



Amalia Herrada

August 28, 1929 - November 7, 2022

Maria Amalia Ortega was born August 28, 1929 in Rancho de Zaus in the state of Zacatecas, Mexico. She was the daughter of Maria Refugio Hernandez Ortega and Jose Ugalde Ortega.

Amalia passed away on November 7th at home in Fresno at the age of 93. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her husband and family.

As a teenager, Amalia was selected as “Queen of the Festival” for her pueblo’s annual fair. Unfortunately, the pueblos poor economy offered very little hope for advancement even for the pueblo’s beauty queen.

Amalia met her husband Juan Manuel Herrada in 1948 at a local dance in Nieves. After a short courtship, they both agreed to build a life together and married on March 24, 1949.

Together Amalia and Juan Manuel devoted their lives to giving their children as much as they could. They provided for their children a lifestyle that they had never known themselves growing up. Birthday parties, Easter baskets, and Christmas gifts were considered luxury items and were thus never a part of their childhood. Amalia and Juan Manuel worked long hours to assure that their children could enjoy such things; and they did.

As a new bride, Amalia accompanied her husband back to the country of his birth, the United States of America. They worked harvesting crops for two years as migrant farm workers from the fields of Texas up to North Dakota and across to the Pacific Northwest. In 1952 they finally settled down in California where they began to live "The American Dream " .

With two children in tow and a third on the way Amalia and Juan Manuel decided to settle down to create a stable environment for their children. Juan Manuel took a job at Half Moon Ranch located in Fresno County five miles outside the town of Huron. Her third child, Arturo, was born in 1953 in Fresno. Her first daughter, Elma, was born in Nieves, Mexico in 1950 and her first son, Manuel, was born in Texas in 1952. The rest of her eight children were born in California. This includes Adrian, Esperanza, Hugo, Mario and Lisa.

Together Amalia and Juan Manuel devoted their lives to giving their children as much as they could. Most importantly they instilled the importance of education by providing books at home and trips to the library.

Amalia taught her children through example how to achieve the American Dream by working hard. She provided her daughters equal opportunity to an education the same as she did for her sons. Something that was not made available to her in Mexico.

Amalia is survived by her husband of 73 years, Juan Manuel Herrada. Three daughters, Elma, Esperanza and Lisa. Five sons, Manuel, Arturo, Adrian, Hugo and Mario. 11 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

A service will be held on Monday November 28, 2022 at Chapel of the Light, 1620 W. Belmont Ave., Fresno, California 93728. Graveside service to follow at St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery, 264 N. Blythe Ave., Fresno, California 93706

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Cemetery

264 N. Blythe Avenue
Fresno, CA 93706

Previous Events

Catholic Prayer Service

NOV 28. 10:00 AM (PT)

Chapel of the Light
1620 W. Belmont Avenue
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Tribute Wall



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring* was purchased for the family of Amalia Herrada.



November 28, 2022 at 11:59 AM



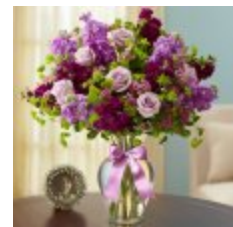
“ *Sympathy Arrangement In Basket (Large) - Multicolor Pastel Mixed Flowers* was purchased for the family of Amalia Herrada.



November 27, 2022 at 07:02 PM



“ *Shades of Purple* was purchased for the family of Amalia Herrada.



November 25, 2022 at 12:06 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of Amalia Herrada.



November 23, 2022 at 10:58 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Amalia Herrada.* ”



November 23, 2022 at 08:04 PM



“ *Pink & White Standing Open Heart was purchased for the family of Amalia Herrada.* ”



November 23, 2022 at 11:44 AM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Amalia Herrada.* ”



November 21, 2022 at 08:05 PM