



## Carol Eyheralde

July 29, 1942 - July 14, 2016

Could there be anyone who had a greater love for the creatures of the earth? Likely not, as we say goodbye to our beloved Carol Eyheralde, comforter and champion of every species of animal.

Born 7-29-42 in Oakland, Carol's ties to Napa were impressive. Her Grandparents were born here in the late 1800's and their names of Muzzio and Cassarye are wound tightly in Napa history.

Carol spent most of her youth in the Bay Area but along with her sisters, visited Napa often. There were many happy summers of tagging along with Grandma to pick fruits and vegetables at the numerous farms that surrounded the city.

After an unsuccessful marriage, Carol moved to Napa with her daughter Cathy, and given assistance by an aunt and uncle. Applying for work at Pacific Telephone, Carol found herself a "victim" of Affirmative Action by being assigned as the first female communications technician in Northern California. Not content to enjoy a free ride, she became the first female student in the electronics program at Napa College. Days were spent reading telephone company tech manuals and nights immersed in electronic textbooks. The result was an incredibly competent and respected technician. A fellow co-worker, Richard Eyheralde, admired her for more than her technical skills, and

they were married in 1976.

Carol's interest in caring for animals had its genesis when she responded to a request by the San Francisco Zoo for volunteers in their raptor rehabilitation program. After a training period, she was handling bald eagles, vultures and great horned owls, among others, and never lost her awe of these magnificent birds.

Later, she became involved with the Suisun Wildlife Center as a rehabilitator, and cared for a large variety of birds, mammals, rodents and reptiles. She considered every life precious, no matter how lowly it was deemed in human terms.

After attending her first membership meeting of the Napa Humane Society, she was soon invited to serve on the Board of Directors. This led to several terms as president of the organization. The greatest accomplishment during her tenure was the purchase and operation of the spay / neuter clinic on California Blvd.

For the last several years, Carol operated as a "free agent ," tending to the needs of the feral cat population and trapping and fixing over 400 homeless cats. Acquiring a large lot in the county, she had a sizeable barn and play yard built to house the most unfortunate of these creatures. Her compassion was boundless.

Carol is survived by her husband, Richard, and her daughter Cathy Dominguez and grandchildren Frank and Monica. Surviving sisters are Silvia Akinaga, Diane Alchin and Teresa Carlyon.

A celebration of life will be held at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home on Thursday, July 21 at 11am. Internment will follow at Tulocay Cemetery.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, are requested to be made to the Wildlife Rescue Center of Napa County, or the animal care organization of your choice.

# Cemetery Details

## Tulocay Cemetery

411 Coombsville Rd  
Napa, CA 94558

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

JUL 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home  
1975 Main Street  
Napa, CA 94559  
(707) 224-5210  
[services@claffeyandrota.com](mailto:services@claffeyandrota.com)  
<http://www.claffeyandrota.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Those who love and care for animals as much as you did have a special seat of honor in heaven.* ”



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**Carol Turner** - August 18, 2023 at 12:16 PM



“ *Carol Eyheralde* ”

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September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Carol Eyheralde* ”

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September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *ERNIE MEDEIROS AND FAMILY purchased the Gift of Grace Bouquet for the family of Carol Eyheralde.* ”



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**ERNIE MEDEIROS AND FAMILY** - July 21, 2016 at 11:22 AM

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“ *Ernie Medeiros lit a candle in memory of Carol Eyheralde*



ernie medeiros - July 21, 2016 at 10:04 AM

LB

“ *So very sad to hear of this, I worked with carol at the humane society for 11 years, she was very caring and compassionate for the animals. She will be dearly missed. Lisa*



Lisa Barnes - July 20, 2016 at 01:26 PM



“ *I have known Carole for what feels like my whole life. When the Humane Society didn't have the spay and neuter clinic my mom ran it out of our garage. When the Humane Society had enough money to start the clinic I was chosen to take a picture with stuffed dogs and the picture was placed in the Napa Register announcing the clinic's opening day. The person who chose me to do the picture was Carol. Cathy I am so blessed to be back in your life. Your amazing like your Mom. Rest in peace Carol and thank you for being apart of my childhood years.*

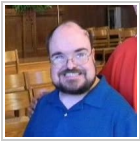
Sara Kelley - July 19, 2016 at 11:12 PM

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“ *Wish I could be there to hear all the wonderful stories and thoughts that will be shared about Carol. I was only blessed to hug her a few times but enjoyed all of those moments. Will probably never hear of or see a baseball game that thoughts of her will come to mind. How special she was to have shared her life with my family members in California. Thank you Carol for loving my cousin Dick.* ”

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**Marge Warmbrodt** - July 19, 2016 at 12:28 PM



“ *you will be deeply missed aunt Carol. thank you for the 36 wonderful years I had you in my life.* ”

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**Danny Eyheralde** - July 19, 2016 at 12:35 AM