



Antonia "Toñita" Gutierrez

July 28, 1934 - May 26, 2026

Antonia "Toñita" Gutierrez, conocida cariñosamente como "Welita" por sus nietos, falleció en paz en su hogar en Turlock, California, el 26 de mayo de 2026, rodeada del amor de su familia. Nació el 28 de julio de 1934 en Rodríguez, Nuevo León, México.

Antonia fue una mujer centrada en el amor, la fe, la compasión y la familia. Tenía un espíritu cálido y generoso que hacía sentir bienvenidos y apreciados a todos los que la rodeaban. Ya fuera a través de una comida casera, palabras amables o simplemente con su presencia, dedicó su vida a cuidar y apoyar a quienes amaba.

Fue una esposa devota de su amado esposo fallecido, Guadalupe Gutierrez. La pareja se casó el 7 de junio de 1950 en Matamoros, Tamaulipas, México, y compartieron muchos años llenos de amor, construidos sobre la fe, el trabajo arduo y la dedicación a la familia. En 1966, se mudaron a California desde Texas y formaron una hermosa vida para su familia en las comunidades de Planada y Merced. La actitud perseverante y el espíritu emprendedor de Toñita los llevaron a uno de sus mayores orgullos: la compra de un ranchito de 7 acres de higos Kadota en Planada, donde la familia creció y creó muchos recuerdos inolvidables.

Antonia trabajó incansablemente en los campos de California y en la canería

por más de 35 años. Se jubiló en 1996. A pesar de las exigencias de su trabajo, su mayor alegría siempre fue su familia. Atesoró cada momento compartido con sus hijos, incluyendo a sus 18 nietos, 23 bisnietos y 7 tataranietos.

Fue devota de la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón en Planada por muchos años. Antonia fue integrante de la Sociedad Guadalupana y de la Sociedad de Oro. Su fe la guió a lo largo de toda su vida y se reflejó en su dedicación a su comunidad parroquial. Generosamente ofrecía su tiempo cocinando para eventos de la iglesia, cantando en el coro y ayudando en actividades para recaudar fondos. Sirvió a los demás con humildad, bondad y un corazón alegre.

Antonia también disfrutaba de la jardinería, jugar lotería y bailar sus “Chotises” favoritos en reuniones familiares. Disfrutaba especialmente hacer tortillas de harina para su familia y recibir a sus nietos en su hogar para la tradición anual de preparar tamales, una tradición que continuará viviendo a través de las recetas y recuerdos que ella creó. Su hogar era un lugar lleno de calidez, risas y amor incondicional.

Le sobreviven sus hijos: Juanita Gutierrez, Rodolfo Gutierrez (Carmen), Guadalupe Gutierrez Jr. (Edith), Jose Gustavo Gutierrez (Socorro), Rogelio Gutierrez (Tere) y Carolina Gutierrez Alfaro (Jose de Jesus). Le precedieron en la muerte su amado esposo, Guadalupe Gutierrez, y sus nietos, Monica Martinez, Diego Alfaro y Adrian Alfaro.

El velorio se llevará a cabo el lunes 1 de junio de 2026, de 5:00 p.m. a 8:00 p.m., con el rosario empezando a las 6:00 p.m., en Turlock Funeral Home.

La misa fúnebre se celebrará el martes 2 de junio de 2026, a las 10:00 a.m., en la Iglesia del Sagrado Corazón en Planada, California. Después de la

misa, Antonia será sepultada en el Cementerio Plainsburg en Merced, California.

El amor, la fortaleza, la fe y el espíritu noble de Antonia permanecerán para siempre en el corazón de todos aquellos que la conocieron y la amaron.

Antonia “Toñita” Gutierrez, lovingly known as “Welita” to her grandchildren, passed away peacefully at her home in Turlock, California, on May 26, 2026, surrounded by the love of her family. She was born on July 28, 1934, in Rodriguez, Nuevo León, Mexico.

Antonia was a woman whose life was centered on love, faith, compassion, and family. She had a warm and generous spirit and made everyone around her feel welcomed and cared for. Whether through a home-cooked meal, kind words, or simply her presence, she devoted her life to nurturing and supporting those she loved.

