



## Elizabeth (Betty) Virgene Sweet

October 11, 1924 - December 31, 2018

Elizabeth (Betty) Virgene Sweet, 94, of Napa, passed into the loving arms of our Lord Jesus Christ on December 31, 2018 surrounded by her family. Betty was born October 11, 1924 to Alexander McGillivray and Rosella Bernadine McGillivray in Bowbells, North Dakota. Elizabeth McGillivray met and married her husband of 65 years, Robert E. Sweet on September 20, 1944 in Anacortes, Washington.

Elizabeth is preceded in death by her husband, Robert E. Sweet, her son Robert Allen Sweet, daughter Susan Ann Parsons as well as grandchildren Anthony Fontana, Meghan Sweet and Vernon McDaniel. She was also the last surviving member of her immediate family.

Our mother leaves behind her 8 children: Jennifer Sroufe, Martin Sweet, Michael Sweet and wife Linda, David Sweet, JoAnne McGraw and husband Doug, Andrew Sweet and wife Kathleen, Angela Perdigao and husband Victor, and Alexander Sweet and wife Lorena. Additionally, she is survived by many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great, great-grandchildren, along with numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Betty was not only our mother, but a pillar of the St. John's the Baptist Catholic Church community, serving in many roles for the parish since 1967. She also served Napa through her outreach work as founder of Birthright of Napa, established in 1977. Betty remained active in her volunteer work not only within the parish, but also with organizations such as the Developmentally Disabled Christian Ministries and she was an active member of YLI. She

enjoyed playing bridge with her friends until her final days.

A visitation is scheduled at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 from 4:00pm until the Rosary at 7:00pm.

A funeral mass will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 10:00am at St. John's the Baptist Catholic Church in Napa. Burial will take place at Tulocay Cemetery in Napa.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Birthright of Napa, 1447 4th St. Napa, CA 94559.

# Cemetery Details

## Tulocay Cemetery

411 Coombsville Rd  
Napa, CA 94558

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 9. 4:00 PM - 7:00 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>

## Rosary

JAN 9. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Elizabeth (Betty) Virgene Sweet*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Elizabeth (Betty) Virgene Sweet*

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *I always enjoyed Betty at the Birthright conventions. Betty Sweet was really sweet Betty.*

*Love and prayers,  
Glenda Merten  
Kansas City, MO*

**Glenda Merten** - January 10, 2019 at 11:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Elizabeth (Betty) Virgene Sweet.*



January 10, 2019 at 10:55 AM



“ *With Deepest Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Elizabeth (Betty) Virgene Sweet.*



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January 09, 2019 at 08:23 PM



“ *The Sweets in Nebraska purchased the Memories to Treasure for the family of Elizabeth (Betty) Virgene Sweet.*



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**The Sweets in Nebraska** - January 08, 2019 at 03:30 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elizabeth (Betty) Virgene Sweet.*



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January 07, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ *Betty was such an exceptional woman. I feel blessed to have had her in my life and am so sorry for Your loss. My prayers are with all of You. Monica*

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**Monica Getzschman** - January 07, 2019 at 09:38 AM

KK

“ Betty was a larger than life, exceptionally knowledgable Birthright regional consultant. She could motivate newer volunteers with a kind, Christlike manner. Just thinking about her makes me smile. She was a total gift to those who had a chance to know her. Prayers for the whole family!

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**Kath King** - January 06, 2019 at 05:17 AM

DB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Betty's passing. She was a great mentor with Birthright and she always had love and hugs to share. She will be missed. From Dorothy Benoit, Birthright in Idaho.

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**Dorothy Benoit** - January 06, 2019 at 12:04 AM

MG

“ The last time I saw Betty was at the fundraiser at Lucky Penny for Birth Right. She was presented to the audience, lovely as always, and a mentor for all those who knew her. I enjoyed playing bridge with her once a month for years. I will miss her very much and remember her always. With sympathy and love Mignon Graham.

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**Mignon Graham** - January 04, 2019 at 01:24 PM

JR

Betty was one of my favorite cousins. I would stay with her and Bob when I visited in California. She came, many times, to Atlanta for Birth Right events and would stay a day or two at my home. She was always fun to be with and full of laughter. She has left an unforgettable legacy of love of God and of others--especially the most vulnerable. Julie Rushin

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**Julie Rushin** - January 08, 2019 at 08:09 PM

BS

“ My childhood is filled with wonderful memories of camping trips with Grandma and Grandpa. From boating at Lake Shasta every year, to camping in the redwoods, and multiple caravan vacations north through Portland, Washington, and even Canada. I don't think a kid could have had a better childhood. And Christmas every year at grandmas was magnificent as a kid. It was magical.

Grandma looked at me a few years ago at my brother's wedding and said, "We sure had some good times, didn't we?" We sure did Grandma. The best.

I can only imagine the bliss you must be experiencing now being with God.

I love you

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**Brannon Sweet** - January 04, 2019 at 09:36 AM

BS

“ Brannon Sweet lit a candle in memory of Elizabeth (Betty) Virgene Sweet



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**Brannon Sweet** - January 04, 2019 at 09:08 AM