



Elena Almodóvar Limon

August 11, 1934 - January 12, 2024

Elena Almodovar Limón peacefully passed away on Friday, January 12, 2024, in Santa Barbara, California. Our Lord called her home, and she is now reunited with her loving husband. She leaves us after a prolonged illness, but we find solace in that she is no longer suffering and has found eternal peace in heaven.

She leaves behind her children Alfredo (Josie) Limón, Emma (Henry) Montes, Susie (Mark) Da Re, Julio A. (Sylvia) Limón, Petra (Louie) Leyva, Sandra (Gilbert) Villarreal, 14 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Elena was preceded in death by her husband of 59 years, Julio Gonzalez Limón, parents as well as siblings, and extended family members.

Elena was born in Teuchitlán, Jalisco, Mexico, on August 11, 1934, and immigrated to the United States during her early childhood. Her family established their roots in Santa Barbara, California. Elena attended Lincoln Elementary, Santa Barbara Jr. High, and Santa Barbara High Schools. She graduated from Santa Barbara High School as part of the class of 1953. She remained a proud Don the rest of her life and one of her greatest joys was attending SBHS football games, where she enthusiastically cheered on her daughter, Sandra, who served as a cheerleader for the Dons.

She met Julio Gonzalez Limón in Santa Barbara, CA, and following a brief

courtship, they exchanged wedding vows in April 1958. Julio was the love of her life, and together, they established an expansive and affectionate family. Over the years, they developed numerous traditions, including family birthday barbecues, the annual Thanksgiving morning Turkey Trot at Goleta Beach, and festive Christmas gatherings.

Our mother dedicated herself to the field of education, serving as a Teacher's Aide at Monroe Elementary School in the Santa Barbara Unified School District for many years. Her influence extended beyond the classroom, as numerous students later shared the lasting impact she had on their lives. Actively involved in her children's PTA, she took immense pride when her family was honored as the Family of the Year at Wilson Elementary School in 1972.

Her firm commitment to both community and family highlighted her warm and engaging personality, endearing her to many. A social butterfly, she was always ready to celebrate and often the life of the party, adding a constant touch of joy to her relatives and various circles of friends.

She was particularly fond of old Western movies, with Audie Murphy, James Arness (Matt Dillon), and John Wayne ranking among her heroes. She loved her annual trips to Las Vegas, where she helped illuminate the city skyline with enthusiasm and vitality. Always optimistic that her next spin or bet might result in big winnings.

Elena was very committed to her Catholic faith. Alongside her husband, Julio, she faithfully opened the Church doors every morning for the weekday Mass at San Roque Catholic Church for more than two decades. Finding joy in these early morning gatherings, she cherished the opportunity to connect with her Lord through scripture and prayer.

We deeply feel the absence of our mother and treasure the invaluable life lessons she shared with us. While her departure is painful, we find comfort in the belief that she is now in a place of peace, resting free from any suffering.

The family extends heartfelt thanks to her caregiver of over six years, Ruth Alvarez, for her compassionate and loving care, providing many moments of laughter and joy. We also express our sincere appreciation to the dedicated staff at Oak Cottage of Santa Barbara Memory Care for their compassionate and affectionate care extended to our mother throughout her residency at the facility.

A Rosary Service will be held on Friday January 26, 2024 at 7:00pm at San Roque Catholic Church, Santa Barbara, CA. The Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday January 27, 2024 at 10:00am at San Roque Catholic Church, 325 Argonne Circle, Santa Barbara, CA 93105.

Previous Events

Rosary

JAN **26**. 7:00 PM (PT)

San Roque Catholic Church
325 Argonne Circle
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

Funeral Mass

JAN **27**. 10:00 AM (PT)

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