



## Kathleen Melba Martinez

October 15, 1938 - April 6, 2026

Kathleen Melba Martinez, lovingly known as “KK,” passed away peacefully on April 6, 2026, in Santa Rosa, CA, at the age of 87. Kathleen was born October 15, 1938, in Santa Rosa, CA. She spent her early years growing up in Mendocino County, including Fort Bragg, Albion, and Ukiah. She graduated from Santa Rosa High School and went on to attend Santa Rosa Junior College.

She was a talented and creative artist who found joy in hand-drawn sketching and coloring, as well as sewing and creating beautiful clothes and blankets for her family. Kathleen also cherished time spent playing Canasta, Bingo, and Scrabble—activities that brought laughter, connection, and lasting memories with loved ones. Kathleen was a devoted homemaker, a loving wife, and a caring mother whose greatest joy in life was raising her children and caring for her family. Her strong faith guided her throughout her life. She dedicated much of her time to prayer and found comfort in praying the rosary daily.

Kathleen was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Jesse Martinez; her parents, Herbert and Pauline Hood; her brother, William Hood; her sisters, Liz Jurado and Esther Pimental; her daughter-in-law, Charlotte Martinez; her grandson Anthony Martinez and her nephew, Billy Hood.

She is survived by her adored children: Ruth Marie, John, Joe, Albert, Linda,

and David. She also leaves behind her cherished grandchildren: Samantha, Taylor, Anthony, Erica, Michael, Matthew, Andy, Ari, and Melia; and her great-grandchildren: Levi, Violet, and Suki, all of whom will carry her memory in their hearts.

A visitation will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Windsor Healdsburg Mortuary Chapel, 9660 Old Redwood Highway in Windsor. A Catholic Mass will follow at 11:00 a.m. at St. John's Church, 208 Matheson Street in Healdsburg. Burial will take place at Oak Mound Cemetery, 601 Piper Street in Healdsburg, CA.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **16.** 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

Windsor Healdsburg Mortuary & Crematory  
9660 Old Redwood Hwy  
Windsor, CA 95492  
(707) 838-6000  
info@whmortuary.com  
<http://www.whmortuary.com>

## Catholic Mass

APR **16.** 11:00 AM (PT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church  
208 Matheson Street  
Healdsburg , CA 95448

## Burial

APR **16.** 12:30 PM (PT)

Oak Mound Cemetery  
601 Piper Street  
Healdsburg, CA 95448

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