



## Monica Cardiel Cortez

June 15, 1990 - July 24, 2025

Monica Cardiel Cortez went to her heavenly home at the age of 35 on July 24, 2025 after losing her battle to Stage 3 triple negative breast cancer (TNBC) while surrounded by her loved ones.

Monica is survived by her husband Ivan Cardiel, her three beautiful daughters: Ximena Isabelle, Yaneli Sofia and Xitlalic Victoria, her sisters Maria Guadalupe Carranza and Elizabeth Cortez, and her parents Magdalena and Roman Cortez.

Monica was a shining light in the lives of all who had the privilege of knowing her. Her journey on this earth was one marked by love, compassion, and unwavering faith in God. Her passing has left a void in the hearts of her family, friends, and all of those whose lives were touched by her. We ask that you remember her not for the way her life ended, but for the way she lived her life. Monica was born on June 15, 1990, in Klamath Falls, Oregon and spent her early life in a small town in northern California, named Tulelake.

Monica was very involved in her community and enjoyed staying engaged with extra curriculum activities. While in high school, she volunteered her time in an ambulance when she considered a career as a nurse. She also won 1st place with her pig at the Tulelake-Butte Valley Fair while participating in Future Farmers of America (FFA) and was named Miss Tulelake in 2007.

She graduated high school in 2008 and took on a new adventure at Sacramento State University where she met Ivan. Some of her accomplishments include joining Sigma Omega Nu Latina Interest Sorority, Inc., working at the State Capitol as a legislative assistant for Assembly member Rudy Salas, becoming Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) president for the university's student government from 2012-2013 and representing Sac State as a member of the Cal State Student Association (CSSA), participating and placing 2nd place in the Reina Fiestas Patrias Pageant and graduating with her Bachelor of Arts in Government/Journalism in the Fall of 2013.

After graduation, Monica continued to be engaged in her community by becoming a member of Hornets Policy & Politics Alumni (HPPA). Moreover, she had a successful career as a government relations director for CGI, a global Information Technology (IT) company for eight years. During which time, Monica married Ivan on July 16, 2016 and created a family that eventually included their three beautiful daughters.

In her spare time she enjoyed cooking, a good karaoke night, spending time with loved ones and had a great passion for dancing. Those who knew Monica can remember her for her wonderful and contagious smile that lit up any room. She was a strong woman always looking out for her loved ones, where no obstacle was too big.

Monica will forever be loved and be in our hearts as she watches over us from heaven.

Services as follows:

Viewing will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe on 8/6/25 from 4pm-7pm. A Catholic Mass will also be said in her honor on 8/7/25 @ 11:30am at Our Lady of Guadalupe church followed by burial at Shiloh District Cemetery.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Mary Agatha Furth Center from 3pm-10pm

Spanish

Monica Cardiel Cortez se fue a su nuevo hogar en el cielo a la edad de 35 años el 24 de julio de 2025, al perder su batalla contra el cáncer de mama triple negativo etapa 3 rodeada de sus seres queridos.

Monica es sobrevivida por su esposo Ivan, sus tres hermosas hijas: Ximena Isabelle, Yaneli Sofia y Xitlalic Victoria, sus hermanas Maria Guadalupe Carranza y Elizabeth Cortez, y sus padres Magdalena y Roman Cortez.

Monica era una estrella brillante en la vida de todo aquel que tuvo el privilegio de conocerla. Su tiempo en esta tierra fue marcado con amor, compasión y una fe inquebrantable en Dios. Su muerte ha dejado un hueco muy grande en los corazones de su familia, amigos y todo aquel que fue tocado por ella. Les pedimos que recuerden a Monica, no por la manera en que partió, sino por la manera en que vivió su vida.

Monica nació el 15 de junio de 1990, en Klamath Falls, Oregon y vivió su niñez en un pequeño pueblo en el norte de California llamado Tulelake.

Monica era muy involucrada en su comunidad y disfrutaba manteniéndose enfocada con actividades extra curriculares. Mientras estuvo en la secundaria, dio parte de su tiempo en una ambulancia siendo voluntaria cuando consideraba una carrera en enfermería. Ganó el primer lugar con su puerquito en la feria de Tulelake-Butte Valley siendo participe de los Granjeros Futuros de América (FFA) y fue nombrada la reina de Tulelake en el 2007.

Se graduó de la secundaria en el 2008 y tomó una nueva aventura en la Universidad de Sacramento donde conoció a Ivan. Algunos de sus acontecimientos incluyeron unirse a la hermandad de mujeres Sigma Omega Nu Latina Interest Sorority, Inc., trabajando en el capitolio estatal como asistente legislativa para el miembro de la asamblea Rudy Salas, convirtiéndose en presidenta de Associated Students, Inc. (ASI) para el gobierno estudiantil de la universidad del 2012-2013 y representando a Sac State como miembro de la Asociación de Estudiantes de Cal State (CSSA), participó y tomó el segundo lugar en el reinado de Reina Fiestas Patrias y se graduó con un bachillerato de arte en Gobierno y periodismo el otoño del 2013.

