

Sylvia Alba Toll

April 12, 1940 - January 22, 2026

Sylvia Alba Toll, 85, passed away peacefully on January 22, 2026. She was born on April 12, 1940, in Pittsburg, California, to Jose Melecio Alba and Maria de la Luz Garibay. For twenty years, Sylvia embraced life as a devoted Navy wife, moving wherever duty called before settling with her family in San Jose, California. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, Robert Toll.

Sylvia is survived by her four children—Ann Marie Acosta, Debbie Oliva, Joey Toll, and Mickey Rodarte—her eight grandchildren, Robert, Joshua, Macy, Madilynn, Jolene, AJ, Nicholas, and Lukus, and her great-granddaughter, Luna. Her family was her greatest joy, and she poured her heart into creating meaningful moments with them.



A gifted storyteller through photographs, Sylvia carried her camera everywhere, capturing the beauty in everyday life. She loved planning family adventures—road trips across the country, themed dinners that introduced new foods and cultures, and gatherings filled with laughter. These traditions became cherished memories that shaped her family's lives. Sylvia was hired in 1987 as a yard duty at Evergreen Elementary School. She later served as the Health Clerk at Dove Hill Elementary School and Leyva Middle School. After many years in the district as a parent, grandparent, and employee, Sylvia retired, though she continued to substitute until 2010 when she transitioned to staying home to care for her granddaughter. Sylvia was proud to have worked at every school in the district in some capacity, and because of this, she was known and loved by many throughout the community. Sylvia leaves behind a legacy of love, creativity, and devotion. Her warmth, generosity, and ability to make every moment feel special will be forever remembered by all who knew her.