



## Maria Esther Perez Franco

December 3, 1955 - May 3, 2025

It is with heavy hearts and deep love that we announce the transition of Maria Esther Perez Franco, a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend, who left this world surrounded by the love of her family whom she loved deeply on May 3, 2025.

Born December 3, 1955 and raised in the beautiful town of Jalostotitlán, Jalisco, Mexico, Maria Esther came to the United States at just 18 years old, carrying courage in her heart and a dream of creating a better future for her family. She settled in Stanislaus County, where that dream became both her lifelong mission and her greatest joy.

She devoted 18 years to SaveMart Supermarkets, where her warm smile and generous heart left a lasting impression on both customers and coworkers. Yet her greatest joy was found at home, where family always came first. Her children were her proudest achievement, and her grandchildren, the brightest lights in her life. Whether she was showering them with love, cooking her signature sopita, cheering on her eldest grandchild as he sang and played guitar, or simply sharing stories around the table, her presence was a gift- one that brought love to all who knew her.

She found endless joy in sharing a cafecito with panecito, especially when surrounded by her beloved brothers and sisters.

Sundays were sacred - reserved for church and family. A proud and active member of Saint Jude Parish in Ceres, California, she once taught catechism there while raising her children in the faith. Her deep devotion was the anchor of her life, and she passed that unwavering faith on to her children.

She loved shopping trips, traveling, and indulging in life's little pleasures, especially when it meant enjoying a meal by the beach or getting dressed up with her signature touch of glam and sparkle. She lived with unwavering devotion, offering her heart freely to those she loved and even to strangers, always ready with a kind word or a helping hand. To her nieces and nephews, she was more than family - she was like a second mother, a source of comfort, wisdom, and unconditional love.

Maria Esther was united in marriage to Luis Perez at Sacred Heart Church in Turlock, CA in 1981. Together they raised four children, and instilled values like kindness, the importance of family, hard work, and above all, a deep and steady trust in God.

She is preceded in death by Demetria Franco (beloved mother), Gela Martinez (sister), Emiliana & Esmeralda (granddaughters) and Jaime Franco (brother).

She is lovingly survived by her devoted husband, Luis Perez; her beloved children, Yessenia Perez Boudy, Emmanuel Perez, Ilse Perez Chavez, and Yasmin Perez; and her cherished grandchildren, Misael Garcia, Luca Chavez, and Ezra Chavez. She also leaves behind her treasured siblings, Raul Franco, Martha Franco, Carlos Franco, Martin Franco, Lilia Franco, Gloria Franco, Maria Franco, Karina Franco, and her loving father, Eriberto Franco.

Her family was her world, and her memory will live on in each of their hearts.

All who knew and loved her are warmly invited to join in celebrating her beautiful life and lasting legacy.

Services will be held at Sacred Heart Church, Turlock, CA on Friday, May 9, 2025:

- Viewing: 11:00 AM
- Rosary: 11:30 AM
- Church Service: 12:00 PM
- Funeral: Turlock Memorial Park
- Reception to follow

To honor her memory, we kindly ask guests to wear light pink, her favorite color if possible.

Her love, her laughter, and her warrior spirit will forever remain in our hearts.

2 Corinthians 5:8

We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.

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Con corazones llenos de tristeza pero también de profundo amor, anunciamos el fallecimiento de Maria Esther Perez Franco, una amada esposa, madre, abuelita, hermana y amiga, quien partió de este mundo el 3 de mayo de 2025, rodeada del amor de su familia, a quienes amó con todo su ser.

Nacida el 3 de diciembre de 1955 y criada en el hermoso pueblo de Jalostotitlán, Jalisco, México, Maria Esther emigró a los Estados Unidos a la temprana edad de 18 años, llevando consigo valentía en el corazón y el

sueño de construir un mejor futuro para su familia. Se estableció en el Condado de Stanislaus, donde ese sueño se convirtió en su misión de vida y su mayor alegría.

Dedicó 18 años a SaveMart Supermarkets, donde su cálida sonrisa y su generoso corazón dejaron una huella imborrable en clientes y compañeros por igual. Sin embargo, su mayor felicidad siempre estuvo en el hogar, donde la familia era lo primero. Sus hijos fueron su mayor orgullo, y sus nietos, las luces más brillantes de su vida. Ya fuera consintiéndolos con amor, cocinando su sopita, animando a su nieto mayor mientras cantaba y tocaba la guitarra, o simplemente compartiendo historias en la mesa, su presencia era un regalo que llenaba de amor a todos los que la conocieron.

Encontraba una dicha inmensa en compartir un cafecito con panecito, especialmente en compañía de sus queridos hermanos y hermanas.

