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Elvira Siri passed away September 25, 2019 at the age of 86 in her home after a short illness. She was born in Martinez and grew up in Pacheco; daughter of Peter and Ellen Baccilieri. At age 12 her family moved to Dunsmuir, California. Vera began playing piano at age 5. While in high school, she accompanied many singers and the girls chorus called The Seven Notes and a Trill; she was the trill. She also played piano in the high school dance band where she met her high school sweetheart, Andy Siri, who played the trumpet. They were 16, fell in love and started to plan their life together. She attended Armstrong Business College in Richmond and at 19 married Andy 67 years ago on September 28, 1952. They moved into their first home which Andy and his father built in Benicia. A year later when Andy was drafted to Fort Ord, Vera worked for two years at the Benicia Arsenal. When Andy returned from duty, they began growing Siri Construction Co. In 1970, they moved to their dream home which Andy designed and built. Later, in 1992, they went back to their roots and bought a vacation home on the Sacramento River in Dunsmuir.

Vera was a supportive wife and a wonderful mother and grandmother. She was super organized. She was secretary and bookkeeper for Siri Construction Co.; attended all of her daughters' activities and even taught them piano. She sewed her own clothes for several years and was an avid knitter making

sweaters and hats for many, especially each year for her two granddaughters. She loved being busy and enjoyed the life around her homes. She loved gardening, fishing, classical music, opera, reading, entertaining and she loved swing dancing with Andy. Vera developed so many friends in Benicia and Vallejo through the construction company, St. Dominic's Church and School, YLI, Catholic Social Services, Lilac Branch of Children's Hospital, Benicia Soroptimist Club, several bridge clubs, Sons of Italy, Virtus Club, bocce clubs, dancing at the Moose, American Legion, and valued her friendships from Dunsmuir.

Vera is survived by her husband, Andy Siri, her daughters Beverley (Ron) Borelli, Jeanette (Greg) Nyland, her granddaughters Emma and Elise Nyland, sister Nancy (Ron) Lewis, sister-in-law Ellie (Dave) Brodie and several nieces, nephews and godchildren.

She will be remembered for her love of her family, kindness to her friends and her beautiful smile.

Vigil services will be held 7:00 pm Wednesday at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel. A Mass Christian Burial will be held 11:00 am Thursday at St. Dominic's Church followed by burial in All Souls Cemetery. Please visit the online tribute at www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com

Previous Events

Vigil services

OCT 2. 7:00 PM (PT)

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel
901 W Second Street
Benicia, CA 94510
(707) 745-3130
info@passalacquafuneralchapel.com
<https://www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com>

Mass of Christian Burial

OCT 3. 11:00 AM (PT)

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

Tribute Wall



“ *Elvira "Vera" Siri*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Dave and I met Vera and Andy at St Dominic's Church. We became foster parents in 2008 and received a baby girl in Dec 2008. 1 Sunday Vera brought a knitted hat for the baby with her name knitted on it. I thanked her and when she said my name is Vera I almost cried since that was the name of my wonderful aunt who passed away the year before. We adopted that baby girl who is now 11 and we always enjoyed seeing Vera and Andy at 7:30 Mass. Vera was always dressed so perfectly from head to toe. We will miss you sweet lady. Rest In Peace
Dave, Gloria, and Chloe Galligan*

gloria galligan - October 03, 2019 at 10:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elvira "Vera" Siri.*



October 02, 2019 at 01:58 PM

RA

“ Ron Azevedo purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Elvira "Vera" Siri.



Ron Azevedo - October 02, 2019 at 11:49 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Elvira "Vera" Siri.



October 01, 2019 at 10:36 PM

LS

“ Leo and Ezio Siri purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Elvira "Vera" Siri.



Leo and Ezio Siri - September 30, 2019 at 08:53 PM

LJ

“ Remembering Vera, as well as her husband Andy, as wonderful employers for my step-father Joseph Wayne Wright. My step-father and my brother Todd worked for the Siri's for a number of years. Vera and Andy came by with a lovely plant for my mother after the death of my step-father. A gracious and thoughtful couple. My condolences in the death of a dear wife and mother/grandmother.
Lallose Johnson

Lisa Johnson - September 30, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Elvira "Vera" Siri.



September 29, 2019 at 11:55 PM



“ Nancy, Ron, Steve, Chris, Debbie & families purchased the A New Sunrise Spray for the family of Elvira "Vera" Siri.



Nancy, Ron, Steve, Chris, Debbie & families - September 29, 2019 at 06:07 PM



“ Are family is so sorry to hear about Vera. Vera and Andy were the most wonderful neighbors in the world they were so good to our family. Vera will be greatly missed.

Dan and Sherry Vogelpohl and family.

Dan Vogelpohl - September 29, 2019 at 02:35 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Elvira "Vera" Siri.



September 29, 2019 at 01:34 PM

ME

“ *What's not to love about Vera Siri? She was wonderful to know, to be around and to plan anything with! Such a great person and a real tribute to her family, her church and her community. I would have wished her many more years, but it was not to be. We had some precious visits at the community blood bank - and she always asked for an extra bag of peanuts for Andy to have with their cocktail. May heaven be your reward Vera for a life well led. God bless you and give you eternal rest. My love and sympathy to Andy, her family members and their friends.*

Marie Earp

MARIE EARP - September 28, 2019 at 02:35 PM