



## Mary Flores

June 14, 1941 - January 23, 2025

The youngest of 5 siblings, born in Kansas City Kansas, Mary Louise Flores (nee Meyer), (Mary Lou to all who knew her) was always a strong, self sufficient woman with the big heart of a Midwestern girl, who moved to California with her older sister Theresa. She worked at Vandenberg Air Force base in Lompoc where she met and married her husband of 60 years, Charlie Flores. They settled first in Santa Maria, then Orcutt, then Nipomo and raised three children, Greg, Marie, and Diahanna. She loved animals, family trips, casino visits, and especially her extravagant family Christmas traditions. Her family loved her home cooked meals, the giant thanksgiving turkeys, the homemade fudge and the intensely thoughtful if unorthodox gifts. In retirement she took care of Charlie and enjoyed her beautiful grandchildren, gardening at their immaculate home and orchard, Sunday car rides, puzzles, and board games. Being a flag day baby and proud citizen, she naturally engaged in national politics. She was the backbone of her loving family, she fought valiantly against the lung cancer that took her effervescent and robust energy; and she will be deeply missed by every person who knew her.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Cindi S lit a candle in memory of Mary Flores* ”



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**Cindi S** - January 29, 2025 at 11:01 AM