



## Sylvia Varni (Imperiale)

July 10, 1926 - October 2, 2016

Sylvia Varni (Imperiale) passed away in the company of family on Oct. 2nd, 2016 at the age of 90 after a short illness. Born a second generation San Franciscan on July 10th, 1926, Sylvia came to Napa with her husband, Boch Imperiale, and daughter, Joanne, in 1951. Sylvia and Boch graciously served Italian lunches at the Old Adobe Hut for many years. After retiring as office manager from Basalite in 1991, she enjoyed traveling with family and friends, especially to visit her cousins in Italy. Sylvia was a proud 35-year active member and officer of the Sons of Italy, Napa Lodge #2043. She was also an active member of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church and Altar Guild. Sylvia was quite a bocce ball player, playing on both the Sons of Italy team in Napa and the Belle Donne at the Farmers Market League in St. Helena. Never a fairweather fan, Sylvia avidly rooted for the San Francisco Giants, 49ers and Golden State Warriors. She also was a regular participant in the senior classes at Synergy. Many will remember Sylvia as a tireless and devoted friend as well as a passionate and skilled cook who gladly donated her time and treats to many bake sales, dinners and charities in Napa.

Sylvia is survived by her daughter, Joanne (Chuck) MacDonnell, her grandson, Adam MacDonnell, her sisters-in-law Lee Imperiale-Luckett and Luce Varni, two nieces, cousins in Italy, plus many friends from Commerce High School (1944) in San Francisco, Sons of Italy Napa Lodge, St. Thomas Aquinas Altar Guild, Synergy, and Willowbrook (her home until her passing). Sylvia was predeceased by her parents, older sister, brother, and former husband.

Donations may be made to the St. Thomas Aquinas Altar Guild, St. Thomas Aquinas Church for whatever is needed for the church in Sylvia's memory, or to the Western Foundation of the Sons of Italy for a scholarship in her memory.

A rosary will be recited at 7pm on Thursday, October 6th at Claffey and Rota Funeral Home. A funeral Mass will be celebrated in her memory at St. Thomas Aquinas Church on Friday, October 7th at 10am, with a reception following immediately after. Sylvia's private interment will be at Tulocay Cemetery.

# Cemetery Details

## Tulocay Cemetery

411 Coombsville Rd  
Napa, CA 94558

# Previous Events

## Rosary

OCT 6. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Claffey and Rota Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Sylvia Varni (Imperiale)*

September 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM



“ *Sylvia Varni (Imperiale)*

September 29, 2022 at 02:55 PM



“ *Judi Frame lit a candle in memory of Sylvia Varni (Imperiale)*



**Judi Frame** - October 05, 2016 at 01:17 PM