



Marie Lilly Durbin

July 9, 1920 - December 24, 2012

Marie Lilly Durbin passed away peacefully in Napa California on December 24, 2012, at the age of 92.

Marie Lilly Cappadona was born on July 9, 1920 to Joseph and Jennie Cappadona in Hoboken, New Jersey. She attended schools in Hoboken and Secaucus, before relocating to Napa with her family in 1935. She graduated from Napa Union High School in 1937.

As a young entrepreneur and talented stylist, she owned the Studio Beauty Salon on Coombs Street, Napa, in 1938. She met the love of her life, Forest Durbin at a Brignoli Saturday night dance in Napa in 1940, and they were married on May 18, 1941. Forest enlisted in the Marine Corps after Pearl Harbor, and Marie made frequent trips to San Diego, where he was first stationed. In 1944, she moved to San Diego to be with Forest during his recuperation from injuries suffered during the war. When the couple returned to Napa in 1945, Marie devoted her energies to her husband, homemaking and raising their four children.

Marie was a young member of the Italian Catholic Federation Women's Drill Team and the Young Ladies' Institute. She was deeply involved at St. John's Catholic Church and School, and subsequently with St. Thomas Aquinas Church. She was a member of the St. Thomas Aquinas Alter Guild, served as

Treasurer and President of Church Women United, and was active in the Carpenter's Ladies Auxiliary and Forest's construction business. She was accomplished at sewing, knitting, crocheting and enjoyed cooking, reading, piano playing and, especially, gardening.

Marie was preceded in death by her brothers Martin Montalto, Louis Cappadona, and James Cappadona, her sisters Mary Scaglione, May Westwood, Jeanette Lucca, and Rose Vigilante, and Forest Durbin, her beloved husband of 63 years. She is survived by her sister Charlotte Anderton of Napa, her four children Cynthia Hindes of North Hills, California, Paul Durbin of Napa, Marianne Jonas of Napa, Greg Durbin of Santa Rosa, California and numerous nieces and nephews.

Friends and family are invited to services which will be held on December 28, 2012 at 1:00pm at Claffey & Rota Funeral Home, followed by interment at Tulocay Cemetery, Coombsville Road, in Napa, California.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Thomas Aquinas Church, Catholic Charities of Napa, or a charity of the donor's choice. Condolences may be left at claffeyandrota.com.

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“ *Marie Lilly Durbin*

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“ *Marie Lilly Durbin*

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“ *Dear Paul,*

I was so sorry to hear of the passing of your mother, and David and I offer you our best wishes for only happy memories and calm acceptance of the loss. Please also remember me to your children in the loss of the grandmother.

*Fondly,
Susan Wight*

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