



Juanita M. Gerl

May 24, 1930 - August 6, 2024

Juanita Nicholson Gerl passed away August 6, 2024 at the age of 94. Juanita was born May 24, 1930 in Napa County. She attended Napa schools. She moved to Las Vegas, Nevada soon after her marriage to Ben Gerl in 1952. In Las Vegas she was a member of the Culinary Union for 38 years and worked at several large hotels in culinary management as a Maître d' and Banquet Captain. Her hobbies were bowling and travelling. In 1996 she and her husband Ben returned to Napa where she worked for 13 years at the Napa Valley Wine Train in the gift shops. She was predeceased by her mother, Juanita Kilgore, her husband of 56 years Ben Gerl, and her brother Jack Nicholson who passed away in 2016. She is survived by her daughter Susan Knight, her granddaughter Tammy Bardeleben, two great granddaughters, Amanda and Ami, her stepdaughter Mary Lou McAdoo, and several nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home, 1975 Main St. in Napa on Monday, August 12 at 11:00am. She will be buried with her husband at Tulocay Cemetery in Napa.

Cemetery Details

Tulocay Cemetery

411 Coombsville Rd
Napa, CA 94558

Previous Events

Funeral Service

AUG 12. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home
1975 Main Street
Napa, CA 94559
(707) 224-5210
services@claffeyandrota.com
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Tribute Wall

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“ I met Juanita in 2005 and we became good friends. we shared many dinners, outings and phone calls over the years. I will miss her.

Stewart Slipiec

Stewart Slipiec - August 19, 2024 at 05:52 PM

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“ Juanita was best step mom ever. Generous, fun, smart, loved to play cards and travel. We will miss her.

Lou and Jim McAdoo, Portland, OR

Marylou - August 13, 2024 at 10:19 PM

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“ I am so sorry to read of Juanita's passing. I worked at Rohlf's Manor and always enjoyed talking with her. She was always nice and talked about Ben a few times. She showed me her Christmas tree made from pins. Such a great idea and it's beautiful. My condolences to her family

Tami Shaw - August 10, 2024 at 01:53 PM