



Esther R. Sacks

August 12, 1939 - April 30, 2017

Esther Rivas Sacks was born in Oakland, California on August 12, 1939, to parents Enrique and Dolores (Velasquez) Rivas. She went to be with her Lord on April 30, 2017 in Fresno, California. She was 77.

Esther's family settled in Sanger, California, where she spent much of her formative years, graduating from Sanger High School and attending Fresno City College. After starting her own family in Fresno, and a career with the County of Fresno, Esther earned her Bachelor's of Public Administration from the University of San Francisco.

By the time of her retirement, she had completed over 35 years of distinguished service as an administrative manager of over 50 professionals in two locations of the Probation Department. She was highly respected by colleagues, Probation Officers and County Judges.

An active member of local churches, she enjoyed travel, crafts, movies, plays, and gardening.

She is survived by her husband, Gilbert Sacks; daughter; Michelle Thompson; son, Greg Flores, and his children Kate and Andrew; great grandchildren Adam and Samantha; stepsons and their families: Robert Zuniga (Jacob and Ashley), Michael Sacks (Lola, Adrian and Ryan) and Benjamin Sacks (Maria, Angelina, Selena, Monique, Aliyah, Alicia, Jennifer, Jessica, Leann); siblings

Gloria Moya, Dan Rivas, Reuben Rivas, Samuel Rivas and their families; families of siblings who preceded her in death, Mary Louise Sacks and David Rivas; as well as beloved extended family and friends.

Update --

We'll be reaching out separately, but this is a quick thank you to everyone who attended my mother's services on May 19, 2017. Your presence honored her and comforted the family.

For those who heard about the arrangements too late or were unable to attend, please share your thoughts on the "Tribute wall", it will remain open. We'd love to hear from you.

Cemetery Details

Sanger District Cemetery

Sanger, CA

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **19**. 10:00 AM (PT)

Chapel of the Light
1620 W. Belmont Avenue
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Tribute Wall



“ *Chapel Of The Light created a Tribute Video in memory of Esther R. Sacks*



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - May 22, 2017 at 05:47 PM



“ *Esther R. Sacks*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *Lord Bless the day you were born, Mom. I am blessed with comfort to know you are with Him right now.*



Michelle Thompson - August 12, 2022 at 08:28 AM



“ *Michelle Thompson lit a candle in memory of Esther R. Sacks*



Michelle Thompson - April 30, 2021 at 12:01 PM

MT

“ *Michelle Thompson lit a candle in memory of Esther R. Sacks*



Michelle Thompson - August 12, 2020 at 10:31 AM

MT

“ *Michelle Thompson lit a candle in memory of Esther R. Sacks*



Michelle Thompson - April 30, 2020 at 04:14 PM

MT

“ *Michelle Thompson lit a candle in memory of Esther R. Sacks*



Michelle Thompson - November 09, 2019 at 01:47 AM

MT

“ *Thinking of you today, Mom, on your birthday.*



Michelle Thompson - August 12, 2018 at 01:40 PM

MT

“ *Michelle Thompson lit a candle in memory of Esther R. Sacks*



Michelle Thompson - May 01, 2018 at 01:27 AM

MT

“ *Mom, thinking of you today on your birthday, with love & gratitude.*



Michelle Thompson - August 12, 2017 at 12:36 PM

MT

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Look for a posting of her tribute video soon.

