

Rose Mary Salgado

March 7, 1956 - May 14, 2021

Services at 9am - Saturday, May 29, 2021

San Jacinto Assembly of God, 300 W. 1st St., San Jacinto CA

Burial following at the Soboba Indian Reservation Cemetery

Traditional lunch will be served at the Soboba Sports Complex on the Reservation

A small tribute to my beloved sister, Rose. *Ernie C. Salgado, Jr.*



My sister, Rose Mary Salgado was born on March 7, 1956 and went to Jesus on May 14, 2021 at age 65. Although there was a 15-year age gap between us we managed to communicate.

She was a mother, grandmother, sister, aunt, Godmother, tribal and community leader and goodwill ambassador for her people.

Rose was an active community and tribal leader. She served on the Soboba Tribal Council for 28 years. I asked her once why she didn't want to be tribal chairwoman, she said. *"Why? Because the chairman doesn't have a vote unless it's a tie and 98 percent of the time it's not."* *"Besides they get all the flack. Who needs that?"*

Rose was the youngest of our parents', Ernest Salgado Sr. and Fidelia Juarez Salgado, six children and by the age of 10 she was the only sibling left at home.

Like her mother, father, brothers and sisters she was raised on the Soboba Indian Reservation. She attended public schools in San Jacinto, graduated from San Jacinto High School in 1974 and attended the University of California, Riverside.

After a 27 years career she retired from Southern California Edison as a senior planner in 2002. Her ability to work under extreme pressure won her respect and praise early in her career with SCE.

Bob Hicks, who was the general manager of SCE once told me that nothing could rattle Rose during a crisis. He said. *"When I asked her about it."* She said, with a big grin and chuckle. *"Do you know my brothers and sisters?" "Can you say alpha?"*

Rose credited our parents with instilling a prominent work ethics in her, teaching her to always be tolerant, fair and honest in dealing with people. Those who knew her know that her life was shaped by these values.

Rose was an active community and tribal leader. She served on the Soboba Tribal Council for 28 years. She also served as a Trustee with the San Jacinto Unified School District, Valley-Wide Recreation and Parks District, Hemet-San Jacinto and Menifee Valley Chambers of Commerce

and the Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre Board of Directors and as the President of the Board. Her fundraising efforts were credited with helping save the Ramona Bowl Amphitheatre from bankruptcy.

Rose also served with several other nonprofits and educational agencies. To assist these organizations with their fundraising efforts, she established the Soboba Lip Sync Contest.

She was highly regarded within the local community and was recognized for her community commitment and service with several awards. Three special acknowledgements of her community contributions were; recognition by the Boy Scouts of America and serving as the grand marshal for the San Jacinto 4th of July Parade in 2016 and the Hemet Christmas Parade in 2011.

In 2015, Rose was considered the top candidate to replace Jeff Stone as the Riverside County Supervisor for District 3. However, it was not to be as she was forced to cancel her candidacy due to health issues. She was diagnosed with cancer.

During her tenure with the Soboba Tribal Council she helped navigate the tribe through many years of political and legal conflicts with local, state and federal governments courts and agencies to bring about meaningful tribal self-governance, economic development and growth.

Rose was an unyielding force for advancement of the American Indian people through a quality and meaningful education. Also among her top priorities were community improvement, housing, the protection of tribal water rights and the preservation of tribal traditions, customs and values.

Rose carried on a long family tradition of serving as a tribal leader. Our late father, Ernest Salgado Sr. served on the Soboba Band of Mission Indians Tribal Council, before the tribal name was changed to the Soboba Band of Luiseño Indians.

In addition to having served on the Soboba Tribal Council he served on the Board of Directors as a charter member of Ahmied Education Inc., for 36-years, from 1975 until his death in 2011.

Our late brother, Robert "Bobby" Salgado Sr. was Tribal Chairman for the better part of 30-

years. And as her oldest brother, I also served as Tribal Chairman and Council Member over the years as well.

Our grandfather, Osavio "O.J." Salgado served as the Tribal Chairman for the Pechanga Band of Mission Indians and uncle William "Billy" Salgado served as the Tribal Chairman for the Cahuilla Band of Indians. All were strong advocates of American Indian tribal rights, individual tribal members rights and Indian education throughout their lifetimes.

Cousins, Luther Salgado and Danial Salgado served as Tribal Chairman for Cahuilla as well.

And like Rose, many other family members served on the Tribal Councils of their respective tribes. One might say it's **"A Family Tradition."**

And, given all her success and accomplishments, Rose never lost her sense of humor and the ability to laugh at herself. She also never saw the need to live anywhere other than the Soboba Indian Reservation.

The last time I saw my sister, Rose was on May 8, 2021 at my home. As she was leaving, she stopped in the family room and was facing back toward the dining room as she spoke to my daughter, Andrea, our sister Francie was standing next to her and Dez, Rose's daughter, was standing behind her mother and two of my granddaughters, Amanda and Alyssa were sitting on the coach next to them. As I wheeled into the room I said. *"Where is my camera? I need to get a picture of this, before and after."* Making reference to my older sisters and my younger granddaughters and niece, Dez.

Rose busted out laughing so hard she had to wipe tears from her eyes. If nothing else I made her laugh one last time. But in all fairness Rose always laughed at my stupid jokes.

Rose always made spending time with her family and friends a priority. She showed great pride in their accomplishments.

She was extremely pleased with her two grandsons, Ataax and Ayalkawut for graduating from high school and planning to continue their education. Her youngest granddaughter Tuupash, at age-9, gave her great pleasure with her interest in tribal culture. She was especially proud of her granddaughter, Avellaka, who plans to attend Law School.

Rose was preceded on her ascent into heaven by her mother Fidelia Juarez Salgado, father Ernest Salgado Sr., brother Robert "Bobby" Salgado Sr., brother-in-law Francis "Frammy" Diaz Sr., sisters-in-law Patsy Ann Salgado and Gwen Saubel Salgado, nephews Robert "RJ" Salgado Jr. and David Diaz, and great nephews Daniel Salgado and Muhammad Kabeer.

Rose is survived by her daughter, Desiree "Dez" Salgado, (son-in-law Alfred Arviso III) her four grandchildren, Avellaka, Ataax, Ayalkawut and Tuupash Arviso Goddaughter Mica Diaz, brothers Ernie Salgado Jr. and Richard Salgado Sr., sisters Lorraine Maciel (Frank Maciel Sr.) and Frances Diaz, sister-in-law Claudia Salgado (Robert Sr.).

In addition to her immediate family, Rose is survived by Aunties Barbara Guanche, Rose Mary Tortez and Alice Bentiste Helms and Uncles William "Billy Joe" Bentiste and George Smith.

She also leaves scores of nieces and nephews and literally hundreds of cousins.

God bless you sister, love you and until we meet again give mom, dad and my Patsy a big hug and kiss for me and give Bobby a hug and tell him Michael Jordan is still number one and say hey to all the others.

Your loving brother, Ernie Jr.,