Claire Jean Poole

August 9, 1924 - January 23, 2018

Claire Jean Poole passed into God’s hands on January 23, 2018 at the age of 93.

Claire was born on August 9, 1924 in Michigan to a large farming family; she had seven sisters and one brother. At seventeen, she and two sisters headed for Hollywood to find fame and fortune. They were beautiful ladies. After some time they decided, their acting career was not to be. So, they started moving north. Claire got a job as a waitress and that is when she met Ray Poole. They were married on April 30, 1947 soon after they met. They would go on to have three children, Michael, Debbie and Pamela. They lived in Fresno, then Sacramento and finally settled in Napa in 1962.

Ray and Claire had a “nut and bolt” business, PAFCO, which they started together in 1976. Claire was an integral part of this family business managing all the records and bookkeeping and supporting Ray. She was always behind the scenes making sure that the customers were happy.

Claire was a dedicated wife, mother and grandmother. Family was what she cared about the most. She loved babies and little children; she just loved to spiffy them up. She enjoyed being a part of their lives. Not only was she dedicated to her immediate family. She kept close ties to her Michigan family. She made calls every week to catch up on family news. She kept close ties with her husband's family in Fresno with weekly calls to them as well. Family first for Claire.

Claire loved flowers, plants and gardens. She spent many hours outside gardening. She was a great homemaker! She had the cleanest house in town!
She loved every kind of animal. She had horses, goats, cats, and dogs on her property. She even had a small pet sitting service until her late eighties.
She loved working with her hands and being productive. So many knew her as a generous and loving person.

Claire is survived by sister Virginia, children Michael and daughter-in-law Jeanine Poole,

Debbie and son-in-law Ken Lyle and Pam Poole, grandchildren Paula and Brett Stalbaum, Angie and Monty Creach, Jason and Stacey Lyle, Amy and Sean Olsen and great grandchildren Bobby, Cameron and Jayde Creach, Cole and Cassie Lyle and Aubrey Olsen.

She was predeceased by husband Barney Ray Poole, sisters Josie, Irene, Bernice, Marie, Virginia and Theresa, brother Harry and great grandchildren Teale Sisson and Malcolm Olsen.

Please celebrate Claire's life as she wished at her funeral mass on Monday January 29th at St Apollinaris Catholic Church, 3700 Lassen Street in Napa at 11:00am.

Make memorial donations to continue Claire's mission to help those needing help. A few of her favorites are Hearts of Kenya (c/o GIGG, 3371 Browns Valley Road, Napa CA 94558) to help support the orphan children she was helping with food, school uniforms and tuition, the Teale Marie Memorial Fund to help in educating children (c/o Jeanine Poole, 1177 Green Valley Road, Napa CA 94558), or March of Dimes in the name of Malcolm Olsen.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

JAN **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

St. Apollinaris Catholic Church
3700 Lassen St
Napa, CA 94558
(707) 257-2555

Tribute Wall

Claire Jean Poole

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM

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September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Claire Jean Poole.

January 27, 2018 at 08:29 PM

JR

Please accept our deepest sympathies and condolences from Jim and Jackie Ryba.

James Ryba - January 27, 2018 at 08:15 PM

LE

Pam, I'm so sorry on the loss of your mother. - Leslie Erickson

Leslie Erickson - January 27, 2018 at 01:53 PM

Susan Kelly Lyle

Our deepest sympathies to the Poole family. We enjoyed visiting with Claire at family functions. She always had a smile on her face and a twinkle in her eye whenever we saw her. She will missed.

Ed, Sue, Megan and Sean Lyle

Susan Kelly Lyle - January 27, 2018 at 01:37 AM

LG

Michael, Jeanine and Family,
So sorry to hear of the loss of your mom. She sounds like a beautiful person and I see where you get all your wonderful traits from. Our deepest sympathy's are with you all at this time of sorrow. May all the happy memories of her get you through your pain.
Love, Lynda and Guiducci Family

Lynda Guiducci - January 26, 2018 at 03:34 PM