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Inez Paulo Melo



JULY 25, 1947 – OCT. 18, 2026

Inez Paulo Melo, 79, passed away at home on October 18, 2026. She was born on July 25, 1947, in Terra do Pão, Pico, Azores, and was a resident of Tracy, California, for 55 years.

Together, Inez and her soulmate, John Melo, journeyed to the United States in April 1969, where they planted their roots and built the American dream. They founded Melo Construction in 1989, a prominent construction company in the community.

They had been parishioners of St. Bernard's Catholic Church since 1970 and members of Our Lady of Fatima for more than 35 years.

Inez was a gifted seamstress from the age of 15, with a passion for fashion, gardening, cooking, and hosting. She regularly led the family in prayer. She loved and devoted her life to her faith and family, of whom she was the matriarch.

Inez is survived by her loving husband, John Nunes Melo; her son, Louie (Nicole) Melo; her daughter, Lisa (Riki) Tailes; her son, John (Lisa) Melo; her son, Paul (Anna) Melo; her grandchildren, Devin (Jimmy) Tailes, Andrew (Cesily) Melo, Sierra (Brett) Riley, Alec (Gissel) Melo, Maezee (Josh) Tailes, Madelyn (Kevin) Melo, Alexis Melo, Zaeyah Melo, Traiden Martinho, and Londyn Melo; and her great-granddaughters, Emilia Gorecki, Zoe Riley, Sagan Riley, and Mila Melo.

Her love will forever live on in the hearts of those she leaves behind. Though she will be deeply missed, her legacy of love, light, strength, and devotion to her family will continue through generations.

Fry Memorial Chapel, located at 550 South Central Avenue in Tracy, is honored to serve the Melo family. Visitation will be held at the chapel on Monday, November 2, 2026, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. A rosary and funeral Mass will be held at St. Bernard's Catholic Church, 163 West Eaton Avenue in Tracy, at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 3, 2026. She will be laid to rest privately at the Tracy Mausoleum.