



Kathleen "Jean" Riordan Abate

June 8, 1920 - September 22, 2013

Kathleen Riordan Abate passed peacefully on Sept. 22, 2013 after a long illness. Known throughout her life as Jean, she was born in Napa on June 8, 1920 to Eugene and Lena Riordan. She attended St. John's Catholic School and graduated from Napa Union High School in 1938. After attending Lucy's Secretarial School she went to work as a secretary for the Napa Lumber Company where she met her future husband, George Abate. They were married Sept. 23, 1944 in Reno, Nev. while he was on leave from the Army. Following his discharge from the Army and serving in the Philippines, she became a full time homemaker and mother with the birth of their daughter. She and George built a home in Alta Heights, later moving into the city where he was appointed City Assessor. She supported George's career as City Assessor and then as County Assessor. They built a cabin in Cobb Mountain, Lake County and enjoyed spending weekends and vacations there. Moving to the country in the 1970's, she enjoyed the open spaces, though the ranch came with an assortment of wildlife and a number of peacocks. As an animal lover, she put up with birds, chipmunks, dogs, and horses. She will be remembered for her kind and loving heart and big smile.

Jean is survived by her husband George; daughter Barbara; and an extended family of cousins and very good friends.

The family would like to express sincere thanks to the staff of Piners Nursing Home for their kind care of her over the last 15 months.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions be made in her memory to the charity of the donor's choice. Services will be private.

Tribute Wall

JM

“ Dear George and Barbara,

We are so sorry to hear of Jean's passing and will always remember her with you George sitting by the window at Piner's. She always had a smile for us and would love to hold our hands while we spoke. Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this very sad time.

With deepest sympathy,

Johanna, Julie and Gilbert Muth and Harris Nussbaum

Johanna Muth - September 30, 2013 at 10:16 AM

LB

“ George And Barbara,

*Kathy and I were so sorry to hear of Jean's passing.
Jean seemed to always have that wonderful smile for you every time we saw her.
She was a special lady.
You are both in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,
Lance and Kathy*

Lance Bonds - September 26, 2013 at 12:09 PM

LS

“ Dear George & Barbara --

We were so sorry to hear of Jean's passing. She was always such a sweet, kind, and lovely person who we will remember always. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time.

Linda, Gayle & Peggy (Rath)

Linda Scott - September 26, 2013 at 12:02 PM

RN

“ My Condolences. Ray Nasuti

Ray Nasuti - September 25, 2013 at 10:06 PM

JA

“ *Though long ago I well remember Jean Abate when she worked for my dad, Al Adamo, at the Napa Lumber Company.*

Jean brightened the day with her smile and kind presence.

Our condolences and prayers to George and to Jean's family.

John Adamo

John Adamo - September 25, 2013 at 10:54 AM

RH

In deepest sympathy...May your heart find healing in cherished memories. May your spirit find comfort in the thoughts and prayers of those who care about you. We are sharing in your sorrow. Jean, George and Barbara, our prayers are always with you.

*Sincerely,
Robert and Marielore Hippenstiel*

Robert Hippenstiel - September 26, 2013 at 12:28 PM