



Frances Anita Chaves

January 21, 1939 - March 11, 2024

Frances Anita Chaves passed suddenly on March 11, 2024, at the age of 85. She was a wonderful Wife, Mother, Sister, Nana, and caretaker. She was respected and admired by everyone who met her and will be missed terribly.

Born in San Luis Obispo on January 21, 1939, daughter of the late Joseph Machado Mello, Jr., and Lydia Opal Carlisle Mello, she was raised in Los Osos, educated in local schools, and graduated from Mission High in 1955. She subsequently worked at Security Title in SLO.

Frances met Joseph Manuel Chaves at a Portuguese Dance. He asked her where she worked and the next day he cruised back and forth until she clocked out and he could offer her a ride home. They married at the Old Mission in 1960. She shepherded 5 kids, plus Joe, to adulthood.

After her kids grew, she attended Cuesta College, obtained her teaching credential, and taught business classes.

Frances was a member of the Portuguese Holy Spirit Society, the Elks, and regularly attended mass at Nativity church. She enjoyed bringing her family together, quilting, watching football, playing Mexican Train, and dominating word games. She was a voracious reader and loved succulents, dogs, babies, and German chocolate cake.

Besides her husband, she leaves five children, Scott Chaves (Tonia), Steve Chaves (Terri), SuZanne Chaves Beck, Stewart Chaves (Starr Wilder), and Stan Chaves (Harriet); three sisters, Loreen Fackenthall (Bill), Linda Bourne, and MaryLu Hop (Pete); sister-in-law Sally Mello; five grandchildren, Manuel, Nicholas, Joshua and Sophia Chaves and Jason Chaves Beck; and her dog Chavo. She will be reunited with her parents, brother Stanley Mello, brother-in-law David Bourne, and son-in-law Greg Chaves Beck.

4/17/24 at 6 pm: Rosary at Reis Mortuary.

4/18/24 at 10 am: Funeral Mass at Old Mission SLO.

4/18/24 at 12:00 pm: Celebration of Life at Trinity Hall.

We invite anyone who knew Frances to attend and remember her wonderful life.

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Cemetery Details

Old Mission Catholic Cemetery

101 Bridge St
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 541-0584
<http://www.cfcsmonterey.org>

Previous Events

Vigil/Rosary

APR 17. 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM (PT)

Reis Family Mortuary and Crematory
991 Nipomo Street
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401
(805) 544-7400
k.reis1958@gmail.com
<https://www.reisfamilymortuary.net/>

Mass

APR 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Old Mission Catholic Church
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Tribute Wall



“ *With love, Tom and Alice Foster planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Frances Anita Chaves.*

With love, Tom and Alice Foster - April 16, 2024 at 08:13 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Frances Anita Chaves.*



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