



## Alice B.S.S. Knizevski

November 19, 1936 - September 23, 2018

When Alice was born to Henry and Valentina Banuelos it wasn't a usual birth. Valentina was traveling alone via donkey when labor began. She calmly found a cave at Rancho de Queda Grande, Valparaiso in the State of Zacatecas and gave birth to Alice. The family moved to the Central Valley when Alice was 12 years old. While learning to live in America she discovered new foods. She thought there was nothing more delicious than a mayonnaise sandwich.

The family followed the crops and worked in the fields. At the age of 15, Alice convinced her mother and father to buy a grocery store in the Hanford-Armona area which allowed the family to have some stability. Alice dropped out of school to help run the store, which in turn helped her younger siblings have an opportunity for education.

In March of 1956 she took a position working the swing shift in a textile mill where she met her future husband Robert Richard Sutton and they married July 7th in a very small ceremony because her father did not approve of the marriage. Their beginning was poor in finances, but rich in love.

In 1970 Alice received her Real Estate license. She was known as a shrewd but fair business woman and made a successful career in flipping houses in a time where reality shows did not exist.

When husband Bob was ill and dying from COPD, Alice was his full time caregiver till his last breath in 1992. Many years after Bob passed Alice met and married Ronald Sterling. Ronald passed from cancer in 2001. Her third husband Joe Knizevski passed in 2013. Alice was grateful that God sent her three wonderful husbands.

During retirement Alice was a competitive bowler who played in up to three leagues at a time.

Alice leaves behind three children: Robert R. Sutton, Jr., Toby Sutton and Feleena Sutton.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Fresno Memorial Gardens on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 11:00 a.m. A luncheon will follow at Pardini's.

# Cemetery Details

## Fresno Memorial Gardens

175 S. Cornelia Avenue  
Fresno, CA

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

OCT 1. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Fresno, CA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Alice B.S.S. Knizevski*

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