



Helen Zerba

April 28, 1927 - January 16, 2017

Helen was born April 28, 1927 in Redwood City, California and passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her family, in Napa on January 16, 2017. She grew up in Napa attending local schools, graduating from Napa High School. She raised her family here in Napa. Helen was known by many and loved by all but most widely Helen and her late husband Felix were known for their family restaurant, The Napa Valley Inn. Professionally Helen was a very successful Tupperware salesperson, eventually becoming a district manager. She was the first female President of the Napa Boys and Girls Club, a member of The Sons of Italy, an active member of The Veterans of Foreign War, and a Gold Star Mother. As a hobby, she liked selling and collecting antiques. She also loved playing cards with her local group of ladies. She is predeceased by her son Douglas Zerba who was a fatality of the Vietnam war, her beloved husband Felix Zerba Jr., and her brother Wilson Marking. She is survived by her children Donna Bamford & husband Steve of Napa, Timothy Zerba of Oroville, Tami Zerba of Napa, Frank Zerba of Napa, Mary Zerba of Washington, and twins Mark Zerba & wife Tracy of Napa and Matthew Zerba & wife Michelle of Napa; Her sister Laura Lutz of Redding. She has sixteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Sunday January 22 from 1-6pm at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home. A funeral service will be held Monday, January 23 at 1:30pm at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home, with interment to follow at Tulocay Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Tulocay Cemetery

411 Coombsville Rd
Napa, CA 94558

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 22. 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM (PT)

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

Funeral Service

JAN 23. 1:30 PM - 2:30 PM (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home
1975 Main Street
Napa, CA 94559
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Tribute Wall



“ *Helen Zerba*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Helen Zerba*

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Dear Frank and Family,
We were so sorry to read about the passing of
your Mom in the paper. She did however lead
a full and good life. Did many things and
enjoyed them. Please accept our
condolences.*

Sincerely,

Carole Showers and Pete Peterson and Families.



carole showers - January 29, 2017 at 11:42 AM

LP

“ Dear Zerba Family,
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers as you cope with the loss of your dear Mom.
Our two families go back before I was born and I remember going to Felix's and having Sunday dinner when I was a very young girl. (It was on Bi-way East back then). Then later going to The Napa Valley Inn and enjoying the same steaks he fixed us at the other location. I fondly remember going to Helen's antique shop on Bi-way East as well. My parents were their friends and soon they became my friend, in my adult life.
I was their State Farm Agent, after my Dad retired, and we always enjoyed reminiscing about those old days way back then.
She was a very hard worker, loved her family and was a devoted friend. May she be at peace and reunited with her loved ones in Heaven.
Sincerely,
Lynn Pritchett & Family

Lynn Pritchett - January 23, 2017 at 12:28 PM

BM

“ Dear Laura & Zerba Family,
I am sorry and sad to hear of my cousin Helen's passing,. We grew up having many
fun days together. We know the heartache of losing a mother, but just remember
"Death leaves a heart ache no one can heal, but love leaves a memory no one can steal." Bob and Mary Moser

Bob & Mary Moser - January 21, 2017 at 01:47 PM

DI

“ With heartfelt condolences to the family during this difficult time. The bible makes this comforting promise, "God is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those who are crushed in spirit." (Psalms 34:18)

Diane - January 21, 2017 at 11:17 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen Zerba.



January 20, 2017 at 05:15 PM

JO

“ Helen had a special way about her. She made everyone comfortable just by being in her presence and lighted up a room the minute she entered.
She will sorely be missed. Our memories of her are filled with happiness and laughter. Rest in peace, you deserve it!!



Judy and Ray O'Connor - January 20, 2017 at 04:50 PM

TD

“ The Poker Boys (Craig, Bruce, Dick, Robert, Dan) purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of Helen Zerba.



The Poker Boys (Craig, Bruce, Dick, Robert, Dan) - January 20, 2017 at 03:00 PM