She was a devoted wife to her beloved late husband, Guadalupe Gutierrez. The couple married on June 7, 1950, in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, Mexico, and shared many loving years together built on faith, hard work, and devotion to family. In 1966, they moved to California from Texas and made a beautiful life for their family in the communities of Planada and Merced. Toñita’s can-do attitude and entrepreneur spirit led to one of their proudest accomplishments of purchasing a 7-acre Kadota fig ranch in Planada where the family grew up and created lifelong memories.

Antonia worked tirelessly as both a farm worker and cannery worker for more than 35 years combined before retiring in 1996. Despite the demands of her

work, her greatest joy was always her family. She treasured every moment spent with her children including 18 grandchildren, 23 great-grandchildren, and 7 great-great-grandchildren.

A devoted parishioner of Sacred Heart Church in Planada, Antonia was an active member of the Guadalupana Society and Sociedad de Oro. Her faith guided her throughout her life and was reflected in her dedication to her church community. She generously volunteered her time cooking for church functions, singing in the choir, and helping with fundraising activities. She served others with humility, kindness, and a joyful heart.

Antonia also enjoyed gardening, playing Loteria and dancing to her favorite “Chotis” at family gatherings. She especially enjoyed making homemade tortillas for her family and hosting the grandchildren at her home for an annual tamal making tradition that will continue to live on through the recipes and memories she created. Her home was a place filled with warmth, laughter, and unconditional love.

She is survived by her children, Juanita Gutierrez, Rodolfo Gutierrez (Carmen), Guadalupe Gutierrez Jr.(Edith), Jose Gustavo Gutierrez (Socorro), Rogelio Gutierrez (Tere), and Carolina Gutierrez Alfaro (Jose de Jesus). She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Guadalupe Gutierrez, and her grandchildren, Monica Martinez, Diego Alfaro, and Adrian Alfaro.

A visitation will be held on Monday, June 1, 2026, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., with a rosary at 6:00 p.m. at Turlock Funeral Home.

A funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church in Planada, California. Following the Mass, Antonia will be laid to rest at Plainsburg Cemetery in Merced, California.

Antonia's love, strength, faith, and gentle spirit will forever remain in the hearts of all who knew and loved her.

Cemetery Details

Plainsburg Cemetery

8943 Gillette Ave.
Merced, CA 95341

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
(209) 632-9111
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

Recitation of the Rosary

JUN 1. 6:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Funeral Home
425 North Soderquist Road
Turlock, CA 95381
(209) 632-9111
<https://turlockfuneralhome.com>

Funeral Mass

JUN 2. 10:00 AM (PT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Planada
9317 Amistad St.
Planada, CA 95365

Interment Following Funeral Mass

JUN 2. 11:00 AM (PT)

Plainsburg Cemetery
8943 Gillette Ave.
Merced, CA 95341

Tribute Wall

RE

“ Rosa E. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Antonia "Toñita" Gutierrez.

Rosa E. - June 02 at 12:42 PM

OM

“ Ontiveros Montoya purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Antonia "Toñita" Gutierrez.



Ontiveros Montoya - June 01 at 03:02 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Antonia "Toñita" Gutierrez.



June 01 at 12:15 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Antonia "Toñita" Gutierrez.

June 01 at 12:15 PM

QF

“ Quintana Family purchased the Love's Journey for the family of Antonia "Toñita" Gutierrez.



Quintana Family - May 31 at 11:03 PM

QF

“ Quintana Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Antonia "Toñita" Gutierrez.

Quintana Family - May 31 at 11:03 PM

MF

“ Mauricio y Familia purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Antonia "Toñita" Gutierrez.



Mauricio y Familia - May 31 at 08:03 PM

YF

“ Your CLFSA Familia purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Antonia "Toñita" Gutierrez.



Your CLFSA Familia - May 31 at 07:12 PM



“ *Cherished Memories was purchased for the family of Antonia "Toñita" Gutierrez.*



May 31 at 12:05 AM



“ *Sending our love from Texas.*



Alex Gutierrez - May 30 at 12:42 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Antonia "Toñita" Gutierrez.*



May 30 at 12:35 PM

RF

“ Roberto Gutierrez y Familia purchased the Graceful Wreath for the family of Antonia "Toñita" Gutierrez.



Roberto Gutierrez y Familia - May 29 at 09:32 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Antonia "Toñita" Gutierrez.



May 29 at 12:46 AM