



Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla

September 27, 1953 - November 5, 2025

In Loving Memory of Mrs. Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla

Barbara Christine Blastock-Padilla, lovingly known as Chris and affectionately nicknamed "No-No" by her family, passed away peacefully at her home in Clovis, California, on November 5, 2025, at the age of 72.

Chris was born on September 27, 1953, in Filer, Idaho, to Robert and Georgia Blastock. She grew up on the family farm alongside her siblings Carla, Greg, Camille, and Robert Jr. Her love for horses began early, and she was an active member of the Filer Riding Club, later earning the title of Rodeo Queen.

Education was a lifelong passion for Chris. She attended several universities and ultimately earned a Master's Degree in Deaf Education. Her dedication to teaching spanned 36 years, the majority of which she spent at Hoover High School in Fresno Unified School District. During her distinguished career, she made a meaningful difference in the lives of hundreds of deaf and hard-of-hearing students, building bonds that extended far beyond the classroom. She also became a Therapeutic Horseback Riding Instructor, sharing her love of horses with students with special needs.

After many years of teaching, Chris continued to find joy and purpose in retirement by working at ICee Fashion, where she loved connecting with

people and bringing her signature warmth, humor, and style to everyone she met.

Chris's faith was a constant guiding light. A devoted Catholic, she was a longtime member of St. Therese Catholic Church and remained deeply committed to prayer throughout her life. She was honored to serve as a sign language interpreter during a visit from Pope John Paul II, an experience she held close to her heart. Even when she was no longer able to attend Mass in person, she prayed the Rosary daily and lived her faith with grace and humility.

On November 20, 2010, after a long and loving courtship, Chris married the love of her life, Joe M. Padilla, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Fresno. Joe was truly her rock—her devoted partner and caretaker who loved her unconditionally and cared for her personally through her most difficult times. Their love was steadfast, rooted in faith, laughter, and mutual devotion.

Known for her kind heart, creativity, and sense of humor, Chris had a special gift for making others feel loved. After moving to Fresno many years ago to be near her sister Carla, she remained deeply connected to her family and cherished every moment spent with them. She delighted in creating clever nicknames for her ten nieces and nephews—and more than twenty-five great-nieces and nephews—each of whom held a special place in her heart. To them, she was “No-No,” their fun, adventurous, and endlessly supportive aunt who made everyone feel seen, special, and loved.

Chris loved to travel and explore the world with Joe. Together, they visited over 30 states, Canada, Mexico, and even enjoyed a river cruise along the Danube through Europe. She especially cherished visiting her sister Camille—whether in North Carolina or back in their hometown of Filer. Her hobbies included reading, doing puzzles, and creative lettering, but her greatest joy

was time spent with family, friends, and her beloved husband.

Chris had a natural gift for fellowship and cherished the bond she shared with her friends. She loved keeping everyone connected through shared meals, birthdays, and moments of simple joy that celebrated the blessings of friendship. Her warmth, humor, and compassion brought light to their gatherings and created memories that will be treasured by all who knew her.

Chris will be remembered as loving, passionate, exuberant, and ready for every new adventure. She lived by her favorite quote from Mark Twain:

“The two most important days in your life are the day you are born and the day you find out why.”

Chris truly found her “why” in teaching, loving, and serving others.

A funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, at St. Mary’s Catholic Church, 2590 E. North Ave. (off Bethel Ave.) in Sanger.

- Visitation: 9:00 AM
- Rosary: 9:30 AM
- Mass: 10:00 AM

Officiated by Father John Bruno. Interment will follow at Sanger Cemetery. A luncheon reception will be announced.

Memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fresno at <https://ccdof.org/>.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to the hospice nurses and aides who cared for Chris with such tenderness, and to her devoted circle of educator retirees, who surrounded her with love and friendship until the very end.

Chris's life was a blessing to all who knew her—her faith, kindness, and joyful spirit will live on in every heart she touched.

Cemetery Details

Sanger Cemetery

568 S. Rainbow Road
Sanger, CA 93657

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 18. 9:00 AM (PT)

Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Sanger
2590 E. North Avenue at Bethel Avenue
Sanger, CA 93657

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

NOV 18. 9:30 AM (PT)

Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Sanger
2590 E. North Avenue at Bethel Avenue
Sanger, CA 93657

Memorial Mass

NOV 18. 10:00 AM (PT)

Saint Mary's Catholic Church, Sanger
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Tribute Wall



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.*



November 17, 2025 at 03:58 PM



“ *Julie Baroni purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.*



Julie Baroni - November 17, 2025 at 01:47 PM

JB

“ Dear Joe and Family,

I'm heartbroken that Chris was taken from you so early in her life. Chris was my mentor for my first deaf and hard-of-hearing assignment at Roosevelt High School. She was smart, well-organized, and an excellent mentor and role model. She not only taught me about teaching; she also taught me about relating well with my students. She was also very funny and we shared many laughs! Chris sure loved her family and Joe and always spoke so highly of all of you. I apologize for not being able to attend the service, but I will be out of town at that time.

