



Helen Gutierrez Smith

September 1, 1953 - September 22, 2014

Helen Smith, a long time resident of Kerman passed away on Monday September 22, 2014 at the age of 61. Helen a devoted wife, mother, grandmother, sister and daughter was born on September 1, 1953 in Fresno to Mike & Eloise Rios.

She grew up in Mendota and graduated from Tranquillity High School in 1971. She received her associates degree from West Hills College and worked for the State of California for 30 years. Her career with the state included The Employment Development Department, The Department of Fish and Game and The Department of Corrections.

Helen married the love of her life, Jerald in 1978. She loved her family very much. Helen & Jerald enjoyed many camping trips to Bass Lake, Mammoth Pool and Wishon Lake. She was a huge Raiders fan that never missed a game on T.V.

Helen was preceded in death by her father Mike Rios and her sister Michelle Villanueva.

She is survived by her loving husband Jerald, her sons Fernando Serna and his husband Justin, Michael and his wife Hilda, and Tony and his wife Dora; six grandchildren who she loved very much, Alissa, Andrew, Aiden, Junior,

Xavier and Jasmine; her mother Eloise Rios, her brother John Rios and his wife Delia, her sister Patsy Garcia and her husband Richard, her sister Gina Quijada, her brother Michael Rios and his wife Antonia, her sister Melissa Rios Sanchez and her husband Greg; and many nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the compassionate medical teams at Stanford and Kaiser. It has been a difficult time for all of us. Thank you to all our family & friends for your loving support and prayers.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **29**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

SEP **29**. 7:00 PM (PT)

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Funeral Mass

SEP **30**. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
15437 W Kearney Blvd
Kerman, CA

Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Gutierrez Smith*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ *My heart breaks you are not here but I'm thankful you are free of pain dancing in heaven I'll always remember you calling me big red lol yes we know why. Sending prayers n hugzzzzz to all of our family and friends I'll see you agin when I get to heaven love ya always beautiful lady*



Wanda Ramirez - September 26, 2014 at 09:58 AM



“ *You were always a beautiful and strong women. Over the years of working close with you a special bond was formed I'll always remember all the laughs and tears we've shared! I will truly miss you 💖 love Kathy*



Kathy E - September 25, 2014 at 12:30 AM



“ *Remember growing up together, Helen....R.I.P.*

Rudy G. MARTINEZ - September 24, 2014 at 01:46 PM

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"May you Rest In Peace" You're now with the Lord and in his arms you will find all the comfort not possible here on earth. my fondest memory of you will always be how well you did your job as a Personnel Specialist, always very helpful and done with a smile. Have to say you will be missed bunches.

Mary E Salas

Mary E Salas - September 25, 2014 at 03:08 PM