



Irene Alvera Valencia

April 9, 1946 - September 15, 2017

Irene Valencia: 1946–2017

Born Irene Alvera Martinez on April 9, 1946, in Goleta, California, Irene Valencia passed away peacefully on Friday, September 15, 2017, with her loving family at her side.

Irene was the youngest of her siblings: Victoria, Louie, Rocky, Anita, Ted, Ruben, Flora, Caesar, Steve, Victor, and Raymond.

For over 30 years, she served as a Medical Assistant at Children's Medical Clinic of Santa Barbara. There she cared for countless children and families. Irene enjoyed cooking (especially when making tortillas) and always being surrounded by her family.

Irene is preceded in death by her husband, Manuel Valencia. She is survived by her children, Raymond Valencia (Tina) and Jacqueline Knauss (Dan); by seven grandchildren, Marco, Michaela, Joseph, Emilia, Sierra, Jacob, and Jonathon; and by two great-grandchildren, Samantha and Mason.

Irene's family would like to thank the amazing staff at Casa Rhoda and Assisted Hospice of Santa Barbara.

Family tribute: Our Mom was truly the kindest, most generous, and most loving person we have known. The impact she has made on our family is truly amazing. Your life mattered, Mom. Until next time, we'll catch you later.

A vigil will be held on Thursday, September 28, at 7:00 p.m. at Welch-Ryce-Haider Funeral Home, 450 Ward Drive, Santa Barbara, 93111. A mass will take place on Friday, September 29, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Raphael's Church, 5444 Hollister Avenue, Santa Barbara, 93111.

Previous Events

Vigil

SEP **28**. 7:00 PM (PT)

Welch-Ryce-Haider - Goleta
450 Ward Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
(805) 965-5145
info@wrhsb.com
<https://www.wrhsb.com>

Funeral Mass

SEP **29**. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Raphael Catholic Church
5444 Hollister Ave.
Santa Barbara, CA 93111
<http://www.straphaelsb.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ *Such a beautiful person always helpful. I knew Irene through CMC she was Dr. Medinas assistant. My son's always enjoyed seeing her. All I can say is as her children you have a great mom to be proud of. Thank you Irene for your beautiful smiles and encouragement when we had illness related visits. Magana Family*



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Raymond - September 21, 2017 at 05:44 PM

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Our beautiful Mom with her amazing and infectious smile - We miss you !

Raymond - September 21, 2017 at 06:45 PM

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I remember irene as a little girl with her little pigtails, she was a sweet child. Condolences to her family. Sincerely, Gloria Uribe Easter. Joe Uribe was my cousin

Gloria Uribe Easter - September 29, 2017 at 12:12 AM