



Mary Joy Davis

September 26, 1928 - January 15, 2024

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Mary Joy Davis, 95, on January 15, 2024. Mary was a lifelong resident of Napa, born to William and Daisy Dittmer.

She was predeceased by her first husband, James Eagerton Sr. (1965); son, Jesse James Eagerton (1970); and second husband, Norman Davis (2002).

Mary always had a love for animals of all kinds, and had two horses as a young adult. She met her first husband at Lake Marie while she was riding her horse in the hills behind Napa State Hospital. Mary always had at least one dog, usually more. She enjoyed training German Shepherds and Belgian Sheepdogs and competing them in AKC Obedience trials, but she also rescued more than her share of animals from the local shelter. Mary was a longtime supporter of the Humane Society and spent many years as a member of the Napa Valley Dog Training Club.

By trade, Mary was a bookkeeper. She worked until her first retirement from Payroll at Travis Air Force Base, which is where she met her second husband, Chief Master Sgt. Norman "Dave" Davis. Mary and Dave were founding board members of Aldea Children and Family Services, working to provide crucial services that had been sadly lacking in her hometown. Aldea's earliest bookkeeping was done in the kitchen of Dave and Mary's home. Mary worked

for Aldea until she retired again much later in life, but continued supporting Aldea and its clients as long as her health allowed.

Anyone who knew Mary could tell you that she was wise and had a huge heart. In her fifties, instead of enjoying a well-deserved retirement, she and Dave adopted and raised two more children. She never stopped fundraising for the causes she loved. She held garage sales, volunteered in fundraisers, and was always available to support a worthy organization. She and Dave were avid supporters of fundraising and sports at Napa Valley Christian School while their kids were attending.

Mary was known as the "Coupon Queen" for her refunding hobby, which raised thousands of dollars for good causes. As if this weren't enough, she crocheted items to donate to charities or just to give to friends and family. You rarely saw her without her crochet basket during lunch at the Sizzler.

Mary loved the North Pacific Coast. She and Dave enjoyed traveling in their trailers from California to Washington, and were particularly fond of Brookings, Reedsport and Port Orford. Even in her nineties, Mary loved taking vacations in Stinson Beach, Tamales Bay and Fort Bragg with her family.

Mary is survived by loving family: Kathleen Archer, Randy Davis (Vicki), Katherine Kacho, Jessie Brown (Ronald), Franklin Eagerton (Gina), plus many beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was an amazing person, and her generosity and wisdom will be missed by those lucky enough to have had her in their lives.

Funeral Services will be held at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home at 1975 Main Street, Napa, CA, 94559, on February 1, 2024, at 10:00 AM. A celebration of life will be held from 2:00 to 5:00 PM at 2151 Harding Avenue in Napa; please

drop by and share a story about Mary. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Napa Humane.

Cemetery Details

Rockville Cemetery

4219 Suisun Valley Rd.
Fairfield, CA 94534
(707) 864-2421

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (PT)

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