



Sylvia L Flye

December 22, 1936 - August 31, 2025

Sylvia was the last of three children born to Thomas and Irene Liberto in San Antonio, Texas where she lived. She graduated from Providence All-Girls Catholic High School and completed one year of college before entering an administrative assistant career in private, church and government spheres, which lasted over thirty years. In the 80s, she ventured into the entrepreneurial realm with her keen culinary skills, co-launching a catering business.

Sylvia bore three daughters-Terri Jean Busby, Susan Lynn Landreville (Busby), and Jennifer Leigh Hales (Busby)-during her first marriage and raised them in Ventura County with the love and support of family and friends.

After many storms, trials, errors, peaks and valleys, in 1987-her second half-the Lord blessed Sylvia with Larry Flye who became her husband and friend of sixteen years until his death in 2004. The two met through work at the CBC Naval Base in Port Hueneme. If there be any reality found in fairytales, Larry was her prize prince-following a few frogs-to whom she was a dedicated and faithful wife.

Sylvia had a strong, governing faith in God and was a life-long devout Catholic and long-time member of Sacred Heart Church in Ventura, California and, later, St. Aloysius in Tulare, California.

In retirement, Sylvia enjoyed crafting with various mediums, which opened the door to new creativity and new friend groups. She and her prince spent several years serving together, most notably at Westminster Presbyterian's food pantry. She also volunteered her time with a youth reading program and the Tulare Senior Center.

Sylvia was an avid reader, crossword puzzle beast, master of all-things word related, jigsaw puzzle wiz, excellent cook and baker, true-crime enthusiast and darn-near Master Gardener.

Sylvia's favorite people were her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Her devotion as a mother overflowed into the next generation, never missing a beat with a compilation of fifteen grands and greats over the course of her thirty-eight years in this treasured role.

Sylvia was preceded in death by: parents, Thomas and Irene Liberto; daughter, Susan Landreville; husband, Larry Flye; sister, Vivian Distin; brother, Ray Liberto; grandson, Ryder Quinn Luckey; and many dear, dear friends. She is survived by: daughters, Terri Busby and Jennifer Hales (Tony); step-sons, Kevin Flye (Connie) and Keith; special-daughter, Shelly Rodarte (Rene); grandchildren, Anthony Luckey (Ana), Jourdan Luckey, Brooke Hales, Adrianna Luckey; great-grandchildren, Tristan, Guy, Olivia, Mercy, Aaliyah, Maximus, Madeline, Cameron, Chantel, Max and Camille; nieces, Rosanne Cash Leventhal (John), Kathy Tittle (Jimmy), Cindy Cash and Tara Schwoebel (Fred); many great-nephews, great-nieces, cousins; several extended family members, bonus family, children-of-the-heart and valued friends and neighbors.

Sylvia loved well and will be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Memorial services will be held 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM Saturday, September 20th, 2025 at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia.

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

SEP **20**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 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 Sylvia L Flye*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - September 19, 2025 at 11:09 AM



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of Sylvia L Flye*



Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel - September 19, 2025 at 11:07 AM



“ *I will forever be grateful that I got to know such a wonderful and powerful woman, a woman who was very sassy at that, and I could not be more proud to let people know that she was my grandma above all. She was so caring and just an absolute joy to be around, and I still cannot believe we lost someone as amazing as her*

Tris Luckey - September 17, 2025 at 08:46 PM

SR

“ The iconic Sylvia/“Mom’s” beautiful smile and sweet chuckle will be forever inscribed on our hearts.💕 May her daily appearance to her home making skills as well as her ability to love and support those near and dear be a testament to her ALWAYS being a true Class Act!!!

Long live her legacy and may she know how much she was loved and appreciated!! I love and miss you “Mom”!

~Shelly

Jennifer I’m sorry for your loss and will always value ALL of your family, thank you for sharing. 🙏

Shelly Rodarte - September 14, 2025 at 11:41 AM

JH

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



J Hales - September 13, 2025 at 11:27 PM

DD

“ Sylvia. A deep conversation with her at a rollerskate rink was a pivot in perception of my relational ethics. That memory of that experience still guides me today. Reaching out to others and exploring connection and blasting away our judgments to find common ground. Love. Peace.

David (Busby) Deighton

David Deighton - September 13, 2025 at 10:54 AM

RL

“ I admired Aunt Sylvia so much. She had a lot of difficult and painful experiences, yet she was never bitter or self-pitying. She had an easy laugh, a beautiful spirit, and contagious enthusiasm for the people and activities she loved. She was a safe adult when I was young. I like going to her home when I was a teenager just to be around her. She was naturally fun and interesting. I loved her and will miss her greatly. Rosanne

Rosanne Leventhal - September 13, 2025 at 07:28 AM

MD

She was a great friend to so many of us !! 🌻

Margaret Dunn - September 13, 2025 at 12:46 PM

DW

“ What a wonderful woman... I'm Blessed to of known & loved her. May she be at Peace with our Lords arms embracing her! I'll miss her so much!

Diane Wagner - September 12, 2025 at 11:34 PM

KF

“ Kevin,Connie,Cameron and Chantel Flye purchased the Rose Remembrance for the family of Sylvia L Flye.



Kevin,Connie,Cameron and Chantel Flye - September 12, 2025 at 08:52 PM