



Gladys Stafford

December 3, 1934 - November 22, 2025

“In Loving Memory of Gladys Stafford

Gladys Stafford was born on December 3, 1934, in Fresno, California. She spent the entirety of her life in Selma, CA and peacefully passed away on November 22, 2025, in Clovis, California, at the age of 90.

Known lovingly to many as “Mama Gladys,” she was a devoted mother, a doting grandmother and great-grandmother, and a steady source of love, wisdom, and strength to her family and friends. Her life was defined by deep devotion to those she loved and by an unwavering work ethic shaped early in life while working in the fields as a migrant farm worker. Those experiences taught her resilience, resourcefulness, and humility—qualities she carried with pride throughout her life.

Gladys dedicated an extraordinary 55 years of service to the City of Selma Police Department, where she was respected for her loyalty, professionalism, and commitment to public service. Beyond her career, she was an active member of the Selma Women’s Club and took great joy in staying connected with her community.

She had a keen eye for fashion and was known for her elegant hairstyles and impeccable sense of style. She cherished shopping trips to Macy’s at Fresno’s

Fashion Fair Mall and enjoyed long, leisurely lunches with family and friends. Nothing brought her greater joy than following her grandson's and great-grandson's sports and academic achievements and celebrating their successes.

Gladys was preceded in death by her parents, Urbano and Herlinda Lujan, and her siblings, Lydia Lucero, Israel Gomez, and Edna Shelton.

She is lovingly survived by her daughter, Valerie Cantu; son-in-law, Susano Cantu; grandson, Matthew Carrillo; granddaughter-in-law, Celica Carrillo; great-grandson, Jaden Carrillo; several nieces and nephews; the beloved Quintana family of Selma, CA; and her lifelong friend, Leah Singh.

Gladys Stafford's legacy of love, strength, service, and grace will forever live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know her."

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

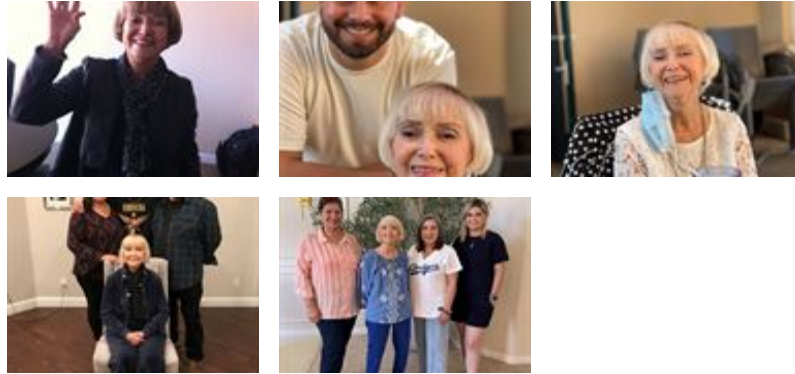
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Tribute Wall



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - December 11, 2025 at 05:48 PM

JF

“ James E Brockett and family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gladys Stafford.



James E Brockett and family - December 10, 2025 at 09:24 PM

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“ Ron & Mirna Maltos purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Gladys Stafford.



Ron & Mirna Maltos - December 09, 2025 at 08:29 PM