



Sara G. Rabara

January 2, 1926 - January 7, 2020

Our matriarch, beloved mother, grandmother, sister and friend, Sara Rabara entered eternal life on the morning of Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at the age of 94.

Sara was born January 2, 1926 to Ezequiel Garcia and Inocencia Zamorano in Tuxpan, Nayarit, Mexico. She was the third child in her family of seven. At the age of 30, Sara wanted to seek a better life for her and her son, Henry, in America. In 1956, she emigrated to the United States and found gainful employment as the nanny to the Kit Carson family for several years. In 1958, Sara had a friend that would soon introduce her to her future husband, Victor Ramboyan Rabara, a well-respected Filipino labor contractor. Her friend played a key role in their courtship as an interpreter since Sara did not know English and Victor only knew Ilocano and English. On October 14, 1959, Victor and Sara were married in Carson City, Nevada. Through this marriage, three sons were to be added to the family - Victor Rabara Jr., Thomas L. Rabara Sr. and Michael A. Rabara Sr.

Amidst raising four sons and performing diligent housewife duties, Sara made time to educate herself. She learned English on her own and became a teacher's aide for Calwa Elementary School. She was affectionately known by all the student's as "Grandma." Sara had a passion for sewing in which she created many Halloween costumes for the grandchildren and numerous

summer dresses for her granddaughters. In her later years, she would take on a new role of primary caregiver for her husband. On June 7, 1997, her care duties would be completed upon his death. Nevertheless after his passing, she became very active with her hobbies, her civic clubs and traveling. She was able to travel to various places such as the Philippines, Hawaii, Cancun, Las Vegas and just six months ago, she was vacationing with her grandson and his family in Puerto Vallarta. As many older folks do, she enjoyed her trips up to the local casinos. A devout Catholic woman, she would attend mass at St. John's Cathedral when she was able and up until her passing, she would participate in the daily rosary and mass on Catholic television. Sara lived life to fullest. Her genuine care for her family and her profound faith was her motivation to keep living.

Our family would like to extend our most sincere thanks and appreciation to the angels of Hinds Hospice - Stephanie, Pam, Cammy, Tracy and Fu. Your unending care our special lady made this time easier to endure and most importantly, comfortable for her. Thank you as well to her primary care physician, Dr. Jaime Gonzalez at Kaiser who always called her "Mama" and treated her like his own.

She is preceded in death by her parents; her loving husband, Victor R. Rabara; her siblings Delfina Medina, Patricio Medina, Josefina Garcia de Davalos, Ramon Garcia and Jesus Garcia.

Sara is survived by her children, Henry Serna and his wife Jenny, Victor R. Rabara Jr. and his wife Linda, Thomas L. Rabara Sr. and his wife Connie and Michael A. Rabara. She will also be missed by her grandchildren, Romana Realmo, Stacey Serna, Anthony Lira, Lynette Martinez, Michael J. Rabara, Mario Rabara, Thomas Rabara Jr., Elizabeth Rabara, Gabriel Rabara, Victor Rabara III, Michelle Rabara, Alisha Rabara, Jonathon Rabara, and Priscilla Thompson; a brother, Simon Garcia and a host of great grandchildren and

great great grandchildren also survive her.

Visitation will be held at Chapel of the Light Funeral Home on Thursday, January 16, 2020 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A vigil service will be held at St. John's Cathedral on Thursday, January 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

A Funeral Mass will celebrated at St. John's Cathedral on Friday, January 17, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. Entombment will follow in the Garden of Solace at the Chapel of the Light Mausoleum.

Remembrances may be made in her honor to Hinds Hospice 2490 W. Shaw, Fresno, California 93720 or to St. John's Cathedral 2814 Mariposa Street, Fresno, CA 93721.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 16. 12:00 PM - 5:00 PM (PT)

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

Visitation

JAN 16. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Vigil Service

JAN 16. 7:00 PM (PT)

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

Funeral Mass

JAN 17. 10:30 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ Sara G. Rabara

September 15, 2022 at 09:34 PM



“ Lavender & White Standing Spray was purchased for the family of Sara G. Rabara.



January 16, 2020 at 12:26 AM



“ I'm an in law but she welcomed me as a granddaughter...I'm married to one of her grandsons, Tommy. Him and I have 3 boys together...Sara and I would talk about raising ALL boys (she had 4 boys). She would share how "active" her boys were when they were small and I would also share how rough my boys are. I always felt she and I connected on the "momma of all boys" mentality! I will miss her calling me Mija when she would see me...as a grandma would call her granddaughter..I will also miss her talking in Spanglish to me, even though I don't know Spanish at all! We love you and we will miss you! please watch over my boys!

