



Theresa Marie Avila

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Teri passed away peacefully in Escondido, California on October 29, 2025. She was born in Riverside, California to Thomas and Nona Avila and was a proud member of the Pala Band of Mission Indians.

Teri was the life of the party and always ready for an adventure. She had a fearless spirit, willing to try anything once, and her laughter could light up any room. Whether she was heading out with the top down on her purple PT Cruiser or planning her next escapade, Teri lived life on her own terms, full of fun, freedom, and a little bit of mischief. She had a love for food, concerts, and casinos, and she could always turn even the simplest outing into a memorable experience.

Teri was also deeply proud of her sobriety, celebrating 35 years of living clean and helping to inspire others along the way. Her strength, honesty, and compassion touched many lives and showed what was possible through perseverance and faith.

Throughout her life, Teri worked many jobs, but her favorite role was being a mother and grandmother. She was endlessly proud of her children Robert, Justin, and Vanessa (d.1995) and her beloved daughters-in-law, Alison and Caitlin and adored her grandchildren, Destiny, Desiree, Seth, Derek, and Leo. Her family was her greatest joy, and she loved them deeply.

Teri's spirit, humor, and love will be remembered by all who were lucky enough to know her. She leaves behind countless memories of laughter, love, and adventure that will continue to shine in the hearts of those she loved.

Forever in our hearts, her spirit sings with the birds and dances with the dawn.

In Honoring Her Spirit and Her Wishes we invite family and friends to join us in celebrating Teri's life through a Native American funeral tradition of Bird Singers, dancers, food, love, and shared memories.



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Wake Ceremony

Friday, November 21st — Sunset to Sunrise

Reception will continue throughout the night. This will be the only reception. If you would like to contribute please bring a side dish or dessert to share. BYOB. Temperatures have been in the mid-40s at night. We'll have a fire going all night, but please dress in layers to stay warm!

Held at our family home:

25480 Jesmond Dene Road, Escondido, California

Funeral Mass

Saturday, November 22nd at 10:00 AM

Mission San Antonio de Pala

Pala Indian Reservation

11798 Pala Mission Rd.

Pala, California

Final Resting Place following mass

Pala Cemetery

Pala Indian Reservation

35000 Henderson Rd.

Pala, California



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There will be no reception following burial




Events


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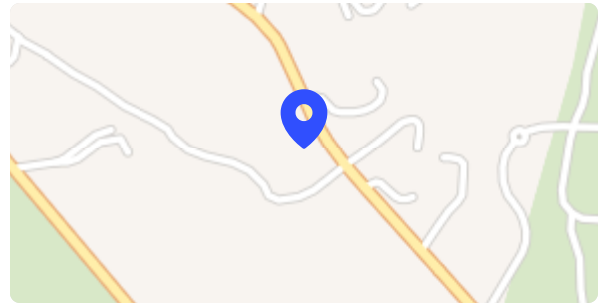
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Viewing and Reception

 **Friday**, November 21, 2025

 5:00 PM PT

 **Family Home**
25480 Jesmond Dene Road, Escondido CA
92026

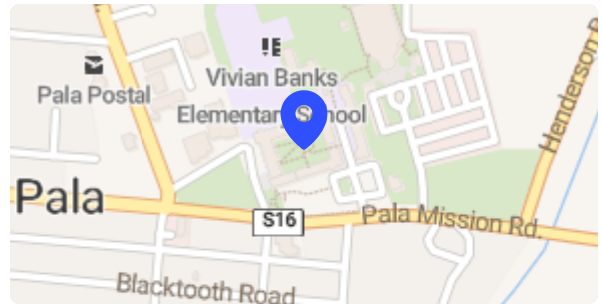


Funeral Mass

 **Saturday**, November 22, 2025


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PT

 **Mission San Antonio De Pala**
11798 Pala Mission Road, Pala CA 92059



Funeral Mass

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 11:15 AM PT

 **Pala Cemetery**
Pala CA



Tribute Wall

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Sharon Rae Casioce lit a candle in honor of Theresa.

With deepest sympathy, Steve and I would like to offer our heartfelt condolences. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. I enjoyed our talks and laughing together at the Cruz house events. She was a very personable lady, warm and genuine, and I will miss her. Love, Sharon & Steve



November 17 at 3:46 PM



"Uncle" Jeff posted:

My heartfelt condolences to the family for your loss. Theresa was a grand lady, who will be remembered forever. Heart Of Peace was purchased for the family of Theresa Marie Avila by "Uncle" Jeff. A tree was also planted in memory of Theresa Marie Avila.

November 6 at 5:22 AM



Liz, Bob And Family posted:

Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Teri will remain in our hearts forever. Love, Elizabeth Anguiano, Bob Coates and Family. A memorial tree was planted in memory of Theresa Marie Avila.

November 6 at 5:21 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Theresa by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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