



## Emma "Pat" Devita

April 7, 1919 - October 19, 2016

Emma "Pat" Devita passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 following a short seven days in Queen of the Valley Hospital after suffering a stroke. Pat, as she was affectionately known, was born on April 7, 1919 in Yount, Missouri to Charles and Retta Mullins. In 1944, she moved to Napa, where she worked at the Napa State Hospital as a psychiatric technician until 1957.

In 1947, Pat met the love of her life, Francis Joseph Devita – who, along with his father Percy, founded the iconic company responsible for constructing hundreds of homes and other structures in the Napa Valley, which to this date are simply called "Devita Built." Following a ten year courtship, Pat and Francis were married in 1957. For almost forty years, before Francis passed away in December 1996, they enjoyed a full and rewarding life traveling the world and enriching the lives of their relatives, numerous friends, and customers.

Pat was a long-time active member of the Napa Valley Horseman's Association, the Sons of Italy, the Navy League and many other organizations. During the past twenty years, she became an avid San Francisco Giants fan, rarely missing a televised game. Pat earned the well-deserved description of "Lucky" for her success playing the slot machines. She definitely went out "A Winner" scoring two very large jackpots in the month prior to her passing.

Pat was predeceased by her sister and six brothers; namely, Ada Mullins Simpson, Wayne, Harley, John, C.M., Pete and Austin Mullins, all of Missouri. Pat is survived by her sister-in-law Eleanor Devita Peterson of Napa, and twenty-one nieces and nephews.

A service will be held at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home at 1975 Main Street, Napa, California 94559 at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 29, 2016, with interment following at Tulocay Cemetery, 411 Coombsville Road, Napa, California 94559. Visitation will be on Friday, October 28, 2016 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Claffey & Rota. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Queen of the Valley Hospital (1000 Trancas Street, Napa, California 94558) or Collabria Hospice Care (414 South Jefferson Street, Napa, California 94559.)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home  
1975 Main Street  
Napa, CA 94559  
(707) 224-5210  
[services@claffeyandrota.com](mailto:services@claffeyandrota.com)  
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## Funeral Service

OCT **29**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (PT)

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