



## Phyllis Alva

November 12, 1942 - May 7, 2025

Phyllis Alva was born in Visalia, California on November 12, 1942. She passed away at her home in Fresno on May 7, 2025 at the age of 82.

She is survived by her daughter Jovida Alva Sanchez of Fresno; sons Fernando Alva of Kerman and Paul Alva of Coalinga; brothers Melquides Lara, Jr. of Tacoma, Washington and Raymond Lara of Yakima, Washington; sisters Maria Elena Lara of Puyallup, Washington and Lillian Lara of Fresno; 6 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

A Catholic Vigil Service will be held at Chapel of the Light Funeral Home on Monday, May 19, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.

Interment Fresno Memorial Gardens.

# Cemetery Details

## Fresno Memorial Gardens

175 S. Cornelia Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93706

# Previous Events

## Vigil Service

MAY 19. 11:30 AM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ My deepest condolences go out to the family of Phyllis, I got to know her through her sister Lillian & Jovida, who are my dear friends, she was such a sweet & kind person & will be solely missed. May she RIP

Dale - May 18, 2025 at 08:49 PM

CR

“ Hello, I loved my tia ever since I was a child we lived in the ranch and I remember when she married Fernando.. I grew up with the Lara's and loved all my family I will always hold those memories in my heart ❤️ rest in peace tia. Love Christina Ramos

Christina Ramos - May 18, 2025 at 05:51 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of Phyllis Alva.



May 17, 2025 at 10:41 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Phyllis Alva.



May 17, 2025 at 03:24 PM

ML

“ *MARIA ELENA LARA purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Phyllis Alva.*



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**MARIA ELENA LARA** - May 17, 2025 at 02:35 PM

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“ *MARIA ELENA LARA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Phyllis Alva.*

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**MARIA ELENA LARA** - May 17, 2025 at 02:35 PM

MH

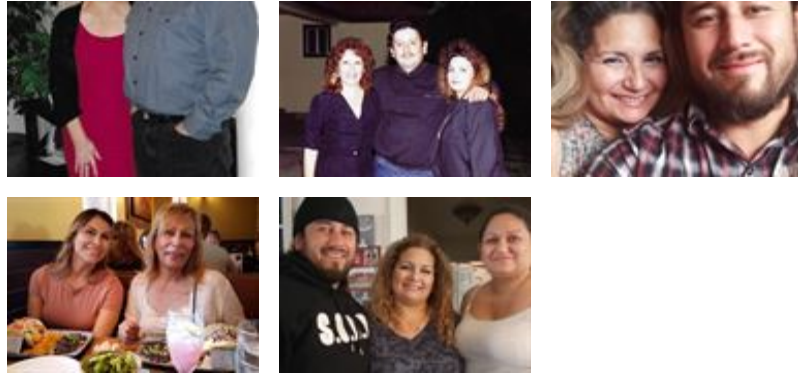
“ *To my aunt Phyllis, I am going to miss you dearly. Thank you for always being there for me. I will miss the conversations we had and the laughter. You always has great advice when I needed it. You sang my favorite song at my wedding and I will always cherish that memory. I know you are at peace. Give my mom a big hug. I know you and my mom will be watching over us. Love you*

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**Monica Hinojosa** - May 16, 2025 at 12:41 AM



“ 39 files added to the album Life Tributes



Chapel Of The Light Funeral Home and Mausoleum - May 14, 2025 at 07:48 PM



“ Dear Phyllis my sister, you and I have lived together for 28 years off and on. We didn't always agree on things but that's how siblings are. I remember when you first moved in with us, times were hard for you, I was glad to be there for you just like you've always been here for me. Do you remember when you would make me laugh that I would say stop your going to make me pee! And I did lol that happened more often than I can remember, good memories. You were like a Mom to me when I needed one. I remember telling that you, you looked at me cried then I cried. Phyllis thank you for always being here for me I miss you so much. Tell everyone I love them I know they are loving on you. Always your sister Lillian

LL - May 14, 2025 at 02:42 PM

NS

“ Thank you Aunt Phyllis (Philly) for making my Mom Laugh, she always told me about you two laughing. I will miss talking to you about the same show we watched, I will miss the “sleep overs” we had, and I will miss your giving ways. And thank you for always treating my family with love. We will miss You Dearly



Nicole Soto-Perales - May 13, 2025 at 09:19 PM

LL

Nicole thank you for sharing fond memories with us.

LL - May 18, 2025 at 02:15 AM

JQ

“ My last memory with my aunt Phyllis was when I was pregnant and we enjoyed a lunch together and she kept touching my belly. The forever memories will always be with her and grandma doing everything together; now they are together at peace.

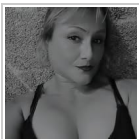


Jessica Quintanar - May 13, 2025 at 12:34 AM

LL

Jes thank you, your your loving thoughts of her.

LL - May 18, 2025 at 02:04 AM



“ My fondest memory of you auntie Phyllis is your beautiful voice when you were singing with Uncle Fernando in your band. I'm sure my mama was there to greet you at the Golden gate. You will be missed but never forgotten. Love your niece Lisa Alvis. 🙏😊❤️🌹

Lisa Alvis - May 12, 2025 at 10:53 PM

LL

*Lisa thank you for taking the time to share your memories. Love you Lillian ❤️*

LL - May 18, 2025 at 01:57 AM

MR

“*My name is Marlene, Phyllis' niece. I just wanted to share that my aunt may have been reserved regarding her family...she loved them dearly and unconditionally. My mother had a great bond and as long as I could remember they always got along great. My aunt was there when my mother was ill and that meant a lot to me and especially my mother. They had a good sisterly bond, and I am truly forever grateful to her for being there for my mother. God bless and my you rest in peace ❤️*

Marlene Rivera - May 12, 2025 at 10:28 PM

LL

*Marlene thank you for your memories. She loved your mom and missed her.*

LL - May 18, 2025 at 02:18 AM