Los domingos eran sagrados: dedicados a la iglesia y a la familia. Como orgullosa y activa miembro de la Parroquia de San Judas en Ceres, California, en su momento enseñó catecismo mientras criaba a sus hijos en la fe. Su profunda devoción fue el ancla de su vida, y esa fe firme la transmitió con amor a sus hijos.

Disfrutaba de las salidas de compras, los viajes, y de los pequeños placeres de la vida - especialmente cuando se trataba de saborear una comida frente al mar o de arreglarse con su toque característico de glamour y brillo. Vivió con una entrega incondicional, brindando su corazón a quienes amaba y también a desconocidos, siempre con una palabra amable o una mano extendida. Para sus sobrinos y sobrinas, era más que una tía - era como una segunda madre, fuente de consuelo, sabiduría y amor incondicional.

Maria Esther y Luis Perez unieron sus vidas en matrimonio en la Iglesia del

Sagrado Corazón en Turlock, CA, en 1981. Juntos formaron una familia y criaron a cuatro hijos, inculcándoles valores como la bondad, la importancia de la familia, el trabajo duro y, sobre todo, una fe profunda y fe en Dios.

Le preceden en la muerte su querida madre Demetria Franco, su hermana Gela Martinez, sus nietas Emiliana & Esmeralda, y su hermano Jamie Franco.

Le sobreviven con amor su esposo devoto, Luis Perez; sus queridos hijos, Yessenia Perez Boudy, Emmanuel Perez, Ilse Perez Chavez, y Yasmin Perez; y sus amados nietos, Misael Garcia, Luca Chavez, y Ezra Chavez. También deja atrás a sus adorados hermanos y hermanas, Raul Franco, Martha Franco, Carlos Franco, Martin Franco, Lilia Franco, Gloria Franco, Maria Franco, Karina Franco, y a su querido padre, Eriberto Franco.

Su familia fue su mundo, y su recuerdo vivirá para siempre en cada uno de sus corazones.

Todos quienes la conocieron y amaron están cordialmente invitados a unirse a la celebración de su hermosa vida y su eterno legado.

Los servicios se llevarán a cabo en la Iglesia Sagrado del Corazon, Turlock, CA, el viernes 9 de mayo de 2025:

- Velorio: 11:00 AM
- Rosario: 11:30 AM
- Misa: 12:00 PM
- Entierro: Turlock Memorial Park
- Recepción después del entierro

Para honrar su memoria, agradecemos que, si es posible, los asistentes vistan de color rosa claro, su color favorito si es posible.

Su amor, su risa y su espíritu de guerrera permanecerán para siempre en nuestros corazones.

2 Corintios 5:8

Pero confiamos, y más quisiéramos estar ausentes del cuerpo, y presentes al Señor.

# Cemetery Details

## Turlock Memorial Park

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 9. 11:00 AM (PT)

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

## Recitation of the Rosary

MAY 9. 11:30 AM (PT)

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

## **Funeral Mass**

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**MAY 9.** 12:00 PM (PT)

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

## **Interment Following Funeral Mass**

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**MAY 9.** 1:00 PM (PT)

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

# Tribute Wall

KF

“ *Kym Marquez and Family purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Maria Esther Perez Franco.*



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**Kym Marquez and Family** - May 08, 2025 at 03:19 PM

MH

“ *Maci Hickman purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Maria Esther Perez Franco.*



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**Maci Hickman** - May 08, 2025 at 10:18 AM

DF

“ *Delia Grimaldo-Vechart and Family purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Maria Esther Perez Franco.*



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**Delia Grimaldo-Vechart and Family** - May 07, 2025 at 10:54 PM

MN

“ Marlyn, Khang, Noah and Ayden Nguyen purchased the Sweet Sincerity for the family of Maria Esther Perez Franco.



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**Marlyn, Khang, Noah and Ayden Nguyen** - May 07, 2025 at 09:44 PM

YF

“ Yolanda & The Perez Family purchased the Rose Garden Heart for the family of Maria Esther Perez Franco.



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**Yolanda & The Perez Family** - May 07, 2025 at 04:24 PM

MC

“ Maria luna and Cynthia & Claudia planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Maria Esther Perez Franco.

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**Maria luna and Cynthia & Claudia** - May 07, 2025 at 01:06 PM

MC

“ Maria luna and Cynthia & Claudia purchased the Pink Potpourri Bouquet for the family of Maria Esther Perez Franco.



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**Maria luna and Cynthia & Claudia** - May 07, 2025 at 01:06 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Maria Esther Perez Franco.*



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May 07, 2025 at 12:04 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Maria Esther Perez Franco.*



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May 06, 2025 at 11:06 PM



“ *Gay, Marshall & Keisha Powell-Stewart purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of Maria Esther Perez Franco.*



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**Gay, Marshall & Keisha Powell-Stewart** - May 06, 2025 at 07:31 PM