



## Velma Valenzuela

September 16, 1952 - October 4, 2021

Velma Valenzuela, 69, passed away peacefully on October 4, 2021, at her home in Barstow, California. She was born in Visalia to Salvador and Agapita Dorado. She lived the majority of her life in Visalia. She was preceded in death by her parents, her sister, Martha Dorado, and brother, Richard Dorado. She is survived by her three children, Rachel Valenzuela, Valerie Valenzuela Valdez, and Christopher Valenzuela; grandchildren, Oscar Martinez, Xitlali, Adrian, Isai, and Angie Valdez, Julieana Carrillo, and Jacob and Maryann Valenzuela; and, her siblings, Gloria Longoria, Louie Dorado, Anita Gonzales, Art Dorado, Isabel Perez, and Mario Dorado.

Velma was a loving and caring mother who raised her three children on her own. She loved her Spanish music, especially on the weekends while she was cleaning. She enjoyed cooking and was a great cook. She was a selfless person that always helped her family and friends. She loved spending time with her children, taking them to places like the Zoo, the local fair, the beach, Three Rivers and shopping. She loved being with her family, especially her grandchildren, and treasured the time she spent with them. Velma will be missed by so many.

A viewing will be held Sunday, October 17, 2021, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m and Services will be held, Monday, October 18, 2021, at 11:00 a.m., at Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel, 127 E. Caldwell Ave., Visalia, California with a

reception to follow. Graveside services will be private.

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

OCT 17. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

## Celebration of Life

OCT 18. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Visalia, CA 93277

# Tribute Wall



“ *Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel created a Tribute Video in memory of Velma Valenzuela*



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**Salser & Dillard Funeral Chapel** - October 15, 2021 at 06:36 PM

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“ *I am sorry to hear of Velma's passing. I had not seen here in many years but remember her sweet laughter and being with all the cousins at Grandma Maria's house. God bless you all especially her children and grandchildren. Norma Garcia*

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**Norma Garcia** - October 19, 2021 at 06:18 PM

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“ *My Grandma Velma was a strong woman, and she inspired me so much. When i'm down I think about the times I have spent time with her coloring and talking about my day. She will always and forever live in my heart. She was the sweetest person ever. I love you grandma.*

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**Xitlali** - October 12, 2021 at 10:45 AM

BA

“*Velma and I grew up together; we lived on the same street, went to school together and when we got older we used to hang out and have lots of fun. I was in your wedding and we tried to keep in touch as the years went by. Made plans to visit you when you lived with Gloria but the pandemic prevented that. You were always in my prayers and I know you're at peace in God's loving care. I loved you like a sister Velma, you were a true friend. God Bless you Velma; I'll see when it's my time to come Home and we can have a good time again! Love and Blessings!*

*Barbara*

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**Barbara** - October 09, 2021 at 03:04 AM

SR

*My deepest condolences to family.  
Velma was a true and loyal friend. We hung out during high school, went to COS together and worked our first job together at Strawhat pizza. She babysit my kids when I worked at VMC and always made sure they were well taken care of. Velma was always happy and content with her life. She never complained and was the best mother to her three children. After her mom died we lost track of each other but I was blessed to reconnect with her a few years ago. Thank you Rocky for keeping me in contact with your mom through phone calls. I'll cherish our friendship forever and the memories we made through the years.*

*God bless you my friend!  
Susie Flores Renteria*

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**Susie Flores Renteria** - October 10, 2021 at 05:48 PM

SR

*My deepest condolences to the Dorado family. Velma was a childhood friend of me & my sister Maria. Over the years we lost contact with her, nevertheless she was always in our thoughts and prayers. One memory I have of us playing in the jungle, which was Grandma Mary's backyard, which had a fig trees, nectarine trees and many cactus, it was our playground. We would play for hours until my Mom & Agapita would call us in for dinner. There's a saying " I'll never forget the neighborhood kids I grew up with or the great times we had!" Velma that was written for you. God bless & may you rest in peace.*

*Love Susie & Maria*

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**Susie Romo** - October 13, 2021 at 03:12 PM

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*The sorrow of losing a loved one is like a horrible storm in the night. We who have lost so many relatives and friends know the instant pain and heartache we feel. But that storm in the night will end with the daylight of knowing that the soul is eternal and never dies. I pray to our Lord God to allow Velma's soul to reach heaven as thy will be done. I last saw you as a chubby little girl back in the 1960s after I returned from the Army during Vietnam*

*Your dad and Sal I were great cousins/friends and drank a few together once in a while. We will see each other again,*

*Your cousin  
Dionisio (Dion) Dorado  
El Paso, Texas*

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**Dionisio (Dion) Dorado** - October 22, 2021 at 11:18 PM