Después de su graduación, Monica continuó involucrada en su comunidad al hacerse miembro de los Hornets Policy & Politics Alumni (HPPA). Además, tuvo una carrera exitosa como directora en relaciones gubernamentales para CGI una compañía global de información tecnológica (IT) ocho años. Durante ese tiempo contrajo matrimonio con Ivan el 16 de julio del 2016 y crearon una hermosa familia que eventualmente incluyó a sus tres hermosas hijas.

En su tiempo libre le gustaba cocinar, una buena noche de karaoke, pasar tiempo con sus seres queridos y tenía una gran pasión por el baile.

Aquel que conoció a Monica podrá recordarla por su hermosa y contagiosa sonrisa que alumbraba cualquier lugar. Era una mujer fuerte, siempre cuidando de sus seres queridos y ningún obstáculo era demasiado grande para ella. Monica será siempre amada y estará por siempre en nuestros corazones mientras nos cuida desde el cielo.

Información de los servicios a continuación:

El velorio se llevará a cabo en la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el

6 de agosto, 2025 de 4pm-7pm.

Una misa católica se celebrará en su honor el 7 de agosto 2025 a las 11:30am en la Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe seguido por su entierro en el cementerio Shiloh District Cemetery.

Una celebración de vida se llevará a cabo después en el centro Mary Agatha Furth de 3pm-10pm.

# Cemetery Details

## Shiloh District Cemetery

7130 Windsor Road  
Windsor, CA 95492

# Previous Events

## Rosary and Viewing

AUG 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (pst)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
8400 Old Redwood Highway  
Windsor, CA 95492

## Catholic Mass

AUG 7. 11:30 AM (PT)

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church  
8400 Old Redwood Highway  
Windsor, CA 95492

## Burial

AUG 7. 1:00 PM (pst)

Shiloh District Cemetery  
7130 Windsor Road  
Windsor, CA 95492



# Tribute Wall



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Monica Cardiel Cortez.*



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August 06, 2025 at 03:50 PM



“ *Pink Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Monica Cardiel Cortez.*



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August 06, 2025 at 02:43 PM



“ *Rick and Shauna Ramirez purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Monica Cardiel Cortez.*



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**Rick and Shauna Ramirez** - August 06, 2025 at 12:49 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Monica Cardiel Cortez.*

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August 01, 2025 at 11:38 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Monica Cardiel Cortez.



August 01, 2025 at 07:33 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Monica Cardiel Cortez.



August 01, 2025 at 06:51 PM



“ Karina DeLaRosa & Fam. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Monica Cardiel Cortez.

Karina DeLaRosa & Fam. - July 31, 2025 at 10:23 PM



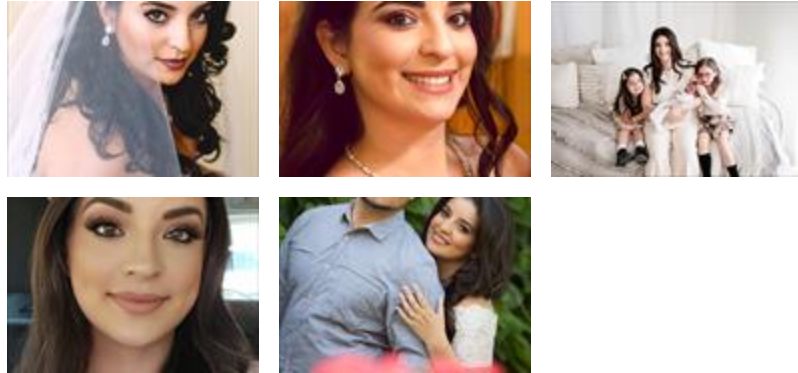
“ Karina DeLaRosa & Fam. purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Monica Cardiel Cortez.



Karina DeLaRosa & Fam. - July 31, 2025 at 10:23 PM



“ 8 files added to the album Memories Album



Windsor Healdsburg Mortuary & Crematory - July 31, 2025 at 05:26 PM

SM

*I am grateful for the 8 years of friendship Monica and I shared working together at CGI. Thank you for sharing this beautiful collection of memories and photos. I will miss everything about my friend.*

Sarah Morrison - July 31, 2025 at 06:51 PM

LM

*I only met Monica one time in person at CGI and were in a breakout session together. We had so much fun talking to each other. She was just in a few of our meetings just a few weeks ago! I think about her often and have kept her in my prayers every night. I will continue to pray for your whole family that the love and laughter you shared and the stories that will be told and photos to be shown to her beautiful daughters will keep her memory alive in all of your hearts.*

Lisa Marlo - August 04, 2025 at 04:07 PM



*Monica and Ivan, a love which set an example for us all. Find strength in knowing love last forever. Find hope in knowing we will all see each other again. Monica's discipline and courage are virtues we will always admire her for.*

Jairo Rojas - August 05, 2025 at 08:47 AM