



Dorothy Pappas Menzel

February 8, 2014

It is with sadness that we announce the death of Dorothy Pappas Menzel at age 90. A first generation American, she was born to Greek immigrants Peter and Mary Pappas and was the seventh of nine children. She grew up in the Bay View District in San Francisco and was proud of her Greek heritage. Throughout high school Dorothy took part in debate contests and won local and state competitions. It was through the debating team that Father Feeney at University of San Francisco encouraged her to attend night school at USF (men-only during the day) and San Francisco State College. She met her sweetheart Warren B. Menzel at Commerce High School, and they married in 1945. Dorothy finished her Masters Degree in Speech Correction at Stanford University in 1948 when she was about to deliver her firstborn, Daniel. She was a Speech Therapist in Redwood City and taught in the Santa Ynez Valley (Santa Barbara) before the Menzel Family moved to Napa in 1963. In 1965 Dorothy began teaching Speech at Napa

Valley Community College and later was Division Chairperson of Language and Developmental Studies until her retirement in 1989. Dorothy and Warren traveled extensively in their retirement.

Dorothy instilled a love of lifelong learning, hard work, and ethics. Her strong Catholic faith was the cornerstone of her life. Dorothy influenced four generations of family, friends, colleagues, and students with her sharp mind, giving nature, and loving presence. !

Predeceased by her husband of 65 years, Warren B. Menzel, by three sisters and one brother.

Survived by her eight children: Daniel (Diane Slade), Therese (Clark Permar), Deborah Byrne (Martin), Mary (Roger Toll), Judith, Matthew (Dorothy Jantzen), Paul (Belinda), and David.

Adored her seven grandchildren and one great-grandson: Elizabeth Robertson (Jacob), Kevin, Rebekah, Alexander, Christina, Taylor, Benjamin, and Andrew. Also survived by sisters Bessie Gonos, Mary Cockriell, Georgia Chalmers, brother John D. Pappas (Coralie), brother-in-law Conrad (Traudel), numerous nieces and nephews, and friends Dolores Fischer and Parie Lambert.!!

We extend our deep gratitude to the Kaiser Vallejo Hospice team, to Sean Kaer, M.D., Kai Lee, M.D., and to Your Home Nursing Caregivers Antionette Thomas, Yvonne Harris, and Josette Coit. We treasure the ongoing support and love from family and friends.

Memorial contributions

may be sent to Hospice, Kaiser Foundation Hospital , 975 Sereno Drive,
Vallejo, CA 94589.

Funeral is at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home in Napa on Thursday, February
13, 2014, at

10:30a.m. Memorial will be held at a later date.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 13. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home
1975 Main Street
Napa, CA 94559
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<http://www.claffeyandrota.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *Dorothy Pappas Menzel*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Dorothy Pappas Menzel*

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Dear Menzel Family. We send our deepest sympathy to you all. We know how difficult it is to lose one's mother. Our own mother-- Carmen Sousa--passed away recently. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Bernice Sousa-Carden and Family*

Bernice Sousa-Carden - February 15, 2014 at 04:11 PM



“ *My deepest sympathies to all the family especially Mary. What a wonderful woman that lived a full life. Always with a sweet smile and hello as I would see her come in many times to Mass at the hospital or at St A's for many years. She and all the family are in my prayers*

Ardy Van Winden - February 14, 2014 at 10:08 AM



Dorothy was a friend of mine and I cherished her. What a great lady she was. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Charlene Vallerga

charlene vallerga - February 16, 2014 at 03:34 AM

NG

“ I considered Dorothy a dear friend and enjoyed many conversations with her at the gym.
She was a wonderful lady.
Please let me know the date of the memorial.
With Deepest Sympathy,
Nonie Griffin

Nonie Griffin - February 13, 2014 at 03:05 PM

LM

“ My condolences on the passing of a very special person and an outstanding educator. I had the privilege of being hired by Dorothy to teach her phonetics course at Napa Valley College, and received nothing by praise and support from her during the time I taught it.
Lisa (Miri) Blampied

Lisa Miri - February 12, 2014 at 07:28 PM

JC

“ We have lost someone special. Dorothy and I began teaching together in 1965 at the College and taught together until her retirement twenty-four years later, so I got to know her well. Also, I had some of her children in my classes, and she had some of mine. She was a very caring, compassionate, lady and teacher. Always professional and proper, but also always concerned about others. She was a very devout Catholic Christian and was peacefully serene even in her last days. We continued our friendship after her retirement, and she was particularly fond of my son, Brother Mark, who she always took to lunch when he was in town. I smile now because I know that our loss is Heaven's gain.
John Charlesworth

John Charlesworth - February 12, 2014 at 05:44 PM

KW

“ Dear Menzel Family,
I have lost a very dear friend. I taught with her at the College in the English department, and also with Warren at Ridgeview. We had so much fun together, laughing at the same things, even finishing each other's sentences--we were really on the same wave length. My sympathy and condolences to the family. Dorothy will certainly be missed in everyone's life that she touched. Sincerely, Adelle Iverson-Payne

Karen Wendel - February 12, 2014 at 04:24 PM

JM

“ Thank you to our friends and family for their love and support. We miss mama's smiles and laughs. We know she will be in our hearts and minds forever.

Judy Menzel - February 12, 2014 at 02:12 PM