



Carmen Mendez

July 16, 1940 - August 22, 2024

Carmen Mendez was born on July 16, 1940, in Bakersfield, CA, to Angel Montanio Sr. and Florentina Rivera. As the oldest daughter in her family, Carmen grew up with a spirited and adventurous nature, often embracing the role of a tomboy.

On April 27, 1959, Carmen married the love of her life, Joe Mendez. Their marriage was a testament to enduring love, lasting 57 wonderful years. Carmen cherished every moment with Joe, filling her days with stories and memories of their life together. Together, they built a beautiful life in Bakersfield, surrounded by their loving family.

Carmen attended BHS High School and later found her passion in education as a Teacher's Aide. She began her career at Our Lady of Guadalupe and retired from the Bakersfield City School District after 20 years of dedicated service. Known for her firm yet kind demeanor, Carmen left a lasting impact on her students and colleagues alike.

As a devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Carmen took great pride in her family. She embraced the role of Grandma with joy, and her home was always open to family and friends. Her motto, "the more the merrier," reflected her generous and welcoming spirit. Carmen loved camping and was always ready for a spontaneous adventure.

Carmen is survived by her sons, Christopher Mendez and Gregory Mendez, as well Joseph Jr., Katie, Norma, Grandchildren Teysha Strunc (Chris), Monica Lopez (Ray), Daniel, Patrick, Benjamin, Kirstyn, Brandyn, Gabby and 9 great grandchildren. She also leaves behind her sister Arlene, her brothers Angel Jr. and Joe Montanio, numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. As the matriarch of the Mendez family, Carmen's legacy of love and warmth will be cherished by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Joe Mendez, her son Derrick Mendez, her parents, Angel Sr. and Florentina, and her siblings Felix Montanio Sr., Richard, Arthur, and Connie.

The family would like to thank her medical team for the exceptional care they provided. We would also like to give a Special Thank You to Elsa Hernandez for her daily commitment, care and love she showed and provided to Carmen.

Cemetery Details

Bakersfield National Cemetery

30338 East Bear Mountain Blvd
Arvin, CA 93203

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP 5. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Francis Catholic Parish
900 H Street
Bakersfield, CA 93304

Mass

SEP 5. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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Graveside Service

SEP 5. 12:30 PM - 1:00 PM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



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