



Maria del Socorro Orozco

May 20, 1929 - January 3, 2024

Maria Socorro Adame Orozco, 94, of Coalinga, California, passed peacefully, in her sleep on January 03, 2024.

Maria was born to Trinidad Adame and Mary Aston on May 20, 1929 in Oakland, California.

Maria's early childhood was spent being raised by her beloved grandmother, Elvira, alongside her much adored Uncle Bob. In school, she enjoyed playing basketball with her classmates, as well as following her Uncle Bob to the baseball field, where future baseball legend, Billy Martin, also played and would also get chased down by Uncle Bob whenever walking Maria home.

An independent and adventurous soul, Maria quit school early, fibbed about her age, and secured a job as an usherette at one of the movie houses in the burgeoning city of San Francisco. It was there that her love of music was nurtured after being witness to some of the rising musicians of the day, such as Lena Horne, The Andrew Sisters, and Nat King Cole, just to name a few. Married four times, she bore three daughters, Isabel Patricia, Arcangela Jean, and Maria Mathilde. Her fourth husband, Raymond remained with her until his own passing in 2023.

Maria worked in the medical field, as a receptionist by day, playing cards at night with some of her old friends in San Francisco. Her superpower was numbers and games, making her a coveted partner within her gaming circle. After leaving the medical profession, Maria continued her next chapter in property management and was beloved by all of her residents, treating

everyone like family, which was one of her many gifts. Maria made personal connections everywhere she went, even during her retirement in Coalinga. She knew everyone's name and they hers.

Maria spent her life surrounded by her many beloved pets, children, grandchildren, great and great great grandchildren. Her passion in life was family, jewelry, shoes, designer handbags, and fancy lunches out on the town. She was an excellent cook, often duplicating the dishes she tried at restaurants, improving them by adding her own twist!. In fact, in her early days at the racetrack, the jockeys would all seek her out at the diner for her legendary pancakes, which was a recipe kept only in her head and now lays to rest with her.

Maria (or Coyote/Coy, as she was known by close family and friends) is survived by her three daughters, 7 grandchildren (plus one "bonus" granddaughter), 18 great grandchildren, and 4 great great grandchildren. Quite a legacy for a young girl whose grandma would salvage vegetables discarded by restaurants to cook nourishing soup for the family in the days of the Great Depression. She saw it all and remained humble, down to earth, with a bountiful heart of endless love for all of her family.

To say she will be missed is an understatement. She is in heaven now, whipping up pancakes for the angels, and resting in the glory of our Lord and Savior.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 AM Saturday, February 3rd, 2024 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia.

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

Previous Events

Memorial

FEB 3. 11:00 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Maria del Socorro Orozco*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - February 01, 2024 at 05:41 PM

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Thinking of you and coco today, forever unforgettable. ☐

Linda Pimentel - August 03, 2025 at 08:20 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Maria del Socorro Orozco*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - February 01, 2024 at 05:40 PM

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“ *Gloria N. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria del Socorro Orozco.*

Gloria N. - January 31, 2024 at 10:57 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Maria del Socorro Orozco.*



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