



## Cruz Garza

May 4, 1934 - October 29, 2025

Cruz Garza, a beloved mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, passed away peacefully on October 29, 2025, in Fresno, California, at the age of 91. She was born on May 4, 1934, in Pompeys Pillar, Montana, and lived a long, fulfilling life surrounded by family and love.

Cruz dedicated over 25 years of her professional life as a Section Chief for the Internal Revenue Service, where she was admired for her leadership, integrity, and commitment to excellence. Her colleagues and friends remember her as a woman of strong character, compassion, and unwavering dedication to her work and family.

Upon retirement, Cruz found joy in the simple pleasures of life. She loved spending time and shopping with her daughter-in-law Sophie, enjoying Friday date nights with her granddaughter Stephanie watching Dateline and Sunday fundays with her son Freddie. She could also have been found on Facebook commenting on people's post where she was everyone's cheerleader.

Cruz's life was defined by her devotion to family, her strong work ethic, and her joyful spirit. She leaves behind a legacy of warmth, laughter, and cherished memories that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Cruz was preceded in death by the love of her life of 67 years, Alfredo Garza

Sr.; her children, Richard Garza, Stephen Garza, Timothy Garza, Patricia Garza and Edward Garza, Sr.

Cruz will be missed by her sons, Andrew Garza, Sr. and his wife Mary, and Alfred Garza, Jr. Her daughter in laws Sophia Hernandez-Garza and Jennifer Garza; her grandchildren, Stephanie Garza, Richard Garza, Andrea Kimball and her husband Randy, Andrew Garza, Jr., and his wife Monica, Timothy Garza and his wife Nadine, Stephen Garrison and his wife Desiree, and Jordan Garza-Meza; numerous great-grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

Visitation will be held at Chapel of the Light on Sunday, November 9, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. A celebratoin of life will follow at 6:00 p.m.

A Funeral Mass will be celebrated at the Shrine of St. Therese Catholic Church on Monday, November 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Sanger District Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Sanger District Cemetery

Sanger, CA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 9. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

Chapel Of The Light  
1620 W. Belmont Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93728  
(559) 233-6254  
<https://www.chapelofthelight.com/>

## Celebration of Life

NOV 9. 6:00 PM (PT)

Chapel Of The Light  
1620 W. Belmont Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93728  
(559) 233-6254  
<https://www.chapelofthelight.com/>

## Funeral Mass

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NOV **10**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Shrine of St. Therese Catholic Church  
855 E. Floradora  
Fresno, CA 93728

# Tribute Wall

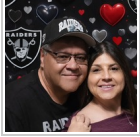


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**Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum** - November 08, 2025 at  
07:17 PM



“ *Steph, Jordan, and Garza Family,*  
*Our deepest condolences to you and your family. We are so sorry for your loss. May you all find comfort, strength, and peace during this difficult time. Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers. Mama Cruz was deeply loved and will be surely missed.*

*Where Love Remains*

*Though she has gone to heaven's home,  
Her love is still your guide.  
For every step you take in life,  
She walks there by your side.*

*You'll meet again in God's warm light  
When sorrow falls away—  
But until then, her memory lives  
In your hearts each day.*

*Love, The Reyes Family*

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**Mary Ellen Reyes** - November 08, 2025 at 06:31 PM

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“ *Our deepest condolences to Steph, Jordan, Freddie, Dex and Cruz's family. With love, The Anthos*



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**Noreena Flores** - November 08, 2025 at 02:26 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Cruz Garza.



November 08, 2025 at 12:45 PM



“ Mari Alvarez purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Cruz Garza.



Mari Alvarez - November 08, 2025 at 03:16 AM



“ Mari Alvarez planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Cruz Garza.

Mari Alvarez - November 08, 2025 at 03:16 AM



“ With love from all her Grandchildren purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Cruz Garza.



With love from all her Grandchildren - November 07, 2025 at 07:30 PM

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“ To all friends and family lighting a candle in remembrance of my beautiful, strong, smart, funny, sassy at times, and always a treasure to be around grandmother, will be forever missed.



Andrea Kimball - November 06, 2025 at 01:38 PM

TG

“ Tracy Greer-Sahagun purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Cruz Garza.



Tracy Greer-Sahagun - November 05, 2025 at 10:08 PM

SG

“ I miss you Mom.....



Stephanie Garza - November 05, 2025 at 07:20 PM

GB

“ I only met you a couple of times, but knew Patty from elementary school. When I found out Stephanie was her daughter I about flipped. (Small world) I met Stephanie through Julie (Rubio) Baeza. You were truly the Matriarch of your family and will be missed by all who knew you.

Stephanie: Praying for you and Jordan during this time. May our Heavenly Father wrap his arms around you and give you peace and comfort.

Love Gina (Nana) Baeza

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**Gina Baeza** - November 05, 2025 at 10:21 AM