



## Margaret "Terry" Zuniga

September 16, 1940 - March 26, 2019

Margaret Theresa "Terry" Zuñiga passed away on March 26, 2019 after a long battle with pulmonary fibrosis. She was an 18 year resident of Yreka. At the time of her death she was staying with family in Lake Shastina.

Terry was born in Los Angeles on September 16, 1940 to Evangeline Arguello. She was the underweight second of three daughters, which led to the affectionate nickname "Pee Wee". In 1958 she graduated from Our Lady Queen of the Angels High School in downtown Los Angeles. In 1960 she married Jose Luis Zuñiga, the brother of one of her classmates. The marriage lasted 11 years and produced three children. She attended night classes to develop skills which led to several secretarial jobs. Her favorites were the positions she held at the City of Pasadena, where she enjoyed the historical architecture of the City Hall. She began in the Department of Water & Power and later advanced to the City Attorney's Office. There, she took great pride in typing up contracts necessary to facilitate the annual Tournament of Roses Parade.

In 1982, Terry attended Arcadia Community Church with one of her sons and accepted Jesus Christ as her savior. She enjoyed bible studies and fellowship with other women and the ministry of the Vineyard music movement that expanded during her years of attendance. Photography was a favorite pastime, and she used it to document several human service projects over the

years as well as her growing family.

Terry moved to Crescent City, California, in 1991 to be closer to her young grandchildren. The ocean was a constant source of inspiration when depression and anxiety threatened. She was sensitive to the emotional struggles of others, and often wrote cards of encouragement. She moved from Crescent City in 2001 after surviving a terrible car accident. Her family had relocated to Siskiyou County, so she settled here for support during rehabilitation. She became quick friends with several women at Life Foursquare Church and made Yreka her permanent home. Before she became too ill, she enjoyed delivering Valentine cards to each of her neighbors at Juniper Terrace Apartments.

She is survived by two sisters: Gloria Cuellar of Sierra Madre, CA and Evonne Alpern of Las Vegas, NV; daughter Denise (Jim) Spayd of Lake Shastina, and sons Joe Jr. (Mari) Zuñiga of San Dimas, CA and David (Xochitl) Zuñiga of Duarte, CA. Four grandchildren: Vanessa (Chris) Haro of Chico, CA, Theresa (Patrick) O'Connor of Auburn, CA, LeAnn Zuñiga and Justin Zuñiga of Duarte, CA. Four great-grandchildren: Olive & Nico Haro, Jameson & Teagan O'Connor.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 27th at Siskiyou Christian Fellowship (321 N. Gold St., Yreka) beginning at 1pm. Service will be performed by Pastor Jeremy McVae. Reception will be held at Best Western Miner's Inn Conference Center (122 E. Miner St., Yreka) from 2-5pm. Family requests the courtesy of an RSVP for those planning to attend: call or text 530-598-4329, or email [nananesey@gmail.com](mailto:nananesey@gmail.com).

The family extends special appreciation to Dr. Harvey Sternberg & Teresa, as well as the staff of Mercy Hospice, Mt. Shasta. Funeral arrangements were made by Girdner Funeral Chapel, Yreka. Online condolences may be left at

their website: [www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com](http://www.girdnerfuneralchapel.com).

Terry requested cremation and private return to the ocean she loved so much.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in the name Margaret T. Zuniga to your choice of her favorite charities:

Christian Broadcasting Network ([cbn.com](http://cbn.com)),  
Billy Graham Evangelistic Association ([billygraham.org](http://billygraham.org)),  
Presidential Prayer Team ([presidentialprayerteam.org](http://presidentialprayerteam.org)),  
Paralyzed Veterans of America ([pva.org](http://pva.org)), or  
St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([stjude.org](http://stjude.org)).

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 27. 1:00 PM (PT)

Siskiyou Christian Fellowship  
321 N. Gold St.  
Yreka, CA 96097

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I am so sad to learn of Terry's passing. Prayers and sympathy to your family . Wishing very much to be able to visit her dear family one day. Much love from  
Alicia (Arguello) Rojas Mercik.*

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**Alicia Mercik** - April 05, 2019 at 05:49 PM