



## Maria Hernandez Navarro

July 16, 1979 - May 14, 2022

Maria "Mari" Hernandez Navarro passed away in her home surrounded by her family on May 14th, 2022 in Visalia, California, she was 42.

Mari is survived by her parents Maria and Javier Hernandez, her siblings Javier and Melissa, husband Jorge Navarro, children Brianna and Chris, granddaughter Naya, compadre Jose Serrano, and nephews Julian, Isaac, Christian, and Noah. She is also survived by the many family members and friends that had the opportunity to be sincerely loved by her.

Mari was born to Maria and Javier Hernandez on July 16, 1979, in Sun Valley, California. She was raised in Farmersville, California after moving from North Hollywood at the age of 2. Mari attended Farmersville Schools, graduated from Exeter Union High School in 1997, attended and graduated from the College of the Sequoias in 2013 with an Associate of Science degree.

With her passion of helping others, Mari impacted many lives in Tulare County. Her professional career started as a pre-school teacher in Farmersville, Ivanhoe, Woodlake, and continuing to Ivanhoe. Known as "Teacher Mari", her satisfaction was seeing her students grow up and pursuing their higher education dreams. After accepting a new position with Tulare County Office of Education, she still maintained strong relationships with her parents and students. As an Eligibility Specialist for TCOE, her new

focus was helping low-income families find childcare and other resources.

In her personal life, Mari was heavily involved in her family's and children's lives. She took much pride watching her family grow and never skipped the opportunity to tell them how proud she was of their accomplishments. She made it a priority to raise respectful and humble children, to attend every sporting event her children were in, no matter the location. She was honored to be a football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, and track mom! Mari enjoyed organizing family trips, get-togethers, and parties. There was never a moment she was not making delicious meals, her famous strawberry and cream-cheese cakes for birthdays, or a new recipe she had discovered. There was nothing she wouldn't do for family, she always put others before herself.

Mari had many interests, beginning with physical fitness, she loved being active in life and was a self-proclaimed "gym rat". There wasn't a fitness challenge Mari did not try to conquer. DIY projects was another interest, she gifted many family members and friends blankets, custom screen-printed clothing, and home sign decor.

Mari will forever be remembered for being kind, caring, compassionate, and having an enthusiasm for life. With her loving and welcoming personality, she created many memories in life, and anyone who was blessed to cross paths with her were lucky to have called her family.

Viewing will be held 4 PM - 6 PM Thursday, June 2nd, 2022 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Rosary will be held 6 PM - 7 PM Thursday, June 2nd, 2022 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial services will be held 9 AM Friday, June 3rd, 2022 at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 608 N. Church Street, Visalia. Graveside services will be held 10 AM Friday, June 3rd, 2022 at Exeter District Cemetery, 719 E. Marinette Ave., Exeter.

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 2. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

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

## Rosary

JUN 2. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

## Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 3. 9:00 AM (PT)

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

## Graveside

JUN 3. 10:00 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Maria Hernandez Navarro.* ”



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June 02, 2022 at 04:23 PM

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“ Querida prima,

*Nos tomó por sorpresa tu partida hacia la casa de nuestro Padre Celestial, aún a días de saberlo se me apachurra mi corazón y se me aguadan mis ojos.*

*La partida de la tía Luisa nos tenía un gran regalo preparado, volverte abrazar y verte después de muchos años, muchos planes inconclusos, como el hiking al Sequia Park y los 21 de Brianna. Has dejado un gran vacío aquí, pero nos reconforta saber que estás en la casa de nuestro Padre, imagino que es un lugar hermoso y con mucha Paz.*

*[ ] Aquí nos quedamos viviendo con los hermosas vivencias que compartimos, como la de las vacaciones de verano de nuestra niñez, cuando nos íbamos a la casa los abuelos, a disfrutar de los paseos en burro, correr por las colinas, sumergirnos en el río, comer muchas manzanas y duraznos, jugar a las escondidas, balancearnos en los columpios, pasear en bici, jugar bajo la lluvia, perseguir luciérnagas y todas aquellas cosas que parecían insignificantes pero era todo lo que necesitábamos para divertirnos.*

*Descansa en Paz prima, así te voy a recordar siempre, con tu pelo largo negro y con tu hermosa sonrisa, siempre vivirás en nuestro corazón y pronto nos veremos en aquella casa que esta más allá del Sol.*



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Noemi Casas - June 02, 2022 at 10:48 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Maria Hernandez Navarro.*



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June 01, 2022 at 11:56 PM



“ *Leo, Magda, Sandy, Benice, Lenny purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Maria Hernandez Navarro.*



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**Leo, Magda, Sandy, Benice, Lenny** - June 01, 2022 at 05:48 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Maria Hernandez Navarro.*



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June 01, 2022 at 10:42 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Maria Hernandez Navarro.*



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June 01, 2022 at 01:03 AM

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“ You will be greatly missed but never forgotten 🙏🏻✝️❤️



Louanna Mejia - May 31, 2022 at 11:21 PM

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“ Mari was special good friend of mine I use to call her my little sister I never had. We use to work together at Ivanhoe pre school took some COS classes together . We traveled to alot of places did camping with my family she spent family get togethers at the park for Easter or New yrs and so many different memories I have with her. She was a loving kind joyful funny out going beautiful person always ready to help with anything you never had to ask she would say can I help with anything. Mari had a big heart and she could cook and make a mean fresh strawberry cake. I'm going to miss her very much. She always called me "Lou" love you Mari❤️ see you in Heaven✝️🙏🏻💔😭

Louanna Mejia - May 31, 2022 at 11:09 PM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Maria Hernandez Navarro.



May 30, 2022 at 04:23 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Maria Hernandez Navarro.*



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May 27, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *Mari will always be in my heart she had a heart of gold she was always laughing and always asking me if I was ok. Little did I know that she was so sick. Mari I will miss our talks love you so much Lisa*

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**Lisa Pacheco** - May 27, 2022 at 05:02 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Maria Hernandez Navarro.*



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May 27, 2022 at 09:56 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Hernandez Navarro.*



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May 26, 2022 at 10:05 PM