



Carmen Maria Ramirez

September 17, 1958 - October 5, 2025

Carmen Maria Ramirez passed away peacefully on October 5, 2025, and is now in the arms of our Heavenly Father. She was born in Tempe, Arizona, on September 17, 1958, to Melquin Benavides and Carmen Alejandro, Carmen was the fifth of nine siblings.

She spent her early childhood with her grandparents in Matamoros, Mexico, before moving with her family to Toppenish at the age of three, where she lived the rest of her life. At 17, Carmen met the love of her life, Juan Ramirez Sr., and together they built a beautiful, loving home filled with joy, laughter, and unconditional love. They raised a family of 13, including nieces and nephews, and lovingly helped raise Juan's youngest three siblings. Carmen's home was a haven for many others over the years, always open and welcoming.

Carmen was known for her kind heart, cheerful spirit, and warm embrace. She never met a stranger—her smile and tight hugs made everyone feel like family. Her cooking brought comfort to many, and her passion for arts and crafts was evident in everything she touched. She was her children's and grandchildren's biggest fan, never missing a basketball or football game, always cheering from the front bench.

Her love for her family was boundless and unwavering. Carmen is survived by her devoted husband, Juan Ramirez Sr. They would have celebrated 50 years of marriage on October 31st. She is also survived by her children: Melquin Benavides (Ashley), Leti Ramirez, Maribel Felan (Manuel), Juan Jr. (Gracie),

Rebecca Perez (James), Rosalinda Ramirez, Blanca Ramirez, Felipe Ramirez (Alma), Crystal Ramirez (Cecilia), Juan T. Ramirez (Elizenda), Bianca Ramirez (Mario), Raymond Ramirez (Marisela), and Roman Ramirez (Michelle); 35 grandchildren; and 6 great-grandchildren and 3 great-grandbabies on the way! She also leaves behind six siblings, 5 in-laws, numerous nephews and nieces; extended family; and lifelong friends. Carmen is preceded in death by her parents, Melquin and Carmen; her twin brother Armando and her older brother Joe. Her father in-law Tiburcio and mother in law Herminia Ramirez, and brother in law, Felipe Ramirez Sr. Carmen's legacy of love, generosity, and joy will live on in the hearts of all who knew her.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 9. 5:00 PM (PT)

St Aloysius Catholic Church
213 N Beech St
Toppenish, WA 98948-1318
(509) 865-4725

Rosary

OCT 9. 6:00 PM (PT)

St. Aloysius Catholic Church
213 N. Beech Street
Toppenish,, WA

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 10. 10:00 AM (PT)

St. Aloysius Catholic Church
213 N. Beech Street
Toppenish,, WA

Tribute Wall

LR

“ *Carmen will be missed by so many! I have great memories of sitting with Carmen at ballgames watching our kids play ball. She made all who knew her feel like part of the family and was always so fun to visit and have a laugh with. I send my love and prayers for comfort to Johnny and all her family!!*
_ Lucy & Craig Reynolds

Lucy Reynolds - October 11, 2025 at 11:17 PM

JU

“ *Rebecca and family, my condolences out to you guys.. may the lord fill your hearts with faith.. may she rest her soul in the arms of our lord Jesus.* 🕊️🌻🌺🌹



Juanita - October 10, 2025 at 01:32 PM

JB

“ *Always greeted me with a big hug and smile*
❤️ *Carmen and Johnny were mainstays in the gym or on the field when any family member was involved in sports... there will be a huge hole left in the hearts of those who loved her*
💔 *Jane Berghoff*



Jane Berghoff - October 09, 2025 at 10:48 PM

AR

“ Johnny,Mel, Leti, Juan, Rosie, Becca, Blanca, my heart goes out to all of you guys! Just know that im praying for all you. You're mom was someone who had the biggest heart and welcomed her home to all the friends of her children and was pretty much everyone's second mom. I loved that about her. Love you all, May you rest in peace Carmen.

Ausencio JR Rocha - October 09, 2025 at 10:19 PM

MG

“ Margarita Guzman lit a candle in memory of Carmen Maria Ramirez



Margarita Guzman - October 09, 2025 at 03:47 AM

MG

Gone too soon!💔 but she will never be forgotten.. remain forever in our hearts..🙏🙏🙏😭😭💔💔🙏

Margarita Guzman - October 09, 2025 at 04:08 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmen Maria Ramirez.



October 08, 2025 at 10:52 PM

RP

“ Our hearts are broken for the loss of Carmen she was a beautiful and loving wife mother and grandmother. The Pruneda family.

Rudy Pruneda - October 08, 2025 at 09:54 PM



“ Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Carmen Maria Ramirez.



