



Marlene "Molly" Banz

July 10, 1938 - March 5, 2013

Marlene "Molly" Banz died March 7, 2013. She was born July 10, 1938 to Clarence and Ivy Gray in England.

In 1965 moved to Napa and began work at Kenny's Pancake House. In July of 1973 she married Don Banz and started working for Stella and Bob Lady at Elmer's Pancake House on Solano Ave. in north Napa.

After owning and operating three Colonial Lady Fried Chicken franchises in Vacaville, Sparks and Reno, Molly came back to Napa and operated Molly's Fish and Chips in the O' Sullivan's building at First and Juarez streets. Due to flooding, in 1986 she reopened Molly's Fish and Chips at the Bel Aire Bowl in the Bel Aire Shopping Center.

Molly's Seafood Grill on Jefferson Street was opened in 1992 then closed upon her retirement in 1996.

Molly didn't stay retired for long. She reopened her seafood restaurant as Molly's Angels Café in 1996. She owned and operated it with George Altumura until 2003 when she retired again.

Molly is survived by her husband Don Banz of Napa; daughter Terry Gray of England; sons Paul J. Boyer of Sun Valley and David Boyer of Napa; sister Veronica Green of England and grandchildren Wesley, Jordan, Zachery, Ashley and Rachelle.

Comments



“ So sad to hear of my wonderful aunts death. I've loved her right from a child as her parents, my grandparents brought me up. I have fond memories of our visits to the USA with my grand parents. She was the most kind hearted loving lady who I loved dearly. I am proud of her work helping so many people even when her own health was failing. She truly is an angel now. And will live on in my heart always.
Your Loving niece Karina xxxxxx

Karina - March 12, 2013 at 06:00 AM



“ We Loved Molly! My Grandmother who also was from England and our whole family use to love to eat and visit with Molly- we followed her faithfully to all her establishments. She served four of our generations her wonderful fish & chips! Sadly my mother, Joan Moen, who also enjoyed fun gambler's bus trips with Molly passed just the day after Molly, I know all the wonderful memories of Molly will live on and comfort you now and always.
With Our Heartfelt Love & Sympathy,
Jerry, Peggy, Joanie, Emmalee, Cliff & Shelley Larghi

Peggy Moen Larghi - March 09, 2013 at 01:31 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Molly's passing. She was a very remarkable women. We saw her in action. She helped some of our family members. We wish that everyone had a little peice of Molly's compassion for others, our world would be a better place. One thing we will always remember about Molly, she had a SMILE for every one she met. God Bless you Molly, now you are REALLY with the "Angels ". Judy and Jerry Nunn

Judy Nunn - March 09, 2013 at 12:17 PM