



## Amelia Clarke

January 6, 1939 - July 21, 2020

Amelia Clarke passed away on July 21, 2020. Amelia was born in Fabens, TX on January 6, 1939. She moved to Santa Barbara when she was 8 years old and remained here in Santa Barbara raising her family with her husband Arthur Earle Clarke who preceded her in death.

Amelia attended local schools including Lincoln Elementary, Santa Barbara Junior High and Santa Barbara High School. In 1974, and after raising her family, Amelia went to work as a Bilingual Teacher's Aid in ESL classes at various local schools spending most of her working years at Santa Barbara Junior High and Cleveland school. Amelia was quickly and affectionately known as "Grandma" among many of her students. Her extended family quickly grew and she welcomed anyone into her home and heart no matter their background and lifestyle.

Amelia and her husband Art enjoyed taking their family on vacations to San Diego and camping and fishing in the Sierra's. Spending time with her grandkids gave her so much joy. Amelia also loved traveling and simple adventures. Amelia's 'Mona Lisa' smile was so infectious and genuine. Her unconditional love and fondness for her family and friends will always be remembered.

Amelia is survived by her children Rachel (John), Manuel (Carol), Robert (Laura), Robin (Rhonda), her 14 Grandchildren, 12 Great-Grandchildren and 1 Great-Great Grandchild, Avery.

Family and friends are invited to share in a viewing and graveside service for

Amelia. The viewing will be held at Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Chapel, on Sola Street, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 28, 2020. A graveside service will immediately follow at Calvary Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JUL 28. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider - Downtown

15 E. Sola St.

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

(805) 965-5145

[info@wrhsb.com](mailto:info@wrhsb.com)

<https://www.wrhsb.com>

## Graveside Service

JUL 28. 11:00 AM (PT)

Calvary Cemetery

199 North Hope Ave

Santa Barbara, CA 93110

(805) 687-8811

[http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery\\_id=3](http://www.archdiocese.la/directories/cemeteries/info.php?cemetery_id=3)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Nina, I will keep my promise to make the world a better place. The love you showed me, I will show to others*



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**Robert Reynoso** - July 27, 2020 at 11:49 AM

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“ *Aunt Amelia was so proud of our family when Aaron Henrique was born. When my son was 6 months old, we met with her in the Velarde reunion in Fabens. As soon as the celebration dinner was about to start and someone had the microphone. She picked up my son from my arms and ran to the stage when the microphone was left him up as high as she could and say: “I’m proud to announce the youngest Velarde! He is the son of my brother! “ She was so proud. She had this big smile on her face! She made me feel so proud to be a Velarde. Thanks to her, I keep in touch with Robert and other Velarde’s and because of her my son will be able to learn about his grandfather and the Velardes. Aunt Amelia you will be missed.*

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**fabiana** - July 24, 2020 at 11:42 PM

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*Fabiana Velarde*

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**Fabiana Velarde** - July 24, 2020 at 11:45 PM



“ From the first day we met you made me feel like I had always been family. You we’re the first of Frankies family that I met and I’m so glad you we’re. I will always be thankful for you and the little time we spent together. Love ya always and will miss you Hugh. R. I. P Anut Amelia

Windy Ward Reynoso - July 24, 2020 at 05:41 PM



“ Meli, we will always hold your memory deep in our hearts. We will never forget the many happy times we spent together at our family reunions in California, Texas, and Laughlin. Rest In Peace, sweet beautiful Angel! ❤️🙏



Manny &Mony Velarde - July 23, 2020 at 11:51 PM



“ Nina...I will forever cherish a lifetime of beautiful memories of you. Vaya con Dios. Rest peacefully. Until we meet again. ❤️🌹🕊️ ✨



Lisa Bisquera - July 23, 2020 at 09:51 PM



“ I love you mom



Manuel L Ramos - July 23, 2020 at 06:48 PM

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“ *Arieanna Clarke lit a candle in memory of Amelia Clarke*



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**arieanna clarke** - July 23, 2020 at 05:19 PM

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“ *The Best Grandmother so loving fun and intelligent. Best ice box cookies and blackberry pies. Spending time with you and grandpa always was the greatest . I am soo thankful for amazing grandparents like you both. Love u sooo much*

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**Amelia Clarke** - July 23, 2020 at 05:16 PM

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“ *Amelia Clarke lit a candle in memory of Amelia Clarke*



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**Amelia Clarke** - July 23, 2020 at 05:12 PM

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“ *Rhonda Womack lit a candle in memory of Amelia Clarke*



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**Rhonda Womack** - July 23, 2020 at 05:00 PM

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“ *Robin Clarke lit a candle in memory of Amelia Clarke*



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**Robin clarke** - July 23, 2020 at 04:58 PM