In Loving Memory



Gaylene Ann Serpa

October 18, 1952 – September 25, 2026

Our beloved Gaylene Ann Serpa entered eternal rest peacefully on September 25, 2026, at the age of 73.

A lifelong resident of Tracy, Gaylene attended St. Bernard's Catholic School and was a proud and loved member of the Tracy High School Class of 1970. Her commitment to her classmates continued throughout the years, as she served as treasurer of the class reunion committee since graduation. After high school Gaylene graduated from San Juaquin Delta College with a degree in Liberal Arts.

Gaylene then devoted many years to keeping the books for her family's business, Serpa's Arco in Lathrop, where she completed the Arco Management Training Program. She most recently worked as a bookkeeper for the Tracy Moose Lodge.

Gaylene was deeply involved in the Tracy community and generously gave her time to causes and organizations close to her heart. She volunteered at St. Bernard's for the Fall Festival and helped with office work and with counting the weekly offerings. She was associate member of the Daughters of the Cross, where she participated in Bible study, participated in Our Lady of Fatima prayer group, and was also a member of the Women's Auxiliary of the VFW, helping plan Tracy's Veterans Day celebration.

Gaylene will be remembered for her steadfast faith, her quiet kindness, and her deep love for family and friends, especially her nieces and nephews. She had a lifelong love of music, particularly The Beatles, and enjoyed attending local concerts. Each year, she brought family together to attend the Festival of the Holy Ghost (the Festa) at the Portuguese Hall, continuing a cherished tradition.

She had many interests and talents. Gaylene was an excellent shot with a rifle and an avid reader who enjoyed both science articles and fiction. She especially enjoyed making handmade cards for her loved ones on special occasions, creating thoughtful keepsakes that reflected her caring nature. Kind, humble, and loyal, Gaylene was a protective big sister, a treasured friend, and a devoted member of her church and community. Her presence will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved her.

Gaylene was preceded in death by her parents, John Serpa, a former Captain of the Tracy Police Force, and Dolores Serpa; and her brother, Christopher Serpa, a Captain with the San Joaquin County Sheriff's Department.

She is survived by her three brothers, Paul Serpa, Michael Serpa, and John T. Serpa; and her nieces and nephews, Matthew Serpa, Nicole Vertar, Anthony Serpa, Marissa Fields, and Greg Serpa, and Nicholas Serpa.

Gaylene leaves behind a legacy of faith, family, friendship, and service to the community she loved. She will be remembered with great affection and missed more than words can express.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the St. Bernard's Building Fund in honor of Gaylene by calling them at 209-835-4560.

Services will be held at Fry Memorial Chapel, 550 South Central Avenue, Tracy. A rosary will be held in the chapel at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, October 19th, 2026, with visitation beginning at 4:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be follow at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, October 20th, 2026 at St. Bernard's Church, 163 West Eaton Avenue, Tracy. She will be laid to rest immediately following at Valpico Memorial Park, 12815 Valpico Rd., Tracy. A reception will be held following the burial at the Tracy Moose Lodge, 35 East Sixth Street, Tracy.

Chapel services will be livestreamed via her tribute page at www.frymemorialchapel.com for family and friends unable to attend. An online guest book is available for condolences and special messages to the family.