

July 14, 1926 ~ April 18, 2026

Mary Alves Perry

Mary Alves Perry was born on July 14, 1926 to Jose and Graça Alves in Sacramento, Ca. She passed away peacefully surrounded by her family on April 18, 2026. She left a legacy of love.

Mary moved to Tracy with her family when she was 8 years old. As a child she learned about discipline, caring for others, and about the seasons as her father was a farmer and a rancher. She helped her mother prepare meals for the workers. She also helped out in the fields. A meal would be provided to anyone who came to the door looking for work. She continued caring for others and remained an active farming partner with the land she grew up on and loved.

Mary graduated from Banta Elementary School in 1940 and Tracy High School in 1944. She learned accounting and ran the business aspect of the farm.

In 1950, Mary married John C Perry, the love of her life. This couple knew how to have fun. Music, dancing or playing cards with family or friends was a common occurrence. They made frequent trips to Portugal, "the old country". They traveled throughout the United States and Canada with family and friends with Storer Bus Tours. They also cruised the world as well. Then there are the casino trips, many were actually charitable events.

Whether Mary was living in Robert's Island or the Tracy ranch, her nieces and nephews were only a field away. Mary opened her home to them daily. Always with a smile, always with a treat. Whenever John and she traveled, they always returned with something special for each of them. Mary learned cake decorating and baked all of their birthday cakes. She made each one feel special. She was so much more than an aunt. Her nieces and nephews considered her their 2nd mother throughout their lives.

In 1966, Mary and John's Goddaughter from Portugal, Grace, came to live with them to further her schooling. Mary embraced being the American mother to Grace. Grace became the daughter of her heart. Mary was proud of all Grace's accomplishments. Mary considered and loved Grace as her daughter.

Nothing made Mary happier than being an Avó to Gracie, Frankie and Jennifer. She loved attending their school programs, award banquets and sporting events. She was proud that they enjoyed learning and participating in their Portuguese heritage. Mary's heart continued to embrace each of her nine great grandchildren. She loved being an Avozinha. She always had a hug and a kiss. She especially loved the annual Machado family vacation to Monterey.

Mary's heart was a generous one. Mary and John opened their home to immigrating family members and helped them become established in the U.S. She cared about all people, especially children and the homeless. She donated to every school project or sporting event for every child in her large expanded family. Where children were concerned she never said no.

Mary loved her Portuguese heritage. She was a member of Luso American Education Foundation, Luso American Fraternal Federation, St Anthony's, PFSA, Cabrillo Club, and POSSO. She belonged to and attended many Holy Ghost Festas throughout the state as well as Our Lady of Fatima.

Mary was a person of faith. She was a member of St Bernard's Catholic Church. She prayed the rosary daily. Her middle name is Rosaria, Mary of the Rosary.

Mary is survived by her daughter, Grace Machado; her grandchildren, Gracie Pimental (Eddie), Frankie Machado, and Jennifer Sanders (Ben) and 9 great grandchildren; her nephew, Ed Alves (Nancy) and nieces, Mary Pennini and Diana Alves.

Mary was predeceased by her parents, Jose and Graça Alves, her siblings, Arthur Alves and Tony Alves; her son in law, Frank Machado; nephews, Alvin Alves and Tony Costa; and nieces, Janet Alves and Josephine Bock.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 18, 2026 from 5:00-7:00pm. The Vigil (Rosary) will immediately follow at 7:00pm at Fry Memorial Chapel. The Funeral Mass will be held at St Bernard's Catholic Church on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 at 11:00am. Her interment will follow at the Tracy Public Cemetery.

Mary's family would like to thank Tracy Nursing and Rehab and Life Springs Hospice for the excellent care they provided to Mary. We also wish to thank the many friends and family who provided love and support to her in so many ways.

If you would like to spread the love like Mary, in lieu of flowers, please consider donating to St Bernard's Ministry of Caring or St Mary's Dining Hall or to a charity of your choice.

Mary A Perry, a remarkable woman, forever loved in our hearts

