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Catherine Monica LeCair passed away in Napa July 29, 2024, at the age of 102. Monica was born to Mary Agnes O’Connell and Felix Peter LeCair in Napa, California. She lived her entire life in Napa. She grew up in a house at the corner of Caymus and Brown Streets, attended St. John the Baptist Catholic School and graduated from Napa Union High School, class of 1940. Upon high school graduation, she attended Lucy’s Secretarial School and worked for the Napa County Assessor’s Office. She subsequently went to work at Mare Island Naval Shipyard for 13 years and met her husband, Richard Jackson Merry. They had four daughters together, but sadly Richard passed in 1958. Monica married James Thomas Wetmore in 1962 and they were together for 19 years until his passing. Once her children were grown, Monica worked part time for the California Retired Teachers Association and later, the Napa Recreation Commission. She was also a volunteer at Queen of the Valley Hospital for over 10 years and with her volunteer group was a member of the “Queen’s Sneakers” walking group.

Upon James’ passing, Monica was fortunate to have the companionship in later years of Dr. Edwin Bradley and in her last years, Edwin Clerici with whom she had known since her grammar school days. She and Ed spent over 20 years traveling, attending dinners in Napa and numerous family events hosted by their respective families.

Monica loved music and there was not a tune that she couldn't sing at the drop of a hat! She also loved being outdoors and sitting in the sunshine every single day. She was fortunate to have traveled to England, and various states in the U.S. of which Hawaii was her favorite. She visited Hawaii many times and had a collection of Hawaiian music along with Irish music and show tunes.

Monica was predeceased by Richard Merry, James Wetmore, Dr. Edwin Bradley, her daughter Suzanne Merry, and Ed Clerici.

She is survived by daughters Janet Merry Botill (Don), Carolyn Merry (Jan Mehan), Becky Merry Barrango (Dan), son-in-law, Robert Pawlak, as well as four grandchildren, Kristen Salzberg (Brandon), Matt Botill (Amy), Nick Barrango, and Marcus Barrango. In addition, she is survived by four great grandchildren Natalie Salzberg, A.J. Salzberg, Ethan Botill and Olivia Botill. We are grateful for care provided to mom by the Napa Valley Care Center in her last years. Thank you to Angel, Mia, Jewels, Rodney, Ulises, Alphonso, Mace, Berta and many others.

Mom always loved to be surrounded by family and friends and, in her honor, please hug and celebrate those close to you and play music, maybe an Irish tune. Thanks, mom, for being wonderful you.

After private graveside services, an informal reception will be held August 5, 2024, at noon at 11 Almar Drive, Napa, Ca.

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Queen of the Valley Foundation or to Justin-Siena High School.

Cemetery Details

Tulocay Cemetery

411 Coombsville Rd
Napa, CA 94558

Tribute Wall

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“ Randy and Cathy Richter purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of C. Monica LeCair Merry Wetmore.



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“ Randy and Cathy Richter planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of C. Monica LeCair Merry Wetmore.

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