



Gayle Jacqueline "Doodie" McConologue

June 9, 1934 - September 23, 2014

Gayle Jacqueline "Doodie" McConologue, 80, "went to be with the angels" Tuesday at Kaiser Hospital in Vallejo surrounded by her family following a long illness.

Gayle was born to Ford and Kathleen (Salzman) Smith on June 9, 1934 in Seattle, Washington. She was a former resident of Vallejo and a longtime resident of Benicia. She worked as an administrative assistant for both C&H Sugar in Crockett and in the Infection Control Department at Kaiser Hospital in Vallejo for several years. She also owned and operated an interior decorating and design firm as a hobby.

Doodie enjoyed boating, her animals, travelling and entertaining. She also loved spending time with her family and was the founder of "The Benicia Bag Ladies".

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ken; daughter, Terry; sister, Nina Lou; nephew, Steve; her parents and 2 sets of aunts and uncles.

Survivors include her daughters, Holly (Rod) Gutierrez and Kathy Evans; sons, Randy (Katherine) Kirkham and John (Joanne) McConologue; grandchildren, Erin, Patrick, Stacie, Mike, Brad, Katie (Julian), Allison, John (Kim), Shane and Paige; great grandchildren, Anastasia, Maria, Chase, Holly

and Hannah; her companion, John Neihouse; sisters, Bobbie (Andy) Nickolatos and Kathy Smith; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held 4-8 p.m. Sunday at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, 901 West 2nd St., Benicia. Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11 a.m. Monday at St. Dominic's Church, 475 East I St., Benicia. Burial will follow at Benicia City Cemetery.

Memorial contributions are preferred to the charity of the donor's choice.

Tribute Wall



“ *Gayle Jacqueline "Doodie" McConologue*

November 29, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Aunt Doodie, You were won of the happiest woman i have everrest in come across. Your smile, you postitive attitude, You love for your family... I loved the opportunity I had to get to know you. May you rest in peace. Love Patti*

Patti Pinola - September 29, 2014 at 03:59 PM

DH

“ I loved Doodie! Here is why: Summer, 1948 I moved from Southern California to Benicia to live with my Dad and his family. I had just finished my freshman year at Huntington Park High School, suburb of Los Angeles. And one of the first BHS students I met was Doodie and we became life time friends. Though, I lived in Benicia only three and a half years, before moving back to LA, those years spent in Benicia, were some of the best of my life! And Doodie was one of the reasons. Generally, in High School is when ‘boy meets girl(s) and vice-versa. And, over the years, talking with friends, you eventually talk about your High School years. And you talk about highlights. I tell them mine were sports, cars and girls. (Not necessarily in that order.) Regarding girls, I tell them that the boys lived in the ‘Highlands’ and the girls lived in ‘West Manor.’ And when we went to visit West Manor our destination was always the Smith home. Besides the Smith girls, there was Barbara Craddick, Marian Ward, Marilyn Humbert and others. (I know there were the Miller girls in the Highlands.) At Doodie’s retirement party held at the Benicia Yacht Club one of guys said he dated a Smith girl and when he came to the Smith home for the first time her dad (retired Ford Smith, famous heavy weight boxer) said he wanted to show him his boxing trophies. In the trophy room he said Ford wanted to show him some boxing moves. “Here is an extra set of gloves. I won’t hurt you.” After the demonstration he said he wanted his daughter home by 10:30pm. He had her home by 9:30pm! Lastly, “Thank you Holy God for loving us and may you bless and comfort Doodie’s family including her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren for I ask this in your son’s name, Jesus. Amen.”

Dwight Hamro - September 29, 2014 at 10:45 AM

ME

“ Some of my happiest memories have Doodie in them. We have been close friends and classmates for a long time - but our happiest moments were shared as the Fab 6 Group! We wandered here and there each year and had a blast. It is hard to let her go from this life, but her illness was no fun - so on to the next adventure!!! A great reunion is taking place right now. God speed Doodie and we will always remember you lovingly.
Marie

Marie Earp - September 27, 2014 at 02:44 PM

TM

“ Therman and Bobbie McCormick purchased the Sentimental Dreams for the family of Gayle Jacqueline "Doodie" McConologue.



Therman and Bobbie McCormick - September 27, 2014 at 12:14 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Gayle Jacqueline "Doodie" McConologue.



September 27, 2014 at 11:51 AM

Jl

“ JOHN, CAROL, JEFF, & INGRID purchased the Majestic Heart for the family of Gayle Jacqueline "Doodie" McConologue.



JOHN, CAROL, JEFF, & INGRID - September 26, 2014 at 07:50 PM

CK

“ My deepest sympathy to Doodie's family may God give you all added strength and peace at this sad difficult time in your loss. Rest In Peace Doodie



Carol King - September 26, 2014 at 05:40 PM

LW

“ Lori Martin Whitehouse lit a candle in memory of Gayle Jacqueline "Doodie" McConologue



Lori Martin Whitehouse - September 26, 2014 at 10:46 AM



“ Gayle was a beautiful person. I loved her and enjoyed all the time I spent in her company. She made the world a better place. She will sadly missed. In deepest, heartfelt sympathy, Ola Peters

Ola Peters - September 25, 2014 at 02:06 AM

WP

“ *With Love and Peace - Mark and Amy Pappas purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Gayle Jacqueline "Doodie" McConologue.*



With Love and Peace - Mark and Amy Pappas - September 24, 2014 at 11:25 PM

AP

“ *God Bless your hearts. I am so sorry for all of you. Gayle is reunited with her loved ones in Paradise, resting in perfect peace. That is what I like to believe, I hope it brings you as much condolence as it has me. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. If Mark or I can do anything to help, please call us. Love and Peace, Mark and Amy Pappas*

Amy Pappas - September 24, 2014 at 11:06 PM

JM

“Doodie was one of a kind-actually all four of the sisters were one of a kind, and they always had each others back. In the time period when we grew up there were a number of sisters and brothers who went to school at the same time. There were the "Smith Sisters", Kilby sisters, Miller sisters, Price sisters, Ward sisters, along with the English boys, Mortensen boys, Jeha boys, Cardenas boys etc. My sister ran around with Doodie in school and I ran around with Nina Lou. After High School Nina Lou married and left town, but Doodie married Ken McConlogue and we all ran around together, partying, boating, and raising our children. All of us had boats and spent many years boating in the Delta with Ken and Doodie, Al and Betty Neblett, Jesse and Marion Cook, Tom and Dene Gaines, Norm and Ruth Petersen and Bill and Nina Lou Francis, among others. Doodie always called Jim her brother that she never had. When you were around the Smith Sisters "things happened"-there was always laughter and some kind of prank being played on someone. One of the more outstanding things the Smith sisters were known for was "The Smith Sandwich." When you met Doodie, you immediately became her friend. I don't believe in all the years I knew her she ever said an unkind word about anyone. She was a classy lady, a dear friend, a loving mother and this earth is not quite as bright with her passing, however the heavens have one more bright star. Doodie I will always miss you -Jim and I loved you a lot.

JoAnn Mortensen - September 24, 2014 at 10:34 PM

PM

“ I can remember numerous time that Grand ma doodie would tell me all her bag lady stories how she would dance on the tables to get the party started. She was a huge impact on my life i want to be just like her when i get older. I heard she was putting her lipstick on while she was in the hospital :) It definitely didn't surprise me. She sure loved her big jewelry, I could see grandma shining all the way from her balcony watching my brother shane and I play down in the field by her house. I truly miss you so much love you see you when i get there give aunt Terry a big kiss and grand pa as well!

Paige McConlogue - September 24, 2014 at 01:40 PM