



## Maria Cesarina Hipskind

May 8, 1934 - April 20, 2022

On Tuesday, April 20, 2022, Maria Cesarina "Ches" Hipskind, loving widow, and mother of three children, was called home by our Lord at the age of 87. Ches was born on May 8th, 1934, in Milan, Italy to Ernesto and Rina (Storma) Brambilla. She received her teaching credentials in Milan and then London, England. On Feb 11th, 1960, she married John Euclid Hipskind. They raised three sons, John, Stefan and Alex. She taught, kept the books for the family hand cream business and was a librarian in Roselle, IL.

Ches was a lifelong fan of the soccer team AC Milan. She loved to garden and was a past member of the Visalia Garden club. Her flowers were a source of joy for her and admired by her wonderful neighbors at Sierra Village. She spoke several languages, was proud of being a naturalized US citizen, and was an avid soccer mom and then doting Nonna. She was known for her sharp sense of (often politicized) humor, fine Italian culinary skills, and compassionate spirit.

Ches was preceded in death by her father, Ernesto, her mother, Rina, her brother Stefano and her devoted husband of 52 years, John. She is survived by her three sons, three daughters-in-law, ten wonderful grandchildren and innumerable loving cousins, nieces, nephews and extended family both in the United States and Italy.

A funeral mass will be held on Wednesday, April 27th, at St. Mary's Church on 608 N. Church Street at 10:30 in the morning. Flowers may be sent to Sierra Village, Village Center, 1 Molenstraat, Visalia, CA 93277. In lieu of flowers,

Nonna's favorite charities were the Red Cross, the SPCA and the Visalia Rescue Mission.

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

APR **27**. 10:30 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Maria Cesarina Hipkind.*



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April 26, 2022 at 11:22 AM



“ *Dr. Hipkind and family,  
Thinking of you during this difficult time and  
hoping happy memories will help you find  
peace.*

*Kathy Wittman BSN, RN, CIC*



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**Kathy Wittman** - April 25, 2022 at 11:27 AM

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“ There will never be another friend like (Maria) Ches. We had so many happy times together. So many wonderful conversations and laughter at the kitchen table. Ches was my connection to the Italian sector of my life. I always felt so at home with her. We traveled together, to Death Valley, Pismo Beach and Cambria etc. She was headed for Illinois, or Italy, when I was flying to my home in N.Y. for the Spring, Summer and or Fall . We were in Garden Club together and she helped me unmeasurably when they elected me as President. Her gardens were so beautiful, like her heart and soul were. We spoke for hours on end. We never ran out of conversations. I am so heartbroken that we hugged for the last time, 2 days before surgery. She wanted to give me a cute little clock , my son in law fixed for her, that played Christmas tunes, to remember her by .I told her I didn't need anything to remind me of her and that she was in my heart. I told her the only thing the clock will remind me of is not having enough time together and that I wanted so much more time. Ches insisted I take the little clock and with certainty that she would not survive the surgery and she was ready to go, she assured me. It was alright with her. I hope she has plenty of blood oranges in heaven. She will have the gardens in heaven, magnificent. I asked her to meet me when it's my turn to come if she proceeded me. I had been in Kaweah Hospital for 11 days with a heart attack and 4th stage kidney problems. The nurses were like angels. I knew they would take good care of her. My heart is broken to lose my dearest friend here in Visalia. What a heartache to lose such a dear, kind, fun, intelligent, loving, happy, friend, Ches. Your family was so lovely also. WE all loved you and thank God for you and the time He gave us with you. I know you are in a far better place , Ches, from an earths angel, to a heavenly angel. I shall miss you more than words can express. I love you dear friend and miss you terribly. My tears and prayers are incessant for you. You brought such joy to our life. Thank you Ches for being such a wonderful friend. St Charles will seem empty without you.

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Betsy Bartzick - April 23, 2022 at 08:12 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Cesarina Hipkind.*



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April 23, 2022 at 10:54 AM