



## Carmen Perez

December 14, 1922 - August 27, 2013

Carmen Perez passed away peacefully on August 27, 2013 at home with family by her side. Born in 1922 in Santa Ana, California, Carmen has lived her whole life in California. While working on a cotton field in Madera, she met Reynaldo Perez Sr.. They fell in love and the two were married in 1950. They moved to Napa with their 3 children where her husband Ray worked for Wurz Ranches. Carmen devoted her life to raising their children, making a home, and giving selflessly to others. She was always involved in the Catholic Church and often volunteered her time to help with those in need.

Carmen and Ray were blessed with six grandchildren and she spent her days looking after and helping to raise them. They built a wonderful life together in Napa before moving to St. Helena where Ray worked at the Vine and Fig Tree Farm. Carmen continued to stay involved with the Catholic Church and community. After Carmen and Ray retired, they moved back to Napa where they were surrounded by family.

Carmen was an amazing cook and truly enjoyed to cook delicious and authentic homemade food for her family, friends and sometimes even by request. She was very strong willed, spirited, outspoken, and loyal to her family and friends, traits she was proud to pass on to her children and grandchildren. She and Ray enjoyed dancing and could often be caught as the center of attention on any dance floor they stepped onto, once even winning a first place prize for dancing the jitterbug. Carmen had a wonderful

green thumb and would many times turn a small clipping from a plant into a beautiful bush for her garden. Her garden was always something she was very proud of. Carmen was the matriarch of her family and being such a strong willed, spirited and selfless woman, she will truly be missed by all who knew her.

She is survived by her son Reynaldo Perez Jr., granddaughter Nichole Peterson and her husband Brad, grandson Reynaldo Perez III, great-granddaughter Lyla Peterson (daughter of Nichole and Brad); son Ruben Perez and his wife Lynn, granddaughter Christina Perez, grandson Joseph Perez and his wife Rachael, great-grandsons Corbon and Carson Perez (sons of Joseph and Rachael); daughter Diana Rhinehart and her husband Steve, grandsons Stephen and Michael Rhinehart; son Kenneth Perez; brothers Joe and Hiladio; sister Vera; and numerous nieces, nephews and their families in the Napa and central valleys. She is preceded in death by her husband Reynaldo Perez Sr., her father Jose, mother Marvel, brothers Chris and Abel, and sisters Hortencia and Helen.

The service mass to remember Carmen Perez will be at 12pm at St. Helena Catholic Church in St. Helena on Friday, August 30th, 2013. Viewing will be on Thursday, August 29th, 2013 from 2-7pm at Claffey & Rota Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery

2121 Spring St  
St Helena, CA 94574

# Previous Events

## Mass

AUG 30. 12:00 PM (PT)

St. Helena Catholic Church  
1340 Tainter St  
St. Helena, CA

# Tribute Wall



“ *Carmen Perez*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Carmen Perez*

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *It was a great pleasure visiting with you, Ronnie; & Carmen In July 2013 after 20 years. She was so witty,funny, youthful, and her usual 'to the point' self. It was so fun catching up, and talking about the past. She was so gracious and it seemed like time had stood still. Thanks to my sister, Ida for taking me there. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Gloria Perez.*

**Gloria Perez** - August 30, 2013 at 09:00 AM



“ *Sweet Liberty was purchased for the family of Carmen Perez.*



August 29, 2013 at 10:10 AM



“ *Summer's Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Carmen Perez.* ”



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August 28, 2013 at 04:37 PM