



Santana Anne Martinez

November 2, 1945 - March 24, 2015

Santana Martinez Martinez from Turlock, CA, died at home on Tuesday, March 24, 2015.

Her parents, Isaac and Enedina Martinez and her sister Severa Martinez Carrillo preceded her in death. Left to cherish her memory are her husband of 44 years, Luis; adult children JoAnna (Aaron) Martinez Oliva, Turlock, Javier (Marisa Santos), San Jose, CA, grandchild, Niko Nikoson Martinez, San Jose, CA; sisters Bertha Martinez Garcia, Ecuador, Heladia Martinez Nardi, Hollister, CA; four sisters-in-law, TX, two brothers-in-law, TX; numerous nephews and nieces from TX, CA, PA, NY; extended family and friends. Her beloved Kilo and Smokey also grieve.

Santana, "Annie," was born in Raymondville, Texas. Her family moved to Hollister, CA in 1956. She attended Relampago School District, Relampago, TX, continued at R.O. Hardin Elementary School, Hollister, CA, and graduated from San Benito County High School, Hollister, and graduated from San Benito Junior College, Hollister, CA. As a young adult she sought career opportunities in San Jose, CA where she was employed for a number of years with Pacific Telephone Company. Seeking to better mesh job and family she found her niche as District Office Secretary with the Oak Grove School District. She retired from the Miner Elementary School after 20-plus years of challenging, fulfilling work. This position was at the hub of children's and parents' transactions that ultimately affected students' academic careers. Santana was the dream neighbor and friend. She strived to bring a smile and

cheer to every person who crossed her path. If a lasagna casserole was your birthday wish she did not hesitate to overcome personal physical discomfort to prepare it. If you'd suffered personal losses she could spend hours preparing a package that would provide excitement and joy. She was compassionate, thoughtful and loving. She created a life whose objective was to fill each day with family, friends, joy, and excitement. Her strong faith sustained her through rough times.

Santana loved the outdoors, lollygagging in her hammock in spring and summer; selecting plants and watching her garden grow; preparing food to share with friends and family, reading, including an occasional raunchy novel, writing greeting cards to commemorate special occasions, always charming with her unmatched wit and ready repartee, the center of the loudest group in the bar. Never still when dancing and music were underway until arthritis caught up with her. She enjoyed playing online cards, Scrabble and Bejeweled, and communicating with family and friends via texting and Facebook. Shopping for herself and friends, home decorating, movies, live performances, theater, and travel were pleasurable activities. Santana never met a stranger she did not convert to a friend.

Rest in Peace, Annie. We miss you and grieve.

Viewing is open to the public on Saturday, March 28 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

Services will be held on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 1:00 pm

Location Turlock Memorial Park, 425 North Soderquist Road, Turlock, CA 95382

Tribute Wall



“ *Santana Anne Martinez*

January 28, 2023 at 09:01 AM



“ *Please accept our sincere condolences on Anne's passing It is with great sadness that we extend our sympathy to you and your family*

Classmates 1965 Hollister High

Classmates 1965 Hollister High - April 09, 2015 at 04:18 PM



“ *I will always remember the spark and positive attitude Santana had every time she was in our office at B-K during the early years. She was such a joy to work with.*

Jan Gordon - March 27, 2015 at 10:01 PM



“ *A Devoted Heart Casket Insert was purchased for the family of Santana Anne Martinez.*



March 27, 2015 at 06:18 PM

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“ *Santana was the warmest, kindest, silly funnest person! She never pre-judged anyone...always accepted people the way they were and never thought of them as "flawed" but special. I was honored to know her since 2000 when I first met JoAnna...the family embraced me and provided me a family after losing my parents years earlier...thought I had dealt with the loss...but meeting JoAnna and Santana and her family made me feel like part of a family again. I will never forget how, when I was going through a rough relationship, she never judged my (bad!) decisions, just always let me know she was there for me if I needed help. She was a friend to everyone...life will not be the same without her around, but she's indeed in a better place...Heaven has been truly blessed with an Angel in Santana...RIP always and know how loved you are and how positively affected so many lives. We are all better people having known you. Love to her family.*

Denise Miyake Garcia - March 26, 2015 at 07:37 PM

PA

My deepest condolences to Luis, Joanna and all of Anne 's Family. I have missed Anne and her funny Christmas letters. I met Anne in SJ, we became friends and eventually roommates until she married Luis.

Anne was always very entertaining and I very much enjoyed her quick humour and friendship.

I have tried calling Anne this last few weeks and decided to check my address book for a home number or cell, I found her cell number, but unable to reach her. This evening I checked obituaries. I am very sadden by the news.

I agree with the above post, we are better people having known you. Rest in peace my Dear friend in the Lords house until we meet again.

My love and blessings to all of her family.

Paula Alvarez 🌹

Paula Alvarez - October 06, 2017 at 12:39 AM



“ Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Santana Anne Martinez.



March 26, 2015 at 07:25 PM