



Mercedes Dolores Magana

April 25, 1935 - January 28, 2023

Mercedes Dolores Magana, 87, of Riverside, passed away peacefully on January 28, 2023.

A Riverside native through and through, Mercedes was born on April 25, 1935, to Gustavo and Doris Aguilera in Riverside, California. After Mercedes graduated from Poly High School in 1953, she went on to study at Riverside Community College as well as University of California, Riverside.

Shortly after, she entered the workforce as a teacher with St. Anthony's Preschool, and later with the Riverside Unified School District at the Casa Blanca Preschool, serving the community with heartfelt joy and passion during her 26 year career.

In 1998, Mercedes retired to spend time with her family and remained involved with St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church. Her excitement for teaching remained so strong, that she would continue to substitute teach part time for several years post retirement.

In 1956 Mercedes married the love of her life, George Magana in Riverside, and shared 54 incredible years together. Mercedes and George were blessed with a daughter, Elizabeth, who survives them both.

Mercedes was predeceased by her beloved husband, George Magana, as well as her sister Mary Ruth Zuniga.

She is survived by her daughter Elizabeth Ellingwood and her son-in-law Jeff Ellingwood, her grandsons Andrew (wife Amanda) and Aaron (wife Amanda) Ellingwood, and her brothers Jess Aguilera and Ruben Alaniz.

Services will be held at St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church at 4268 Lime Street, Riverside on Wednesday March 1st, 2023. Rosary at 9:30 a.m. followed by mass at 10:00 a.m. and will end with the burial at Olivewood Memorial Park at 11:00 a.m.

Special thanks to Matthew and the incredible staff from Agape Family Care who were like family in the end, especially to Mercedes. Further thanks to the nurses, doctors and staff of the Tranquil Oak Hospice Care for their personal and exceptional service.

Cemetery Details

Olivewood Memorial Park

3300 Central Ave
Riverside, CA 92506

Previous Events

Rosary

MAR 1. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Francis de Sales Catholic Church
4268 Lime St
Riverside, CA 92501

Mass

MAR 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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Burial

MAR 1. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall



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