

City of Costa Mesa
Public Works Department
77 Fair Drive
P.O. Box 1200
Costa Mesa, CA 926262

March 18, 2026

Dear Valente Martinez,

Our beloved mother, Mary Alice Schureman, passed away peacefully on October 28, 2025, at her home at [REDACTED] Drive in Costa Mesa. Our parents have lived in that home for over sixty-one years, and my father, Bob Schureman, still resides there today. Both of our parents deeply loved the Costa Mesa community and were active participants in it throughout their lives.

Bob and Mary raised five children, all of whom attended Adams Elementary, TeWinkle Middle School, Estancia High School, and Orange Coast College. Mary was a dedicated educator, teaching preschool at Mesa Verde Preschool for many years before continuing her career in Early Childhood Development with CROP for nearly two decades.

Mary had many passions, especially gardening. She spent countless hours tending to her garden, creating a peaceful haven filled with hummingbirds and butterflies. She was also an avid animal lover—she and Bob cherished their dogs and enjoyed taking them to local parks and the beach.

Since my father spent twenty years teaching at Estancia High School, we thought it would be a meaningful tribute to honor my mother's memory by planting a Jacaranda tree—her favorite color was purple—and placing a memorial plaque at Estancia Park. This would not only provide comfort for my father but would also serve as a lasting remembrance of my mother's love for nature and her community. We would like the plaque for the tree to say, "In loving memory of Mary Alice Schureman". We would also like to purchase a recycled plastic bench with a plaque that says, "In honor of Bob and Mary Schureman".

Thank you very much for considering our request.

Sincerely,



Sue Nichols

DONOR NAMES – Sue and Russ Nichols
Daughter and Son in Law of Mary Alice Schureman