Michelle Thompson - May 22, 2017 at 12:02 AM

RJ

“ I met Esther when I began my career with the Fresno County Probation Dept. She was a wonderful friend who helped me in numerous ways and I will treasure her memory the rest of my life. God Speed on your heaven bound journey.
Robert J. Whittaker Jr

Robert J. Whittaker Jr - May 19, 2017 at 02:11 PM

MT

Mr. Whittaker, on behalf of her family, thank you for taking the time to share your kind thoughts with us. This webpage will remain open, please encourage others from the County to visit the page. The family is comforted to hear from her colleagues too! :-)

Michelle Thompson - May 21, 2017 at 11:53 PM



“ *European Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Esther R. Sacks.*



May 18, 2017 at 01:55 PM



“ *Multi-Color Standing Sympathy Wreath was purchased for the family of Esther R. Sacks.*



May 17, 2017 at 10:14 PM

MT

“ Michelle Thompson lit a candle in memory of Esther R. Sacks



Michelle Thompson - May 17, 2017 at 12:22 PM

SR

“ There are so many memories I have with my Aunt Esther.....from the blue VW bug she carted us around in to teaching me NOT to re-stir the kool-aid with the same spoon after tasting to see if it needed more sugar.....she did not tolerate "double dipping".

I looked to her when I felt weak as a woman working in a man's world or becoming a single mom early on. She was a source of strength for me. I use to remind myself that I was cut from the same cloth and of the same blood.....it helped me realize that I HAD to have that same strength. She had no clue that she mentored others by her actions and was a hero to more than just her own children. I had a rare opportunity to share with her the impact she had on my life and I am grateful to God for that. We had a special kind of relationship and I will truly miss her. Rest in heavenly peace Aunt Esther.

Sheryl Rivas-Ramos - May 17, 2017 at 12:06 AM

DI

I am grateful for the time I was able to spend with my Aunt Esther, when I was growing up. I'll never forget her delicious rum cake. And all those wonderful cookies she use to bake at Christmas time. I would always look forward to receive a birthday card from her, they were special because she would make them, and add her personal touch to them. Love you Aunt Esther, be with the Lord

Diane - May 19, 2017 at 12:49 AM

BS

Amazing words, and never thought time would give us that day to learn from our elders. Well done, our Aunt Esther. She raised me through my teenage years, and from being partial handicap...still alerting me the baby was hungry for bottle. She had some skills to show me. Perfected the sticky notes in the kitchen and gave instructions for the next week. She walked with a commanding presence. The goal was to get her to laugh, which was a college course for young newpew. I did teach her that man can blow wind from his mouth to change the street light green. She saw me demonstrate it, then I watched her laugh. That was the day I knew she could live for a long time. Everyone who is reading this...Esther was the management behind the scenes of the Rivas family. As a TODDLER, I witnessed her make sure financials were there for her mother, and her own kids futures. She motivated me to make it in a career or other and not quit. Enough said, REST IN PEACE.

Benjamin Sacks - July 13, 2017 at 10:47 PM

MT

Ben, thanks for sharing. Take Care.

Michelle Thompson - August 11, 2017 at 02:41 PM

CR

“ Thinking of you, Greg and Michelle. She will be forever in your hearts. Love, Nan

C Rasmussen - May 16, 2017 at 02:29 PM

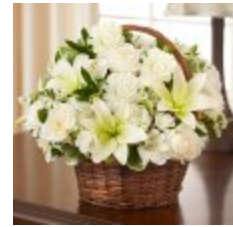
AF

“ I always love hearing stories from my dad, Greg, when he was my age. I know that my grandmother Esther raised my dad to be a very supportive father. The life lessons learned, the stories, and the memories of my Grandmother will stick with me for life.

Andrew Flores - May 16, 2017 at 02:19 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Esther R. Sacks.*



May 16, 2017 at 01:49 PM



“ *Esther was my grandma and she did a great job at it. I will always remember her delicious gorditas! Also I remember when she made tons of cookies for me and my brother Andrew to decorate. Andrew was young at the time and decorated like 4 cookies but I loved it and decorated like 50 cookies. She was so thoughtful and patient to make so many cookies and sit with me while I decorated them. She will be greatly missed by me and my children Adam and Samantha. Love you grandma!*

Kate Flores - May 16, 2017 at 01:17 AM



Very sweet Kate!!

Dana Marie Flores - May 16, 2017 at 09:47 PM