Moniqueka Rabara - January 14, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Sara G. Rabara.*



January 14, 2020 at 01:28 PM



“ *Yellow & White Rose Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Sara G. Rabara.*



January 12, 2020 at 03:02 PM



“ *Michael Andrew Rabara was added to the Family Tree.*

Michael Rabara - January 10, 2020 at 08:02 PM



“ *Victor Raymond Rabara was added to the Family Tree.*

Michael Rabara - January 10, 2020 at 08:02 PM



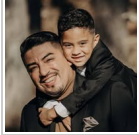
“ *Thomas Lorenzo Rabara was added to the Family Tree.*

Michael Rabara - January 10, 2020 at 08:01 PM



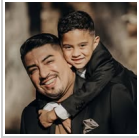
“ *Henry Serna was added to the Family Tree.*

Michael Rabara - January 10, 2020 at 08:01 PM



“ *Inocencia Zamarano was added to the Family Tree.*

Michael Rabara - January 10, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ *Ezequiel Garcia was added to the Family Tree.*

Michael Rabara - January 10, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ *Victor Ramboyan Rabara was added to the Family Tree.*

Michael Rabara - January 10, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ *My Grandma Sara.. I Cant explain the feeling of not being able to Be Their But I Just Wanna Say I Love You So Much You Now Get To Be With Grandpa.. You Were Such A Strong Woman.. I Will Never Forget How Much You Loved Your Tv.. lol And Every Morning When We Got Up You Always Made My Coffee.. or Cooked Or When We Use to Get Scared Of The Washer And Dryer Going Off.. Their So Many Memories Too many to tell But I Will Forever Cherish them Thanks For Always Loving Me The Way You Did. You will Forever Be In My Heart I Love You Grandma. With Love Doreen*

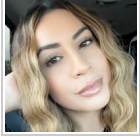
Doreen - January 09, 2020 at 08:00 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of Sara G. Rabara.*



January 09, 2020 at 12:14 PM



“ *Grandma Sara, I'm happy you are now at peace and now you can be with grandpa. I remember you always told me I look like him and I would smile. One of my favorite memories of you is when we would fight over the tv. Caso Cerrado was one of your favorite shows. You would want to change the channel because it was coming on and I would tell you grandma wait grandma wait. I would watch it with you and once it was over I would try changing it again. Grandma just thinking of it makes me smile. My white rice addiction started at a young age, grandma always had white rice and it was always good! I will miss how you say my name, you were the only person who says it like you do. I will miss you and I love you so much! Love Mercedes Rabara*

Christel Barrera - January 09, 2020 at 12:25 AM



“ *I will always remember you Grandma Sara, you were one of a kind.. a very special person to my heart. You will never be forgotten, I hope you're having an amazing time in heaven with your family and loved ones. Some favorite memories of mine are sitting with you while you drink your coffee and have little chats with you & also going outside with you to water your flowers and plants. All the memories we've had together, I will cherish forever. You mean alot to me & I will always think of you, gracias por todo. Te amo mucho. Love, Lilly Rabara*

Lilly Rabara - January 08, 2020 at 09:43 PM

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“ My condolences to the Rabara Family. May God give you strength as you all go through this sad time...I will as well carry many memories of Sara, all the lodge affairs,dances and parties ..loved her and Victor..thank God for giving me the honor of have met such a sweet lady....Cindy Longboy



Cindy Longboy - January 08, 2020 at 08:53 PM

WG

“ Lit a candle in memory of Sara G. Rabara



Wayne Gomes - January 08, 2020 at 06:57 PM

MG

“ God gained a beautiful angel what a beautiful lady.

Maria Garcia - January 08, 2020 at 04:50 PM

ER

“ May you Rest in Peace Sara. I will always remember walking home from Calwa School with you. 🙏❤️ Eva Moreno Romero



Elva Romero - January 08, 2020 at 03:04 PM

EB

“ Condolences to all the Rabara family . She will be missed.



Estella Barrera - January 08, 2020 at 01:47 PM

BM

“ The heavens have gained an amazing angel!
You will forever be in my heart grandma Sara.
I love you!



Barbara Mendoza - January 08, 2020 at 10:41 AM

ZA

“ I am deeply saddened about the loss of a very good friend. Sara was always so caring and compassionate.
Sara was like a mother to me There was never a time that I couldn't talk to her that she wouldn't listen to me. Sara always called me for all the holidays something I'm going to miss so much. Sara was a wonderful mother and grandmother to all her children especially little Mike which she spoiled a lot.
She will be miss dearly
Lots of love ❤️
David and Zenaida Avila

zenaida Avila - January 08, 2020 at 09:55 AM

ZA

“ *Zenaida Avila lit a candle in memory of Sara G. Rabara*



zenaida Avila - January 08, 2020 at 09:44 AM