



Mary Lou Carrasco

April 16, 1947 - November 3, 2025

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Mary Lou Carrasco, born Mary Lou Fontes on April 16, 1947, in Bakersfield, California, passed away peacefully on November 3, 2025, surrounded by her children and granddaughters while listening to her favorite music.

Mary grew up in Buttonwillow and later moved to Shafter after marrying, where she raised her family and lived for 33 years before settling back in Bakersfield, where she spent the rest of her life.

She was preceded in death by her beloved sons Mark, Patrick, and Matthew; her parents, Ygnacio and Aurora Fontes; and her brother, Jr. She is survived by her loving son Randy (and partner Mary Fimbres); her daughters Monica, Danielle (and husband Don), and Teresa; her siblings Ida, Helen, Arnold, Teddy, and Rodney; 19 grandchildren; and an incredible 57 great-grandchildren.

Mary was a woman of remarkable talent and heart. A gifted seamstress, crafter, and artist, she had an eye for beauty and a knack for creating it. She was known throughout the community for her beautiful Shafter High homecoming dresses and her ability to look at anything and say, “I can make that—and make it better,” and she always did.

Her greatest accomplishment, however, was her family. Mary was a devoted and supportive mother who never missed her children’s events, and a proud

grandmother who shared her wisdom, recipes, and love with generations to follow. Her kitchen was filled with warmth, laughter, and the delicious aromas of her famous Mexican cooking—a tradition that will live on through her family. A woman of strong faith, Mary was a dedicated volunteer at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Shafter for many years. Her belief in God guided her life, and her strength, independence, and kindness inspired everyone who knew her. She adored her “fur grandbabies” as much as her human ones, and in her later years, she enjoyed watching YouTube videos and continuing to learn new things—always curious, always growing.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 11th, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Mission Funeral Home, with the Rosary beginning at 7:00 PM. A Funeral Mass will take place on Wednesday, November 12th, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at St. Francis Church in Bakersfield, followed by graveside services from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Reception following graveside at Ford Theatre, 1101 E Lerdo Hwy. Shafter, CA 93263.

Mary’s legacy of love, creativity, and strength will continue to live on through her family and all whose lives she touched.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 11. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Mission Family Mortuary
531 California Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93304
1 (661) 323-3339
<https://missionfamilymortuary.com/>

Rosary

NOV 11. 7:00 PM - 7:30 PM (PT)

Mission Family Mortuary
531 California Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93304
1 (661) 323-3339
<https://missionfamilymortuary.com/>

Mass

NOV 12. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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

Graveside

NOV 12. 11:30 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Shafter Cemetery
Santa Fe
Shafter, CA

Reception

NOV 12. 12:30 PM (PT)

Ford Theatre
1101 E Lerdo Hwy.
Shafter, CA 93263

Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Carrasco.*



November 11, 2025 at 06:10 PM



“ *Love, your Citryn Team. purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Mary Lou Carrasco.*



Love, your Citryn Team. - November 11, 2025 at 11:43 AM



“ *Love, your Citryn Team. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lou Carrasco.*

Love, your Citryn Team. - November 11, 2025 at 11:43 AM

RC

“ 4 files added to the tribute wall



Randy Carrasco - November 11, 2025 at 12:04 AM



“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Laurie Rodriguez - November 10, 2025 at 08:45 PM

LC

“ Love, Bob and Liz Carrasco purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Carrasco.



Love, Bob and Liz Carrasco - November 08, 2025 at 05:46 PM

KD

“ Tesa, Mary’s granddaughter is a dear friend of mine. I remember vividly going to Tesa and Brandon’s for a gathering of some sort - yearrsss ago - and dipping a tortilla chip into an incredibly delicious looking, homemade salsa. To my surprise, my mouth was instantly in flames while also savoring the incredible flavor of the salsa and I remember Tesa telling me it was her grandmothers homemade salsa and I ever so politely asked who pissed Mary off before she added the heat. ;) I know what Mary meant to her family and I’m praying so, so hard for peace and healing for everyone. God, rest her soul and wrap her loved once in your grace and mercy. Amen.

Kayla Dalton - November 07, 2025 at 04:46 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Carrasco.



November 07, 2025 at 04:00 PM

AW

“ Alicia, Kassie, Tisha, Paris, Dr Walker planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lou Carrasco.

Alicia, Kassie, Tisha, Paris, Dr Walker - November 07, 2025 at 04:00 PM

JF

“ John Davis and Family purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Mary Lou Carrasco.



John Davis and Family - November 06, 2025 at 07:54 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mary Lou Carrasco.



November 06, 2025 at 02:55 PM

LL

“ Love, Lilie planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mary Lou Carrasco.

Love, Lilie - November 06, 2025 at 02:55 PM

MF

“ Michael, Barbara, Danielle, Austin Fowler purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Carrasco.



Michael, Barbara, Danielle, Austin Fowler - November 06, 2025 at 12:29 PM

LP

“ Love, Joe Mindy & Emma Plum purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mary Lou Carrasco.



Love, Joe Mindy & Emma Plum - November 06, 2025 at 09:52 AM

WF

“ With love, The Ayala Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mary Lou Carrasco.



With love, The Ayala Family - November 05, 2025 at 10:09 PM



“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Jade Carrasco - November 05, 2025 at 09:23 PM