



In Memory of
~ Eleanor Salazar ~
May 8, 1930 – September 28, 2007



Eleanor Salazar was born to Agustine Luna and Amparo Arguelles in Santa Paula, California on May 8, 1930. Our beloved mother entered into eternal rest with her loving family at her side on Friday, September 28, 2007. We are grateful for the time we had and know you are dancing with our father in Heaven. After the death of her mother, she moved to Fresno, California to be raised by her uncle and aunt, Henry and Juanita Aguilar. She graduated from Roosevelt High School. She met her future husband, Sal Salazar of Sal's Mexican Restaurant, one morning after church over 50 years ago as she and her uncle and aunt enjoyed breakfast at the original restaurant. She was surprised to meet Sal again on a blind date arranged by a mutual friend. They married on January 6, 1957. They worked together in the restaurant business along with Sal's parents and together established Sal's Mexican Restaurant as a Selma and Valley institution. They enjoyed 23 years of marriage before Sal passed on May 5, 1980. Our mother continued the business with her children and semi-retired in 1993 after her first bout with breast cancer. She was blessed to have shared the second chapter of her life with Fidel Martinez of Selma. Together they traveled the world from Europe to Mexico and Hawaii to Costa Rica. We are grateful for the love and care he lavished on our mother and the loving grandparents they both became to each other's grandchildren. Eleanor received many awards including the Business of the Year by the Selma District Chamber of Commerce in 1996; named 1999 Selma Band Festival Grand Marshal; selected as Mother of the Year - 2000 nominee by the Fresno County Women in Chambers of Commerce; California State Assembly District 29 Woman of the Year 2001; and the California Small Business Association 2002 award honoree. She was a member of the Selma District Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, 1990-1992; the Selma Women's Club; the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Guadalupana Society and an active member and supporter of St. Joseph's Catholic Church congregation. The family especially thanks Dr. Klaus Hoffman; nurse Mitsi Teramura and all their staff; and Lilly Garcia and Martha Bryan of Home Instead Senior Care. Your care and loving respect for our mother is deeply appreciated. Her parents, her uncle, Henry Aguilar and her husband Sal Salazar preceded Eleanor in death. She is survived by her daughter, Lorraine Salazar, and her son Aaron Vasquez; her sons, Bobby Salazar, Karl Salazar and his wife Michelle and their children, Sal, Roman, Karly and Joshua, and Henry Salazar and his life partner, Bob Bethel; her aunt, Juanita Aguilar of Fresno; her sisters, Mary Strong and Delia Hamilton, both of Fresno; her brother, George Montano of Las Cruces, New Mexico; her loving friend and companion, Fidel Martinez of Selma, and his daughter, Debbie Rosales, and his son, Tom Martinez and families; many loving Salazar family brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, and cousins; and Sal's staff members and many loyal friends.

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