



Maria Valenzuela Garcia

January 9, 1934 - August 22, 2022

Our beautiful mom glorified the Lord all the way to the end of her life. She took her last breath at 8:33 pm on Monday, August 22, 2022, surrounded by the love and strong faith of the small family she built and leaves behind. Her heartstrings belonged to Asherton, Texas where she was born to Francisco and Marcelina Valenzuela on January 9, 1934. She married Augustin Alvarez at the age of 16 and began her life as a wife, mom, and migrant field worker. This humble yet challenging journey led her to settle in Fresno, California with three young children. Fresno became home and she had three more children thereafter.

She continued her hard work harvesting many fields of the Central Valley. Around 1975, at the age of 41, she began her journey of caring for elderly residents at the Nazareth House of Fresno. Serving the Lord's call, she lovingly served the elderly with the utmost dignity and respect. This love and compassion never went unnoticed by her elderly residents and their families. She retired after 25 years of serving.

After retiring, her true love began. She finally got to enjoy the fruits of her labor. She had an absolute love for the small but mighty family she built. She tenderly served her mom role to the fullest and with great pride. She lovingly served her "Grandma Marta" and "Mama Coco" roles to her grandchildren and great-grandsons. She poured so much love, laughter, faith, and wisdom into

each of them. And her family relished her presence and looked for their blessing each time they parted from her.

Mom had a beautiful outlook on life. She was beautifully admired for her faith and great strength. She carried the Lord so close that she rarely complained of her life sufferings. She prayed with full gratefulness for her life and fervently prayed for her entire family. And although she longed to see her two sons that passed away before her, she enjoyed loving and being loved upon while she waited patiently for the Lord to call her home. Her sense of humor, her love, her kindness, and her unconditional love will be sorely missed. She leaves behind loving memories that will never ever be forgotten.

She is preceded in death by her two sons Humberto Alvarez and Angel Alvarez, her grandson Philip Gene Ramirez Jr., her parents, and Valenzuela siblings. She leaves behind her children Manuel Alvarez, Marina Ramirez, Abel Alvarez, and Ana Gonzales; two son-in-laws Philip Ramirez and Augie Gonzales; her granddaughters Andrea Torres, Salina Ramirez, Angelia Gonzales, and Eleena Gonzales; her grandson Elias Gonzales; five great-grandsons Marcus Ponce, David Torres, Devin Martinez, Jalen Martinez, and Jonah Martinez; and six grandsons and several great-grandchildren in San Diego.

Cemetery Details

St. Peter's Cemetery

264 N. Blythe Avenue
Fresno, CA 93706

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Vigil Service

AUG 30. 7:00 PM (PT)

Chapel of the Light
1620 W. Belmont Avenue
Fresno, CA 93728
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Funeral Mass

AUG 31. 10:30 AM (PT)

St. John's Cathedral
2814 Mariposa Street
Fresno, CA 93721

Tribute Wall



“ *Maria Valenzuela Garcia*

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



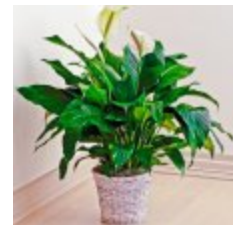
“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Maria Valenzuela Garcia.*



August 31, 2022 at 01:41 AM



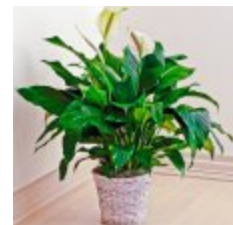
“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Maria Valenzuela Garcia.*



August 30, 2022 at 05:41 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Maria Valenzuela Garcia.*



August 30, 2022 at 05:41 PM

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“ *Diocese of Fresno Accounting Department purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Maria Valenzuela Garcia.*



Diocese of Fresno Accounting Department - August 30, 2022
at 03:41 PM

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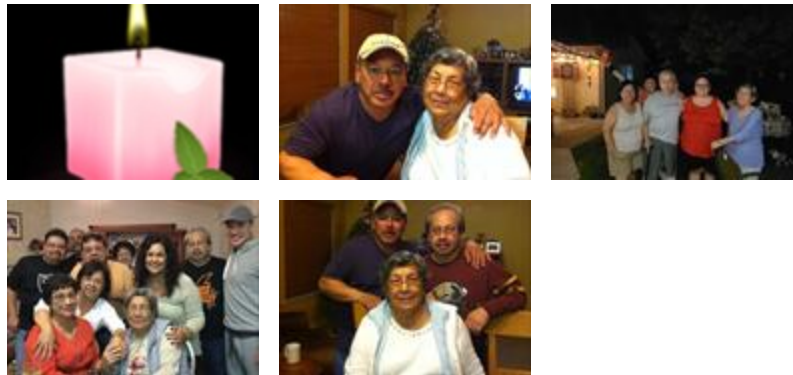
“ *...Te quiero tanto, tanto, tanto, tanto, tanto, cada día un poco más 🎵❤️...*



angel - August 30, 2022 at 03:33 PM

RP

“ *5 files added to the tribute wall*



Rosemary Perez - August 30, 2022 at 03:02 PM

RP

“ Martha on behalf of the Ramirez family we thank you from the bottom of our hearts for being there for my mom. We will all miss you unconditionally, no words can ever explain how we feel about you. I love you so much I'm really going to miss you Martha I'd like to share some happy moments



Rosemary Perez - August 30, 2022 at 09:00 AM



“ Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Maria Valenzuela Garcia.



August 29, 2022 at 08:43 PM

EG

“ Te quiero mucho abuelita



Eleena Gonzales - August 29, 2022 at 04:15 PM

AT

“ Te Quiero mucho mama coco!!! Mi Reina!
Que Dios te Bendiga



andrea torres - August 29, 2022 at 04:02 PM

SR

“ *Love you Lady*



Salina Ramirez - August 29, 2022 at 03:57 PM

MR

“ *Amor Eterno*



Marina Ramirez - August 29, 2022 at 03:54 PM

PG

“ *Proud Daughter, Analuisa Gonzales lit a candle in memory of Maria Valenzuela Garcia*



Proud Daughter, Analuisa Gonzales - August 29, 2022 at 02:42 PM



“ *Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Maria Valenzuela Garcia.*



August 29, 2022 at 11:23 AM



“ *Classic Fireside Sympathy Basket was purchased for the family of Maria Valenzuela Garcia.*



August 27, 2022 at 06:57 PM



“ *White Sympathy Baskets was purchased for the family of Maria Valenzuela Garcia.*



August 27, 2022 at 05:18 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Maria Valenzuela Garcia.*



August 27, 2022 at 02:51 PM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Maria Valenzuela Garcia.*



August 27, 2022 at 02:26 PM



“ *Healing Tears - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of *Maria Valenzuela Garcia*.



August 27, 2022 at 02:00 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White* was purchased for the family of *Maria Valenzuela Garcia*.



August 27, 2022 at 01:06 PM