



## Marcela Ortiz Rodenas

September 23, 1929 - August 6, 2025

In Loving Memory of Marcela Ortiz Rodenas  
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It is with deep love and sorrow that we announce the passing of our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Marcela Ortiz Rodenas, who left this world peacefully on August 6th, at the age of 95.

Born on September 23, 1929, in the charming town of Tobarra, Spain, Marcela grew up surrounded by the traditions, music, and faith that shaped her life. She carried the warmth of her Spanish heritage wherever she went—whether through her cooking, her stories, or her generosity of spirit.

In 1957, Marcela and Antonio Lopez Gomez started their married life in Spain and their spirit of adventure and Antonio's career took them to many countries – Brazil, South Africa, England, Belgium, Luxembourg, Australia, Ohio, and finally Fresno in 2002. Together, they raised a loving family grounded in kindness, hard work, and devotion. She was known for her unwavering faith, her tireless care for others, and her ability to make everyone feel welcome at her table.

Marcela will be remembered for her gentle wisdom, her joyful laugh, and her boundless love for her family. She leaves behind her husband Antonio, her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, who will forever carry her

legacy in their hearts.

Abuelita's life was filled with laughter, love, and boundless energy. She had a magical way of lighting up a room – whether she was dancing to her favorite songs, singing and creating a beat with her hands, or cracking jokes that had everyone laughing. Spending time with her was never ordinary; it was an experience wrapped in warmth, joy, and a touch of mischief.

She poured her heart into everything she did, especially when it came to family. She loved being surrounded by those she cherished, and nothing made her happier than creating lasting memories with us. Abuelita's hands were always busy – whether crocheting beautiful gifts, sewing up our ripped clothes, or crafting us little surprises. Her creativity was her way of showing love, and it touched us in ways that will stay with us forever.

As a wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and friend, she was truly one of a kind. We turned to her for advice, comfort, and—most importantly—a good laugh with her all-time muses, a glass of wine and chocolate. Her warmth and love were a constant, and no one left her side without feeling lighter and loved. Abuelita's spirit will forever remain in our hearts, where she'll continue to fill our lives with her love and laughter.

With love from her grandkids

She is survived by her loving husband of 68 years Antonio Lopez Gomez, her children: Natividad Asuncion (Suni) Viadero (Spouse: Manuel Viadero), Antonio Lopez Ortiz (Spouse: Shail Lopez Ortiz), Rafael Lopez Ortiz (Spouse: Driekie Lopez Ortiz); by her

Grandchildren: Alexander Paul Viadero, Patrick Michael Viadero, Adriaan Lopez van Staden, Antonio Lopez van Staden, Ashley Lopez van Staden, Antonio Jaineel Lopez, Aryan Raul Lopez, Amalia Anjali Lopez; and by her Great-grandchildren's names: Adaline Lily Lopez van Staden, Ivar Lopez van Staden; and her Niece: Susan Valentine Gourdie and family.

She is preceded in death by; Enrique Ortiz Jimenez (Father), Procesa Rodenas Claramonte (Mother), Candela Ortiz Rodenas (Sister), Asuncion (Suni) Gourdie (Sister), Alexander Gourdie (Nephew), Rafael Lopez van Staden (Grandchild).

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association in her memory. The Alzheimer's Association is dedicated to advancing research to end Alzheimer's and providing support to families affected by dementia. Their mission aligns with the love and strength Marcela showed throughout her life, and by supporting this organization, we continue to honor her legacy of care, love, and perseverance.

Rest in peace, dear Marcela. Your light will continue to guide us always.

Please join us on zoom if you are not able to be present here is the link.

Zoom Link: <https://fresnostate.zoom.us/j/88086186698>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

AUG 12. 11:00 AM (PT)

Chapel of the Light  
1620 W. Belmont Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93728  
michael@chapelofthelight.com  
<http://www.chapelofthelight.com>

## Recitation of the Holy Rosary and Funeral Liturgy

AUG 12. 11:30 AM (PT)

Chapel of the Light  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember her with love and affection even though we lived far away i remember visiting her at Wolverhampton, going to Alton Towers with Rafael. Mum and Dads to her home. When the two sisters got together the

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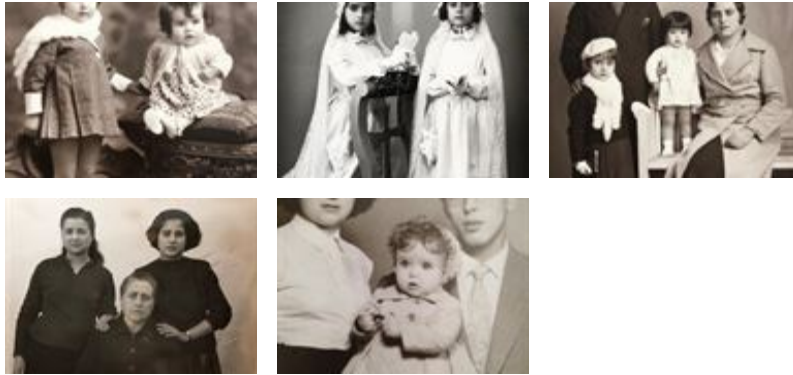
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“ *Purvi A. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Marcela Ortiz Rodenas.*

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Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - August 12, 2025 at 12:04 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Marcela Ortiz Rodenas.*



August 12, 2025 at 03:26 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Marcela Ortiz Rodenas.



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August 10, 2025 at 03:46 AM



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