



## Eileen L. Proto

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Eileen L. Proto passed away Saturday, January 6, 2024 in Sacramento. She was born in the Bronx, NY, and she, her husband Jerry, and sons Adam and Michael moved to California in 1979. Eileen and Jerry moved to Benicia in 1996 and lived there until 2018, when Eileen moved to Sacramento.

Eileen worked at various jobs throughout her life, but spent most of her working life at what's now BNSF as a district secretary and coordinator. While living in Benicia, Eileen was a long-time member of the Benicia Yacht Club, where she and her husband helped organize events, such as their parking-lot sales. Friends from the Yacht Club and beyond always looked forward to Eileen and Jerry's Christmas parties. They both loved the holiday season and were recognized in the Contra Costa Times for their house's Christmas and Hanukkah decorations.

Eileen loved spending time with family and friends. She and her girlfriends would often go shopping and out to lunch together. In her quiet time, Eileen was a voracious reader, and loved to knit and crochet. Later in life, she picked

up a taste for sports, becoming an avid watcher of the Sacramento Kings and the San Francisco 49ers. Her guilty pleasure of sports, though, was watching roller derby back in the day. Eileen had the gift of gab and could strike up a conversation with just about anyone. She was loved by all who knew her.

Eileen is survived by her sons Adam Zaretsky & Michael (Jill) Zaretsky; sisters-in-law Camille (Gary) Lonigan, Josephine (Sal) Belmonte & Rosalie Proto; and brothers-in-law Charlie (Encarni) Proto, Anthony Proto and Andrew (Margie) Proto. She was preceded in death by her husband Jerry Proto, her parents Seymour and Beatrice Silverblatt, her sister Myra Silverblatt and her brother-in-law Salvatore Proto.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, January 18th at 11:00 a.m. at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. Burial will follow at Benicia Cemetery.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel

901 W Second Street

Benicia, CA 94510

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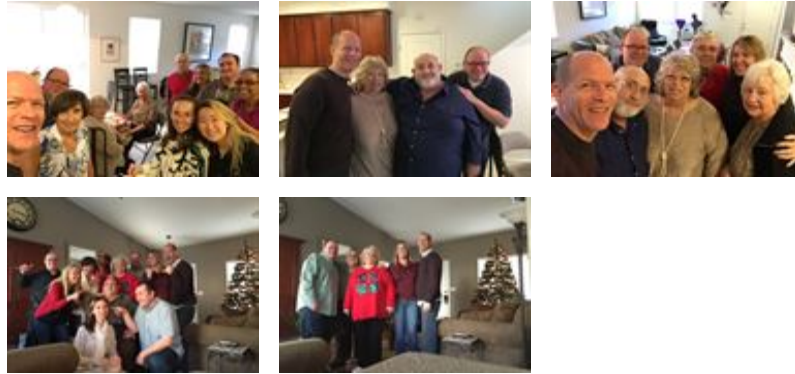
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# Tribute Wall



“ 89 files added to the album Life Tributes



Passalacqua Funeral Chapel - January 17, 2024 at 12:50 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Eileen L. Proto.



January 15, 2024 at 06:25 PM



“ Aunt Josephine, Uncle Sal & family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Eileen L. Proto.

Aunt Josephine, Uncle Sal & family - January 15, 2024 at 10:40 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Eileen L. Proto.



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