



Rose Mary Vasquez

November 20, 1945 – June 27, 2026

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Rose Mary Vasquez, 80, who passed away peacefully on June 27, 2026 in Roseville, California, surrounded by the love of her family. Born on November 20, 1945, in Upland, California, Rose lived a life defined by kindness, generosity, resilience, and unconditional love.

Rose was the cherished daughter of Felicita and Daniel Vasquez, who preceded her in death. She was a devoted sister to Esther Martinez (husband Steve Martinez), Daniel Vasquez (wife Diana Vasquez), and Robert 'Bobby' Vasquez, sharing a lifetime of treasured memories and an unbreakable family bond.

Above all else, Rose was a loving and devoted mother to her daughters Kathy, Jessica, Esther, and Michele. Her family was the center of her world, and she dedicated her life to raising her children with unwavering love, strength, compassion, and encouragement. She often showed her daughters and grandchildren there was always a way forward and even said, "There is no such word as I can't." Her example of perseverance and determination allowed them to excel in sports, music, horsemanship, 4H, Girl Scouts, competitive dance, performing arts theatre, roller derby and endurance racing. Mom was always the family's number one cheerleader and so proud of what her family could accomplish.

A graduate of Chino High School in 1963, Rose pursued a career in many fields like medical, working as a nursing assistant for 8 years with Dr. Mirkin and then in education, spending 13 years as a dedicated teacher's assistant. She found great joy in helping children learn and grow before embracing her most treasured role of a full-time mother. Also, she contributed her time as a Girl Scout leader, marching band chaperone and uniform seamstress, 4H leader for horse and swine, and a board member for the local California Gymkhana Association.

Rose's talents and passions touched every aspect of her life. She was a gifted seamstress whose beautiful creations reflected both her creativity and patience. Everyone in the family was blessed with some sort of creation by her. She created everything from intricate quilts and clothing to Halloween costumes and even designs for the horses and dogs! It's safe to say Rose could create anything from a simple yard of fabric and make it special.

She had an extraordinary green thumb, transforming her garden into a breathtaking display of flowers that often-inspired neighbors and passersby to stop and admire their beauty—and sometimes even ask for a flower to take home. Simply put her love of nature shined through her plants.

Rose loved a good time whether it was going to a concert, movie, having family get-togethers or enjoying lively bingo nights with dear friends. She also cherished traveling and created wonderful memories exploring destinations including Canada, Puerto Rico, Costa Rica, Disneyland many times and so many other places. She even motorbiked from Colorado to Sturgis which she was so proud of; adventure was a part of her spirit.

Rose never met a stranger. Her warm smile, welcoming spirit, quick wit, and infectious laughter made everyone feel at home. She had a remarkable gift for conversation and was always ready to offer a listening ear, words of encouragement, or a laugh that could brighten even the hardest day. She would also make sure you were well fed and loved cooking for others. To know Rose was to feel loved.

She leaves behind a legacy of love and devotion through her daughters Kathy (husband Arthur) Cales, Michele Ramos, Jessica (husband Nick) Zagaris, and Esther Ramos; her grandchildren Kristal Abts, Lauren Cales, Jonathan Cales (Miranda), Solomon Searcy, Myles Zagaris, Joseph Searcy, Tyler Lobback (Kennedy), Erik Lobback, and Kayla Hammett; her great-grandchildren Julia Schorger- Cales, Cali Abts, Abigail Abts, Magnolia Abts, Carter Cales, and baby Cales due December 2026; 3 nephews, 2 nieces, and 1 niece preceded in death.

A Mass celebrating Rose's life will be held on July 20, 2026, at Our Lady of Guadalupe, 5048 D Street, in Chino. The visitation is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. followed by the Rosary and Mass at 11 a.m. with a procession to Holy Cross Cemetery (new area) 444 E Lexington Ave. in Pomona.

Family and friends are invited to gather in remembrance of a woman whose love, kindness, and joyful spirit touched so many lives. Though our hearts are broken by her passing, we find comfort in knowing that Rose's love will continue to live on through the family she cherished, the friendships she nurtured, and the countless lives she touched. She will be deeply missed, forever loved, and forever remembered.