



## Mary Lucille Avila

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Mary L. Avila of Kingsburg, CA passed to her Heavenly Father on December 30, 2023 in Visalia CA at the age of 91.

Mary was born in Hanford, CA to Manuel and Eleanor Madruga on December 22, 1932. Mary was raised in Hanford and attended Hanford High School graduating in 1954. Mary worked at Gribbys General Store until meeting the love of her life George Avila.

In 1955 Mary married that once in a lifetime love George Avila of Hanford, CA. They were married on May 28, 1955 by Father Balker at Holy Family Catholic Church in Kingsburg, CA. Mary and George celebrated 58 years of wedded bliss until his passing in 2013. Mary and George started their family in Hanford, CA before moving to the Armona ranch. Then they purchased their lifelong dream ranch in Kingsburg in 1962 near the Kings River. Mary was a wonderful homemaker to her family. She enjoyed cooking, baking, sewing, knitting and crocheting.

Mary was a devout member of Holy Family Catholic Church where she sang,

was a lector and taught catechism.

Mary was preceded in death by her husband George Avila, daughter Diana Avila, her parents Manual and Eleanor Madruga, her brother Manual Madruga JR and her twin brother Leonard Madruga. Mary is survived by her son Stephen and his wife Kim; her daughters Liz and her husband Tony Brady; Jennifer and her husband Dave Lawrence, grandchildren Jake Blodgett, Will Avila, Amber Payne, Brittney and Dylan Brady, DJ and Jason Lawrence, great-grandchildren Blake, Justin, Maddie and Hannah Avila, Tysin, Katelynn, Brooklyn and Carsin Silva, Hailey and Joey Payne, Kinsley and Adaline Lawrence and numerous nieces and nephews.

Recitation of the Holy Rosary will be held 9:30am Thursday January 11, 2024 at Holy Family Catholic Church, 1275 Smith Street, Kingsburg, CA, with the Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated at 10:00am. Burial will immediately follow at Kingsburg Cemetery 12782 E. Clarkson Ave. Kingsburg, CA.

Services have been entrusted to Salser & Dillard Creighton Chapel. Memorial Tributes and condolences may be offered by logging onto [www.salseranddillard.com](http://www.salseranddillard.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Kingsburg Cemetery

12782 E. Clarkson Avenue  
Kingsburg, CA 93631

# Previous Events

## Rosary

JAN 11. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (PT)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
1275 Smith Street  
Kingsburg, CA 93631

## Mass of Christian Burial

JAN 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Holy Family Catholic Church  
1275 Smith Street  
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## Burial

JAN 11. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Kingsburg Cemetery  
12782 E. Clarkson Avenue  
Kingsburg, CA 93631



# Tribute Wall



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of Mary Lucille Avila.*



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January 08, 2024 at 05:09 PM



“ *My dear sweet friend and ex neighbor. I continually remember the day you and Jennifer came to the mobile park to view one of the mobile homes that was for sale that was right next door to me. We had both moved there in 2013. We became fast friends. And to top it all you were also portuguese. We both felt like we were sisters. There was nothing we couldn't talk about and we never had one single disagreement. We spoke every day. Sometimes twice. I was so lucky to meet your son Steven and wife Kim and to actually become close friends with your daughter, Jennifer. I will always treasure the memory. MARY, I miss you very much, our talks and our times together. I will never forget you and you will always be in my heart. You got your wish. You are finally with your love, George.*

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**Fatima Baeta** - January 08, 2024 at 02:06 AM



“ *A wonderful person who I was blessed to know and love. Many times sitting at Holy mass with her and George. Beautiful 🎵 they will be singing to Jesus. A big hug to all who loved her. Sleep in peace dear friend. Ortie Florez.*

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**Ortie Florez** - January 07, 2024 at 06:58 PM