

## Sylvia Lillian Herrera (1946-2011)



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Sylvia Lillian Herrera, 64, of Barstow, was an extraordinary woman who always put the needs of her family and friends before her own. With her family at her side, on Saturday evening, Jan. 1, 2011, the angels of heaven came down to take our beautiful precious one to our heavenly father. She can be remembered as a loving, charitable, funny, loyal and outspoken woman, who could move mountains to provide anything she could for her family and friends. It was also in her daily life, that she strived to be an example of faith, love and family to her children and grandchildren.

Sylvia was born on Oct. 11, 1946, in Ventura, Calif. She was raised in Ventura until 1960, and moved to Barstow in 1961. Continuing her education, she graduated from Barstow High School in June of 1964, and it was in Barstow where she met the love of her life, Jesse. They were married on May 29, 1965, and began raising a family of five children. A lifetime homemaker, she was endlessly devoted to those in her heart. She donated money to underprivileged families of Barstow, to the East Barstow Little League and Barstow Youth Football. And as a member of St. Joseph's Catholic Church for over 50 years, she led "Martha's Meals" for the purpose of assisting bereaved families in time of need, and also facilitated her own group with her husband and daughters. She also loved spending time collecting angels, lighthouses, and Indian figurines.

She is survived by her loving husband, Jesse Herrera of Barstow; three daughters, all of Barstow, Diane R. Gonzales (her husband Rene), Cindy L. Chavez (her husband Patrick) and Laurie A. McHenry; two sons, Jesse E. Herrera (his wife Michele) of Las Vegas, Nev., and Reuben R. Herrera (his wife Kathi) of Barstow; two sisters, five brothers, and 14 grandchildren.

Sylvia was preceded in death by her parents, Charlie E. Cruz and Lillian F. Cruz of Barstow; a son Paul Anthony Herrera of Barstow; and granddaughter, Amanda Lillian Gonzales of Barstow.

A Celebration of Sylvia's life will begin with a Rosary at 10 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m., on Monday Jan. 10, 2011, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 505 East Mountain View in Barstow. A Graveside Blessing will conclude services at Mountain View Memorial Park, 37067 Irwin Road in Barstow.

Arrangements entrusted to Horizon Memorial Services of Barstow, 760-252-5222.  
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