



## Nicki Monteiro

September 10, 1927 - March 31, 2025

Lifelong resident Nicki P Monteiro passed away of natural causes at her home in Tulare on March 31, 2025 at the age of 97. She was the eldest daughter of Sofia Cuellar Ramirez and Gregorio Ramirez also of Tulare. She was preceded in death by her husband, Tony P Monteiro (1999) and daughter, Annette Rose Monteiro (2015). She also lost her siblings Sylvia Perez, Laura Flores, Roland Ramirez and Norbert Ramirez. Nicki is survived by siblings Mary Rockholt, Simon Ramirez, Beatrice and Joe Souza, and Delores Rabuse. She is also survived by many nieces, nephews and grand and great grand nieces and nephews.

Nicki was the beloved sister and aunt of her large extended family and became the matriarch of the family following the death of her parents. Her house was always the place for family parties and celebrations or for family and friends to visit. She was an excellent cook and always enjoyed having her family with her. Nicki also loved her garden and her animals and always had pets and strays at her property. She played classic rock while she worked around the house and yard.

Nicki was a lifelong learner. She was fluent in English and Spanish and learned Portuguese to communicate with her husband's family from the Azores. She was active her entire life and after retirement volunteered at the Tulare Historical Society and the Tulare Senior Center. Nicki was an avid

49ers fan and also a big fan of NASCAR.

When asked about her secret to good health, she said she stayed active, did everything in moderation and had two cups of coffee, two glasses of milk and two glasses of beer each day. Her family will miss her laughter, generosity and wisdom.

Donations can be made to the Tulare County SPCA in her honor.

Graveside services will be held privately.

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).

# Tribute Wall

RK

“ I was wondering why I haven't seen her at Target. This is where I meet Nicki. Such a beautiful lady. I really enjoyed listening to her stories, she would tell me about her pig. How someone dropped off the last dog she took in. She really liked her music, rock & roll it was always playing when I use to deliver her the dog food she couldn't find. I remembered this particular story she shared with me. Her younger sister wanted to see her husband & he was in the VA hospital in Fresno & her younger sister didn't want to drive.....so Nicki drove. Oh Nicki was laughing as she was telling me. I'm the oldest & I have to do the driving. Today I went home a different route & noticed that there was an estate sale. To Nicki's family I'm so glad that I had the privilege of knowing such a beautiful person. So sorry for your loss.

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**Rosie Kelton** - August 30, 2025 at 04:11 PM

VL

“ My name is Velma Lizardo, Nicki was our patient for the last 20 plus years. She was an awesome person and i always admired her. Rest in peace sweet lady

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**Velma Lizardo** - April 18, 2025 at 01:49 PM

SV

“ Hi my name is Shawna Vieira - I saw Nikki about every 3 weeks for the last 4 years. I did her nails and pedicures. I sure loved her like a grandmother and will miss her deeply..... I loved our long conversations about her animals & her family☐ she loved to tell me she was not on any medication healthy and happy! She sure was Smart as a whip! She drove a stick shift can you believe it!? I did her nails on the Thurs before she passed and painted flowers I guess getting her ready to meet the Lord above. Dearest Nikki til we meet again. I love you

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**Shawna Vieira** - April 14, 2025 at 11:21 PM

SV

Correction I've known Miss Nicki for 6 years

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**Shawna Vieira** - April 24, 2025 at 11:17 PM

DM

“ She was a very nice lady. I would talk to her many times at target. She looked wonderful. I would not have guessed her age. Rest in peace 🙏🕊️

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**Donna Morgan** - April 13, 2025 at 12:18 PM