



Frances Caroline Martinez

January 18, 1932 - July 28, 2018

Frances Welch Martinez was born on January 18, 1932, in Fresno, California and peacefully passed away on Saturday, July 28, 2018, Surrounded by her loved ones. Frances was a life long resident of Fresno, Growing up in west Fresno, she attended St. Alphonsus Catholic School and graduated from Roosevelt High School. She pursued a successful career in retail sales, retiring after 25 years as a credit supervisor at J.C. Penny. After retiring, Frances enjoyed gardening in her beautiful yard, traveling, and loved to have her family in her home enjoying her delicious Mexican dishes. Frances was preceded in death by Edward Martinez II her beloved husband of 68 years. She is survived by her three sons, Eddie and wife Jacki, Danny and his wife Teresa, Fred and wife Joann; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; her loyal dog Pepper; her brother, Robert Welch; and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces in Fresno, Arizona, and southern California.

Family and friends are invited to attend her Graveside Service at Belmont Memorial Park on Thursday August 23, 2018, at 10:00 am. A Celebration of Life Luncheon will follow at Pardini's, 2257 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno, Ca. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Fresno County SPCA; or your favorite charity.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 23. 10:00 AM (PT)

Belmont Memorial Park
201 N. Teilman Avenue
Fresno, CA 93706

Tribute Wall



“ *My Sweet Granny Franny-
Know that I am always thinking of you. Thank you for visiting me in
my dreams so often, and bringing me comfort when I need it most. I
love you always and can't wait until I can see you again.
Love, Your Annie*

Annie Martinez - February 26 at 10:00 PM



“ *Frances Caroline Martinez*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *I was driving in the neighborhood yesterday and was gonna stop by
for a visit. I saw the for sale sign and my heart dropped. When I
called the number was disconnected and I just sat down and cried. I
lived next door to your parents before I got married and we married
in our backyard. Your dad video taped us putting everything
together. We would always talk over the fence or I'd go thru the side
gate and sit with them on the patio. I loved these two with all my
heart. My cat Brewster decided he liked them better too, lol. He
moved next door to live with your parents and always sat on the
bricks in front when your dad did the lawn. You were blessed with
such great parents and I for having them as neighbors and friends.
May your happy memories carry you all through this time as I know
they will me.*

Cindy Bergthold - October 01, 2018 at 09:40 PM

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“ I grew up with the Martinez family, living in the neighborhood for 20 plus years until the freeway took our home. My fondest memories of Frances were the mornings I would stop by there home to hookup and walk to school with my best friend Fred. I recall how she would light her cigarette from the flame of the stovetop looking at us with those sparkling eyes and beautiful smile probably wondering what kind of mischief we would get into today. She was very witty as she would kid and tease those she liked. She always made you feel welcome talking to you as you were part of the family. RIP

Allan - August 21, 2018 at 05:08 PM