



## Mary Avilia Parton

August 31, 1947 - April 4, 2025

Mary "Minnie" Avilia Parton, 77, passed away at home on April 4, 2025, with family by her side after a long battle with cancer.

Born in Hanford, California on August 31, 1947, she was the daughter of Alejandra and Jesus Morales. She grew up in Canutillo, Texas and moved to California in 1967.

Mary had a long career with the Department of Motor Vehicles from the early 1970's to the early 1990's. At the age of 45, she changed career paths and became a Correctional Officer in 1993. For most of her 14 year correctional career, she transported inmates throughout the state of California before transferring to a female fire camp where she worked until her retirement in 2007.

Mary is survived by her son Phillip Parton of Visalia and daughter Misty Munoz (Frank) of Tulare, California, granddaughters Brittany McIntyre of Paris, Texas, Monique Renovato and Brianna Domingos of Visalia, great grandsons Grayson and Cassius Cortez of Visalia, brother Miguel Morales (Anita) of Las Cruces, New Mexico, sister Dorothy Yañez of El Paso, Texas, and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Visitation will be held 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Friday, May 2nd, 2025 at Salser &

Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia. Funeral services will follow from 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM. Graveside services will be held 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM Friday, May 2nd, 2025 at Visalia District Cemetery, 1300 W Goshen Ave, Visalia, followed by a reception at the PPAV Hall, 820 E. Main St, Visalia, CA..

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

## Visitation

MAY 2. 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

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

## Funeral

MAY 2. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

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

## Graveside

MAY 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

Visalia District Cemetery  
1300 W Goshen Ave  
Visalia, CA 93291

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Mary Avilia Parton*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - May 01, 2025 at 04:28 PM

MM

*A beautiful tribute for a wonderful sister. Thank you. Miguel*

M Morales - May 02, 2025 at 01:21 PM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Mary Avilia Parton*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - May 01, 2025 at 12:08 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Mary Avilia Parton.*



May 01, 2025 at 09:34 AM

AM

“ Anita & Miguel Morales planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Avilia Parton.

Anita & Miguel Morales - April 29, 2025 at 03:29 PM

TD

“ Aloha,  
My name is Tommy from Hawaii...  
I had the privilege of working and knowing Mary in California with CDC statewide transportation... When I retired and moved to Hawaii, me and Mary kept in touch by phone and text... Exchanging stories, her about her familia, me with the new love of my life, my German shepherd "Ripley"...  
She always put a smile on face... I will always remember her and miss hearing her voice and laughter... My deepest condolences to all of your love ones...  
Warmest Aloha...



Tommy Dixson - April 24, 2025 at 10:56 PM

SD

“ My Mom Velia (Vee) Munoz Yanez would listen to the song “How do you mend a broken heart?”Our hearts break now and I see your picture of your Smile Cousin Minnie and I cry because I love you so very much. I will hear your laugh, your voice, see your Smile and Wonder how each day goes on without you. My comfort will be in knowing your Smile sees my Mom and you are lovingly embraced by God our Father in Heaven who gives us His loving promise ... that you Lord, stores our tears. This is in Psalm 56:8, "You keep track of all my sorrows. You have collected all my tears in your bottle." This verse reflects God's care and concern for our sadness. He sees our tears and they are not forgotten or wasted, but rather are treasured and remembered by God. I love you Forever Minnie. God bless Miguel & Anita, Phillip, Misty & Frank, our Monique and the little ones. We love you all, Sheila Yanez DeLaCruz & Lonnie, and Sons families, Sister Donna & Patti Jo 🌸

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**Sheila DeLaCruz** - April 23, 2025 at 11:07 PM

RP

“ Mary was a breath of fresh air! Her giggle and laugh was one of a kind and something I'll never forget! If you knew her, you were blessed! Until we see each other in a better place! Can't wait to hear that laugh!

*Richard Philpott*

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**Richard Philpott** - April 23, 2025 at 10:39 PM

PM

“ Aunt Minnie, I love you & miss you so. Cousin Phillip & Misty, my heart ❤️ goes out to you and your families. I care, Patti Jo

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**Patti Jo Myers** - April 23, 2025 at 10:26 PM

MH

“ *maria alicia Herrera lit a candle in memory of Mary Parton*



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**maria alicia Herrera** - April 23, 2025 at 08:03 PM

YM

“ *Yoly Munoz sent a virtual gift in memory of Mary Parton*



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**Yoly Munoz** - April 23, 2025 at 07:54 PM

MH

“ *Minnie was a very good friend was like a sister n her sister Dorothy n me my sisters yolie n Elva were so close sorry for ur lost God gain a beautiful person I am going to miss her calls n laughs we had my deepest condolences to the family*

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**maria alicia Herrera** - April 23, 2025 at 07:52 PM

YM

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



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**Yoly Munoz** - April 23, 2025 at 07:49 PM

YM

“ Our Condolences to all the family from The Muñoz’s in Las Cruces, NM. We were saddened by her loss and will be deeply missed! So many wonderful memories growing up and then after so many years meeting up again. 🙏🙏🙏 love you so much my Bestest and I will miss you so much ☐

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**Yoly Munoz** - April 23, 2025 at 07:43 PM

EM

Going to miss u miss Minnie we had great times whenever you came down to Las cruces New Mexico , one day will meet again n have more good times rest in peace my friend loved you like a sister Elva Muñoz  
— navajo 14@icloud.com

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**Elva Munoz** - April 30, 2025 at 07:03 PM