



## Josephine L. Soares

November 19, 1933 - November 23, 2025

Josephine L. Soares, 92, of Turlock, California, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family. Born on November 19, 1933, to Joseph and Francis Machado in Stevenson, California, Josephine was the 12th of 13 children. From an early age, she was known for her independence, strong will, and zest for life.

She married the love of her life, Manuel Soares, in 1950 and together they built a beautiful family and a successful dairy business. She was a devoted wife, mother of seven, grandmother to 20, great-grandmother to nearly 40, and recently became a great-great-grandmother.

Her life was defined by faith, family, hard work, and service. She taught catechism for more than two decades, served as a 4-H Community Leader, volunteered with Meals on Wheels, and was an active member of the Young Women's Institute. Josephine also loved to travel—exploring Europe, Africa, Australia, and New Zealand, among many other destinations—creating lasting memories with her friends and family along the way.

She is preceded in death by her beloved husband, Manuel Soares, son Larry Soares, and son-in-law Thomas Wallen. She is survived by her six children—Erma Heilman (John), Daniel Soares (Deborah), Walter Soares (Sharon), Dennis Soares (Lorrie), Patsy Bettencourt (Gary), and Nancy Wallen

(Thomas)—along with her grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchild, all of whom brought her immense pride and joy.

Josephine's legacy is one of love, resilience, and celebration. She often said, "Don't grieve my passing—celebrate my life." Her family will honor her wishes with a life celebration filled with laughter, stories, and gratitude for the incredible woman she was.

Services:

- Visitation: Tuesday, December 2, 5-7 PM, Turlock Funeral Home, Turlock, CA
- Rosary: Tuesday, December 2, 6 PM, Turlock Funeral Home, Turlock, CA
- Funeral Mass: Wednesday, December 3 at 11 AM, Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Turlock CA
- Burial: Immediately following the funeral mass, Turlock Memorial Park, Turlock, CA
- Reception: Immediately following the burial, Carnegie Arts Center, Turlock CA

Memorial contributions: In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Sacred Heart Catholic Church or Covenant Care Hospice.

# Cemetery Details

## Turlock Memorial Park

575 N. Soderquist Rd.  
Turlock, CA 95380  
(209) 632-9111  
<http://turlockmemorialpark.com>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (PT)

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

## Recitation of the Rosary

DEC 2. 6:00 PM (PT)

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

## **Funeral Mass**

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DEC 3. 11:00 AM (PT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
1200 Lyons Ave  
Turlock, CA 95380  
(209) 634-8578

## **Interment Following Funeral Mass**

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DEC 3. 12:00 PM (PT)

Turlock Memorial Park  
575 N Soderquist Rd  
Turlock, CA 95380-3749  
(209) 632-9111

## **Reception to Follow**

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DEC 3. 12:30 PM (PT)

Carnegie Arts Center  
250 N Broadway  
Turlock, CA

# Tribute Wall

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“ I will never forget our trip to Disneyland when we had an accident on the highway and all 4-H experiences so sorry for your loss love, kathy Blount and family

Kathy blount //Espindula - December 02, 2025 at 12:14 PM

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Rosemarie Mendes - Todd - December 02, 2025 at 10:42 AM

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Lucy Mattos - November 28, 2025 at 01:09 PM

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chrissy oliver - November 27, 2025 at 12:26 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Josephine L. Soares.*



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November 26, 2025 at 05:25 PM