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Mary Frances Peter, 90, passed away Monday, July 27, 2020 at The Village at Rancho Solano, in Fairfield, California.

Mary was born January 15, 1930, in Bowen, Illinois to Charles and Adelaide Winfield. She married Gerald Peter on March 31, 1950. They met while both working together in Quincy, Illinois at Ely Walker. He joined the Air Force and they began their life together traveling and living stateside and abroad.

They were stationed in Kentucky when they had their first son, Charles. Then off to England where they had two daughters, Susan and Peggy. After three years in England, they were bounced around and landed in Florida where their second son, Douglas, was born. They loved Florida and enjoyed the beautiful weather, good friends, boating, and water skiing for 5 years. They loved to enjoy their extended family that could come from Illinois and Missouri to spend time and they also took many road trips to visit in return.

They were surprised to receive orders for a three-year tour to France where their third daughter, Michelle, was born. While in France, they traveled all over Europe with their kids in a Plymouth station wagon equipped with one of the first overhead campers, one that her husband designed and built himself.

The final destination as an Air Force wife was Travis A.F.B. After their 20 years in the service, Mary and her husband enjoyed belonging to an antique car club. They bought an RV and made a yearly trip to Yosemite with over 40 friends and family. Their children all married and had children of their own. Mary spent her time with her family and friends doing what she did best... being a homemaker. They built a home in Tolenas and continued to have family gatherings and enjoy their life together. They were members of

Holy Spirit Catholic Church and were instrumental in the building of Mount Carmel.

After the death of her husband, Mary had almost 20 years left and she continued with her church, her family, and her friends. She had her beloved Boston Terrier, Arnold, as her trusty companion. Mary always looked forward to taking trips back to visit her sisters and extended family accompanied by her daughters and granddaughters. She loved a trip to Reno, Tahoe, or Cache Creek to play the slots. Mary and her circle of friends continued their weekly Tuesday jaunt to Murillos. Their table was saved and their waitress knew their order from being loyal customers. Mary's Pizza Shack had her favorite order ready for her every Friday where she was joined by her kids, grandkids, and in-laws. She loved her weekly breakfasts at Babs Diner.

Mary was known for her sense of humor. She loved nothing better than a raunchy birthday card, whether it was being sent by her or received. She loved to laugh and she built a family that surrounded her until her very last day on earth.

She is survived by two sons, Chuck (Susan) Peter and Doug (Lori) Peter; three daughters, Susan (Art) Garben, Peggy (Joe) Andrews, and Michelle (Jeff) Andrews; 14 grandchildren; 12 greatgrandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; her sister, Charlene Sutter from Taylor, MO; sister-in-laws, Carol (Gary) Darnell; Anne (Harold) Winfield of Quincy, and Barb (Dave) Grawe of Kansas City, MO.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Gerry; three brothers, Harold, Floyd, and Don; and her sister, Shirley.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 10:00 am at St. Alphonsus Cemetery, 1801 Union Ave., Fairfield, CA.

Arrangements are under the care of Bryan-Braker Funeral Home, 707-425-4697. You may sign the guestbook at www.bryanbraker.com.

Cemetery

St Alphonsus Catholic Cemetery

1801 Union Ave.

Fairfield, CA, 94533

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Comments



“ I was saddened to hear the news of the passing of my friend, Mary Peter. Our families go back decades. Gerry worked with Ken in water treatment, and went camping together for decades. Mary was sharp and intuitive. Once I was reading while we were waiting for their arrival in Sequoia. I was so engrossed in my book, I didn't hear Mary approach. She said to me, "That must be a great book, since you are so lost in it. Is it Forever Amber by chance?" I was floored because she couldn't have seen the book binding, yet that was exactly what I was reading.

Our times together were always peppered with laughter, as the guys would pull funny pranks on one another, and then the kids would best them the next year. Everyone cherished those Yosemite days.

The world has lost a wonderful lady, but I'm hoping she's joined Gerry and Ken and continuing the laughter.

My thoughts and prayers are with all the family, Art & Sue, Chuck & Susan, Doug & Lori, Peggy & Joe and Michelle & Jeff, and all the grand kids - especially Jason who worked with me in Suisun City. May your memories hold you, and keep her close. Your entire family is magical to me.



Diane Britz - August 03 at 06:11 PM



“ 4 files added to the album Cherished Memories by Martha Winfield, Niece



Marti Winfield - August 03 at 04:08 PM



“ Michelle and family, so sorry for your loss but so glad you have such big memories to keep forever. I remember your mom and dad when we lived on San Dimas St.. very good and kind people. Regards Conni Pendleton

Conni Pendleton - August 03 at 01:28 AM



“ My condolences to the Peter family, particularly Sue and Art. I know that losing your mother is hard. It sounds like she lived a long and wonderful life. Keep her memories close.

Sincerely, Tom Giugni

Tom Giugni - August 02 at 01:09 PM



“ Jackie Burton purchased the Large Basket Garden for the family of Mary Frances Peter.



Jackie Burton - August 02 at 12:32 PM



“ You have been in our thoughts since our meeting in May. There is no way to prepare for the loss of one loved so dearly. May it help to know that there are those near and far who send you love and support.

Denise & Paul Warhover - August 01 at 09:31 PM