



## Rachel Francesca Melendez

October 6, 1941 - November 22, 2022

It is with great sadness that the family of Rachel Francesca Melendez announce her passing on November 22nd, 2022 at the age of 81.

Rachel will be lovingly remembered by her daughter Karmela R. Hilvers, her son Reggie Melendez, her daughter-in-law Ermalinda Melendez, and her four grandchildren; Madison Carpenter, Dezmond Melendez, Bryce Melendez, and Elias Melendez.

Rachel was the loving daughter of Joe and Nina Vargas, both from Tulare, she was the second of their nine children. Rachel was a Tulare native where she met and was married to Reginald R. Melendez for 15 years, she was a loving wife and mother.

Rachel was a teacher at Garden Elementary School in Tulare and later went on to work at Kaweah Delta Medical Hospital in Visalia for many years after. She previously owned a popular Mexican restaurant in Tulare that she took great pride and pleasure in running with her parents and family. She was known to say that it was the best part of her life spent at the restaurant with her family.

Services will be held on Saturday, December 10th, 2022 at 2 P.M. at Salser and Dillard Funeral Chapel 127 E Caldwell Ave, Visalia, CA 93277.

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

## Rosary

DEC **10**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Rachel Francesca Melendez*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - December 09, 2022 at 01:13 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rachel Francesca Melendez.*



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December 09, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ *Shorty, Alvina and I offer our condolences and sympathy to the families of Mrs. Melendez. Prayers for the family thru this difficult time. Blessings.*



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**Jake Garay** - December 07, 2022 at 07:03 AM