



Mercy Anne Gaona

February 20, 2026

Mercy Anne Gaona passed away suddenly on February 20, 2026, due to a brain aneurysm. She was 51 years old.

Three years ago, Mercy moved with her husband and youngest children to Virginia to be closer to family—a decision rooted in her deep love for togetherness and connection. She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a cherished sister and aunty. She was also a beloved grandma, a role she embraced with happiness and pride.

Mercy touched everyone, fortunate enough to know her. She welcomed people in with open arms, adding sprinkles of joy that made a lasting difference in their lives. She offered words of wisdom, compassion, and kindness, and gave her love freely. Mercy always seemed to have an answer for any problem or situation, and she was always willing to listen.

Her zest and passion for life was felt everywhere she went. Mercy was active in her church and wholeheartedly involved in her children's school events. She loved big gatherings and being surrounded by family and friends—often right at the center of it all. Her presence was unmatched, her voice carried warmth, and her beautiful, unforgettable laugh filled every room.

Though Mercy is no longer with us physically, her unshakable spirit remains.

She will always be here—in the hearts of those she loved and who loved her. The strength and affection given from her will permanently stay, reminding everyone to care for one another just as she did.

Mercy is survived by her devoted husband of 22 years, Gene Gaona; her children Christopher Fassett and his wife Ashly, Lil Gene, Sahara Bean, Benjamin Gaona and his partner Alexis Garcia, Antonio Gaona; grandchildren: Alexander and Theodore, parents: Janice and John Cherni, Robert and Faye Foster; she is also survived by her brothers and sisters; and by many loving nieces and nephews.

Services to celebration her life were held privately. The family thanks everyone for their love and support.

Tribute Wall



“ *Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mercy Anne Gaona.*



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“ *Mercy and I shared some great times together. She came in to my life at a time when I needed her most and helped me so much as a friend and lots of life guidance. I'm forever grateful to her and Gene for getting me through that time and making so many great memories and one of the best birthdays celebration ever. Love you mama Mercy*



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“ *Soto family and Seibert and Bella purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Mercy Anne Gaona.*



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“ Soto family and Seibert and Bella planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mercy Anne Gaona.

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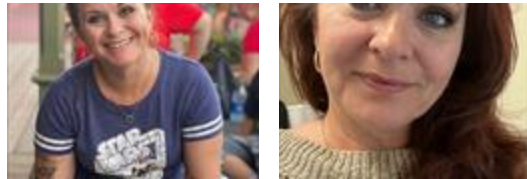
“ The Boldts purchased the "Memories of you" garden stone for the family of Mercy Anne Gaona.



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