'll cherish forever. My dear friend I love you and know God has welcomed you with open arms. 🙏❤️

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**Susie Renteria** - May 22, 2024 at 12:16 PM