Sending Hugs and Love,

Julie Baroni

Julie Baroni - November 17, 2025 at 01:30 PM

GS

“ Greg & Tami Soriano purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.



Greg & Tami Soriano - November 17, 2025 at 10:52 AM

JB

“ Jason and Kathy Brandes purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.



Jason and Kathy Brandes - November 16, 2025 at 10:31 PM

BF

“ Bob & Cindy, Amanda and family purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.



Bob & Cindy, Amanda and family - November 15, 2025 at 12:26 PM

BF

“ Bob & Cindy, Amanda and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.

Bob & Cindy, Amanda and family - November 15, 2025 at 12:26 PM

CS

“ Chuck & TJ Schlumpberger purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.



Chuck & TJ Schlumpberger - November 14, 2025 at 06:46 PM

LM

“ Chris was the kindest, warmest person and it was obvious that she and Joe were meant for each other. I was blessed to be able to know her as were so many others whose lives she touched. God Bless her spirit! I will miss her smile and kind words.

Laurie Murphy - November 14, 2025 at 02:56 PM

TM

“ I worked with Chris at Hoover High School for many years. Whenever she would come into the office and she would be talking to someone, before I knew it there was giggling. I knew it was nothing but trouble! When I called her out, she would always innocently look at me and say, "It's not me!" She made me laugh all the time, and I will always remember those good times. What a gem! I will miss her.

Tonya McGill - November 14, 2025 at 01:06 PM

AT

“ Alice T. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.

Alice T. - November 14, 2025 at 11:51 AM

LF

“ Love the Villalobos Family. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.



Love the Villalobos Family. - November 14, 2025 at 12:16 AM

KH

“ Sorry to hear about Chris. She was fun, smart and alot of fun to grow up with. In the card she sent when my mom passed away she promised to come see me next time she was in Idaho and now I know why she didn't come. I'm just so sorry she had to deal with cancer. My favorite memory of Chris was when she turned a high pressure water hose on me that the fire department left at your parents farm following the haystack fire. I had driven grandma B's tractor over to retrieve a piece of equipment for Uncle Jock. I pointed my finger at her and shook my head yelled " Don't you dare ",. Guess what happened next. Luckily I had a good grip on the steering wheel.

Kelly Hartwick - November 12, 2025 at 07:34 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.



November 12, 2025 at 02:22 PM

AC

“ Ahwahnee Middle School Class purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.



Ahwahnee Middle School Class - November 11, 2025 at 10:05 PM

AC

“ Ahwahnee Middle School Class planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.

Ahwahnee Middle School Class - November 11, 2025 at 10:05 PM

JH

“ Janie and Miles Humphrey purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.



Janie and Miles Humphrey - November 11, 2025 at 06:15 PM

JH

“ Janie and Miles Humphrey planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.

Janie and Miles Humphrey - November 11, 2025 at 06:15 PM

KA

“ Kay planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.

Kay - November 11, 2025 at 05:44 PM

KA

“ Kay purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.



Kay - November 11, 2025 at 05:44 PM

JF

“ Joan & Herb Falk & Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.



Joan & Herb Falk & Family - November 11, 2025 at 02:25 PM

CO

“ Carlos O. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.

Carlos O. - November 11, 2025 at 12:20 PM

FE

“ From Michael and Edith planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.

From Michael and Edith - November 11, 2025 at 12:37 AM

FE

“ From Michael and Edith purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.



From Michael and Edith - November 11, 2025 at 12:37 AM

LG

“ Love from the girls planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.

Love from the girls - November 10, 2025 at 05:33 PM

LG

“ Love from the girls purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.



Love from the girls - November 10, 2025 at 05:33 PM

CO

“ Carla O. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.

Carla O. - November 10, 2025 at 01:05 PM



“ Rose Garden Heart was purchased for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.



November 10, 2025 at 01:05 PM



“ Pat Horner, Lilia Bakken , Joey Hickcox planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.

Pat Horner, Lilia Bakken , Joey Hickcox - November 10, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ Pat Horner, Lilia Bakken , Joey Hickcox purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.



Pat Horner, Lilia Bakken , Joey Hickcox - November 10, 2025 at 10:27 AM



“ Tracy OBanion purchased the Purple Open Rose with White Mums (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.



Tracy OBanion - November 08, 2025 at 07:43 PM

CF

“ Crowder family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.

Crowder family - November 08, 2025 at 03:44 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.



November 08, 2025 at 03:44 PM

OM

“ Omar and Mary planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.

Omar and Mary - November 07, 2025 at 10:50 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Barbara Christine "Chris" Blastock-Padilla.



November 07, 2025 at 10:50 PM