



Margaret Dorina Alvarez

August 24, 1936 - January 1, 2025

With profound sadness, we announce the peaceful passing of our beloved mother, Margaret Dorina Alvarez, 88, who returned to her heavenly father on January 1, 2025, surrounded by her loving family. Born to Macario and Maria (Bega) Aguilar, Margaret carried the proud heritage of the Cahuilla Nation throughout her life.

A devoted Catholic and faithful parishioner of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Sanger, California, Margaret lived her faith through daily prayer and active participation in the church's charitable works. Her deep spirituality was beautifully interwoven with her Native American traditions, creating a rich tapestry of faith that she passed down to future generations.

Margaret's home was a gathering place where family traditions and stories were shared and preserved. She enjoyed spending countless hours in her garden where she allowed her beautiful spirit to bloom through her green thumb.

One of Margaret's greatest joys was caring for her family. She was the beloved wife of the late Rafael Alvarez, a loving mother to her daughter, Julie Mendoza and her husband Art Mendoza, and to her son, Rene Alvarez. She was blessed with one grandchild, John A. Mendoza and his wife Jordyn. She is now reunited in heaven with her siblings Ernestina Govea, Dorina Aguilar,

Alfonso Aguilar, Bernard Aguilar, Abel Aguilar, Lloyd Aguilar, and Elena Pacheco.

Margaret's gentle spirit, warm smile, and loving heart touched everyone she met. She leaves behind a legacy of faith, family devotion, and cultural pride that will continue to inspire all who knew her.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church on Bethel in Sanger, California on Friday, January 10, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. A Funeral Mass will follow at 11:00 a.m.

A graveside committal service will take place at Sanger Cemetery on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Cemetery Details

Sanger District Cemetery

Sanger, CA

Previous Events

Recitation of the Holy Rosary

JAN 10. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
2590 E North Ave
Sanger, CA 93657
(559) 875-2025

Funeral Mass

JAN 10. 11:00 AM (PT)

St. Mary Catholic Church
2590 E North Ave
Sanger, CA 93657
(559) 875-2025

Graveside Service

JAN 13. 10:00 AM (PT)

Sanger District Cemetery
Sanger, CA

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Margaret Dorina Alvarez.

January 09, 2025 at 11:31 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Julie and Rene and the family as we offer our deepest sympathies. With much love, Ron & Evelia Govea, Veronica (Govea) & Kevin Hanks, Richard & Deanna Govea



Veronica Hanks - January 07, 2025 at 01:59 PM



“ Ronald and Evelia Govea and family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of Margaret Dorina Alvarez.



Ronald and Evelia Govea and family - January 07, 2025 at 01:52 PM



“ Love, Danny Govea purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Margaret Dorina Alvarez.



Love, Danny Govea - January 05, 2025 at 04:34 PM

TF

“ *The Sauriol Family purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Margaret Dorina Alvarez.*



The Sauriol Family - January 04, 2025 at 07:53 PM

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“ *The Sauriol Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Margaret Dorina Alvarez.*

The Sauriol Family - January 04, 2025 at 07:53 PM

CH

“ *Cheryl purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Margaret Dorina Alvarez.*



Cheryl - January 04, 2025 at 02:48 PM

CT

“ *Cheryl & Tim purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Margaret Dorina Alvarez.*



Cheryl & Tim - January 04, 2025 at 02:44 PM

LF

“ Love, Victoria Navarrette and Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Margaret Dorina Alvarez.



Love, Victoria Navarrette and Family - January 04, 2025 at 02:27 PM

FA

“ Frankie, Monica, Jacob, Cyndi & Angelina purchased the *Blue Caribbean Bouquet* for the family of Margaret Dorina Alvarez.



Frankie, Monica, Jacob, Cyndi & Angelina - January 04, 2025 at 02:58 AM

AF

“ ALFRED FERNANDEZ lit a candle in memory of Margaret Alvarez



ALFRED FERNANDEZ - January 03, 2025 at 09:32 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Margaret Dorina Alvarez.



January 03, 2025 at 08:11 PM

AF

“ Always remember my tia as loving person with so much love for her Family, and friends. She will be forever, and dearly missed. Such a classy lady. Heaven gained another angel. Rest in peace tia.

ALFRED FERNANDEZ - January 03, 2025 at 07:28 PM