



Dolores M Franko

October 13, 1945 - September 10, 2024

Dolores M. Franko of Vallejo, California, died Sept. 10 after a long illness. She was 78 years old.

Born and raised in New Jersey, she lived in Raritan, Somerville, Piscataway and Middlesex before relocating in 1986 to California. Once there, Dolores and her family initially resided in Pleasant Hill, then moved to Vallejo in 1988 and were among the original homeowners in the Glen Cove community.

During her career, Dolores held administrative positions at GAF and National Starch in Central New Jersey. After moving to California, she was the mailroom supervisor at First Benefit Services in Pleasant Hill, a claims administrator at Travelers Insurance in Walnut Creek, an account manager at Colt Express in Walnut Creek and a quarter-end specialist at TraxPayroll in Hercules.

In her spare time and after she retired, Dolores enjoyed reading; listening to music; tending to her yard; vacationing in Lake Tahoe, Reno, Oregon and her native New Jersey; trying her luck at casinos; and watching TV series, movies and Golden State Warriors basketball games. Throughout her 38 years in California, Dolores was devoted to caring for her dogs Pooch, Gordy and Danno, along with looking after neighborhood stray cats.

Dolores was predeceased by her youngest sister, Cathleen Gormley, and was the daughter of the late Margaret Czerepusko (Colaluca) and Walter Demjanow.

Surviving Dolores are her beloved husband of 41 years, Joseph M. Franko of Vallejo; her dog, Danno; son Christopher M. Junior and his wife, Joelle, of Manville, New Jersey; son Jonathan M. Junior of Hillsborough, N.J.; sister Cynthia Genc of Rahway, N.J.; sister-in-law Susann Franko and her partner, Rita Mastella, of Edison, N.J.; niece Stephanie Rosen and her husband, Rob, of Westchester, Ohio; niece Jennifer Samsel and her husband, John, of Rahway; niece Claudine Carrasco of Rahway; niece Ryane Brennan of Avenel, N.J.; nephew Daniel Brennan of Rahway; niece Karen Stagg and her husband, Chris, of Milford, N.J.; niece Patricia Curry and her husband, Chris, of New Brunswick, N.J.; and niece Donna Valachovic of Clinton, N.J.

Arrangements are by Passalacqua Funeral Chapel in Benicia. A funeral mass will be held at 11 a.m. Sept. 17 at St. Dominic's Catholic Church in Benicia.

In memory of Dolores and her love for animals, please consider making a donation to an animal shelter or charity in your community. Also please consider donating blood, platelets or plasma through the American Red Cross.

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP **17**. 11:00 AM (PT)

St Dominic's Catholic Church
475 E I St
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 747-7220

Tribute Wall

RA

“ *Dolores is the mother of my nephew Chris. I have known her since the 1960's. Though it has been quite some time since I last saw her, I remember her as a kind, generous and spirited woman. She will be missed.*

Ralph - September 16, 2024 at 09:06 PM

JH

“ *Dolores,*

I just loved when you came in to the office during Quarter End to work at TRAXPayroll. You were funny and feisty and I enjoyed our time together so much. Quarter end was never the same without you. A donation to the Humane Society of the North Bay in Vallejo was made in your honor. Rest in peace.

Julie Howell

Julie Howell - September 16, 2024 at 06:32 PM

CF

“ *Carrasco family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Dolores M Franko.*



Carrasco family - September 16, 2024 at 07:57 AM

RJ

“ Dolores,
We met when Mary hired me to replace you at Colt Express because you had turned in your notice (it wasn't the first time, hahaha). I was nervous because you were the one that was supposed to train me before you left, but you ended up staying and we became good friends. I left after several years, but we all worked together again at TRAXPayroll. That was so nice!

I sure miss you, girl. :(

Love you, Robbie

Robbie Jackson - September 15, 2024 at 01:34 PM

RJ

And, we stayed in touch all these years! ❤️

Robbie Jackson - September 16, 2024 at 03:06 PM

DS

“ Hey Dolores, it took us several years as neighbors to become friends, but we're so glad it finally happened! You brought so much fun into our lives and we'll miss your unique personality. Thanks for being you, we love you, Darryl and Sheena

Darryl & Sheena - September 14, 2024 at 10:52 PM

CJ

“ Mom:
Thanks for your love, support and guidance — and for never asking me to turn down the volume on my stereo or my amplifier.
Chris

Chris M. Junior - September 14, 2024 at 04:09 PM

JF

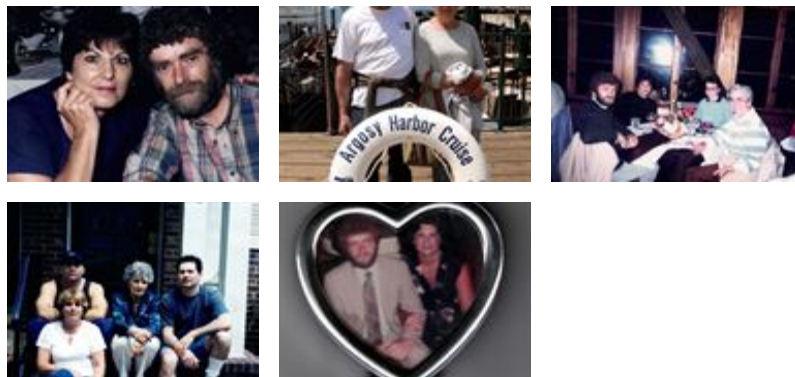
“ *My Dear Wife, I love you sooo much and Miss you more than you know.*

Weez

Joe Franko - September 14, 2024 at 02:33 PM



“ *53 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - September 13, 2024 at 05:43 PM