



## Carmela Martinez Leal

May 28, 1946 - June 17, 2024

Carmela Martinez Leal, a beloved figure in her community, passed away peacefully at the age of seventy-eight on June 17, 2024. She was known for her warmth, kindness, and unwavering love for her family and faith. Born to Guadalupe and Heriberta Martinez in Aramberri, Nuevo Leon, Mexico. Carmela's life was defined by her deep devotion to her children and grandchildren and her great-grandchildren. She cherished every moment spent with them, showering them with affection and wisdom. Her home was a haven of love and laughter, where she imparted values of compassion and resilience. A woman of faith, Carmela found solace and strength in her spiritual beliefs. Her devotion to God was evident in every aspect of her life, guiding her through challenges and triumphs alike. She was a pillar of support and inspiration to those who knew her. Carmela deeply appreciated nature, often taking long morning walks in Fresno to admire its beauty before the day grew too warm. These serene moments allowed her to reflect and find peace amidst the bustling world around her. Her cooking skills were legendary, and her kitchen was always filled with the aroma of delicious dishes that brought joy to family gatherings and church events alike. Her recipes will be cherished and passed down through generations, a testament to her love and talent. Carmela's passing leaves a void in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her gentle spirit, generosity, and unwavering optimism touched countless lives. She will be deeply missed and fondly remembered as a beacon of love and strength.

She was preceded in death by her husband Alfonso Leal on December 25, 2022; both her parents, sisters Maria de Los Angeles Martinez and Isidora Martinez; brothers Atanacio Martinez and Jose Guadalupe Martinez.

She is survived by her son Antonio Leal (Donna) of Sanger and Alfonso Leal (Maricela) of Fresno; daughters Teresa Zenteno (Eduardo) of Sanger and Rose Leal of Fresno; her twelve grandchildren, Nathan (Katie), Jennifer (Raun), Marikah, Isaac, Anahi, Cynthia, Oscar, Sergio, Sebastian, Mark II, Maricella, Alaignah and her twelve great-grandchildren, Leonidas, Leia, Lila, Cambria, Luca, Mateo, Yasmine, Julian, Stella, Amelia, Mila and Bobby. Her sisters Teresa Martinez of Montemorelos, Nuevo Leon, Mexico and Elidia Martinez of Fresno, and many nieces and nephews whom she loved very much.

Carmela's compassionate spirit and dedication to helping others will never be forgotten.

Her legacy of love and kindness will continue to inspire and guide those fortunate enough to have been touched by her presence. Rest in peace, your memory will forever bless us all.

A memorial service to celebrate Carmela's life will be held at New Life Baptist Church (Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida), 2033 S. Cedar Avenue, Fresno, CA 93702 on Saturday, July 13, 2024, at 4:00 p.m. Followed by a dinner at Sonrise Church, 3105 N. Locan, Clovis, CA 93619.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 13. 4:00 PM (PT)

New Life Baptist Church  
2033 S. Cedar Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93702

# Tribute Wall

JF

“ Joe Sanchez and Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Carmela Martinez Leal.



Joe Sanchez and Family - July 13, 2024 at 12:14 AM

JF

“ From: Joe Sanchez and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmela Martinez Leal.

Joe Sanchez and Family - July 13, 2024 at 12:14 AM

MG

“ Max, Sonia, Mikaela & Amaris Garces purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Carmela Martinez Leal.



Max, Sonia, Mikaela & Amaris Garces - July 12, 2024 at 06:03 PM

RI

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Raymond Glover II - July 10, 2024 at 10:23 PM

RI

*Forever in my Heart with love*

**Raymond Glover II** - July 11, 2024 at 10:32 PM

NG

“ *Narvelle, Raymonia and Raymond Glover purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Carmela Martinez Leal.*



**Narvelle, Raymonia and Raymond Glover** - July 10, 2024 at 10:03 PM

AC

“ *Arise Educational Center purchased the Heavenly Grace Spray for the family of Carmela Martinez Leal.*



**Arise Educational Center** - July 10, 2024 at 09:52 PM

EF

“ *Elvia and the Aleman Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Carmela Martinez Leal.*



**Elvia and the Aleman Family** - July 10, 2024 at 09:46 PM

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“ *Elvia and the Aleman Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmela Martinez Leal.*

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**Elvia and the Aleman Family** - July 10, 2024 at 09:46 PM