October 08, 2025 at 08:33 PM

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“ -Green Acre Farms Family purchased the Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray for the family of Carmen Maria Ramirez.



-Green Acre Farms Family - October 08, 2025 at 06:02 PM

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“ -Green Acre Farms Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Carmen Maria Ramirez.

-Green Acre Farms Family - October 08, 2025 at 06:02 PM

RR

“ WE LOVE YOU MOM ❤️



Rosalinda B Ramirez - October 08, 2025 at 05:14 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmen Maria Ramirez.*



October 08, 2025 at 02:52 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Carmen Maria Ramirez.

October 08, 2025 at 02:52 PM

KL

“ *Ramirez Family-
So sorry to hear of your loss. Carmen was a wonderful, caring lady.
I enjoyed her enthusiasm during basketball events ... cheering on her family members who played in the Wildcat gym. You could predict a gigantic smile whenever a score was made.
Carmen always appeared happy. What an inspiration to us all.
Prayers and blessings,
Karen Lommers*



Karen Lommers - October 08, 2025 at 02:21 PM

EF

“ Eron and Nina Maltos Family purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Carmen Maria Ramirez.



Eron and Nina Maltos Family - October 08, 2025 at 02:48 AM

EF

“ Esteban & Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of Carmen Maria Ramirez.



Esteban & Family - October 07, 2025 at 07:59 PM

MG

“ Sending thoughts and prayers and extra hugs and lots of love to all of you. My favorite memory is when I was in highschool, her teaching me to make tortillas and laughing so hard because mine always liked like the shape of Texas... she laughed and said it will still taste good, mija. You will get it keep practicing.



Mikal (Walker) Gadley - October 07, 2025 at 05:15 PM

ND

Carmen you will be greatly missed you were a place everyone found peace with your generosity! May you rest in peace. Behalf of the Socorro & Gregoria Deleon Family our prayers and condolences 🙏

Norah Deleon - October 08, 2025 at 11:32 AM

IP

To the be Ramirez and Benavidez family, our deepest condolences. Carmen will always be remembered for her devotion to family!

Irma Jimenez de Prieto - October 08, 2025 at 01:46 PM

MG

My Prayers and Deepest Condolences to Johnny Ramirez and all his family and friends.. Carmen you were amazing!!! one of a kind.. she showed so much love and compassion opened her home to so many..she knew no stranger. You are going to be missed by so many... Gone but never forgotten.. I Will love you alway and forever.. Thank you for your beautiful hand made flowers.. I will cherish them!! I will always be there for Rosie Anthony and Mario so don't worry our Angel



Margarita Guzman - October 09, 2025 at 03:41 AM

CA

“ *We were so sorry to hear of Carmen’s passing. She was a special person with a big smile and a friendly hug. She will be missed.*

Connie Anaya - October 07, 2025 at 05:10 PM

MB

“ I will always cherish the memory of our first encounter—her warmth, kindness, and sweetness left a lasting impression on me. At the time, I had no idea that she would become such an integral part of my life for the next thirty years! Her unwavering love and support through both joyful and challenging times gave me the strength to keep moving forward.

I will deeply miss our conversations and the opportunity to share the happenings in our lives. Yet, I find comfort in knowing she is now in a better place, reunited with her loved ones.

I look forward to the day we meet again. Carmen, thank you for loving and supporting me as if I were your own daughter. I hope I made you proud. I will love you forever!!

Maria Benavides - October 07, 2025 at 02:53 PM

GG

“ My condolences to the Ramirez family. Rosie, im so sorry Amiga, sending you and your family comfort & strength.



Gracie Gonzales - October 07, 2025 at 02:38 PM

EG

“ Elva Gutierrez lit a candle in memory of Carmen Maria Ramirez



Elva Gutierrez - October 07, 2025 at 02:19 PM



“ Ramirez family- I am so sad to see this. So many memories with you all and Carmen. My heart is broken for you. She was such a happy person. I will always remember going wedding dress shopping for her with all of us piled in the van for Beca's wedding or being in the kitchen listening to music and dancing while she was cooking. She appreciated the many, many dolls given to her by my mom and my mom's absolute favorite piece of furniture, the gold angel sconce mirror and wood bedroom set. She always made us feel welcomed and included. There will never be anyone quite like her. Big hug from mom and I. Linda and Judy Leavitt.



Linda Janine - October 07, 2025 at 01:39 PM

DJ

“ Dana And Judy Jones lit a candle in memory of Carmen Maria Ramirez



Dana and Judy Jones - October 07, 2025 at 01:37 PM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmen Maria Ramirez.



October 07, 2025 at 01:07 PM