



Helen De La Fontaine Porter

March 15, 1935 - February 22, 2024

Helen, 88 passed away surrounded by her loving family after a brief illness. She was a life long Benicia resident.

Helen's greatest joy was her five children, she truly was a Super Mom and back then they did not even use that term for Mother's. She juggled breakfast, packing lunches and getting them off to school, while at school there was making beds, laundry, ironing and getting the house ready for round two, after school. Then came rides to practices or watching games and always adding another one or two kids to her own bunch. Her day ended with preparing meals and there was always more than one depending on extracurricular activities and preferences of each of them. She was an amazing mom to say the least. As her children got older she started a career with Mervyn's Department Store in the fabric department using her experience as a great seamstress. She then transferred to Mervyn's Distribution Center ending her career in the payroll department after many years. She then started a second career with Westamerica Bank as a receptionist with an added bonus working with her two daughters, Jeanette and Beeb. She permanently retired after 15 years with Westamerica.

Helen was an avid Willie Nelson fan, her claim to fame was when Jerry had Willie sing happy birthday to her at his concert at Konocti Harbor. She enjoyed watching the Oakland A's, doing word searches, reading and attending porch

parties with her friends at Rancho Benicia.

She is survived by her children, Victor Gorden (Donna), Vince Gorden (Jill), Jeanette Core (Jerry), Michael Gorden (Michelle), Beeb Patterson (John), Rene Webb, Jerry Porter, Janet Davis (Dennis); 10 Grandchildren, 21 Great Grandchildren and a new Great Grandson coming in April. Numerous nieces and nephews whom she loved dearly.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her sister and friend, Louise, her beloved Jerry and grandson Ben Davis.

Helen's services will be held at Sacramento National Cemetery, Dixon on Thursday, March 14th at 1:30pm.

Arrangements are under the directions of Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, Benicia. Please visit the on line tribute at www.passalacquafuneralchapel.com

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAR 14. 1:30 PM (PT)

Sacramento Valley National Cemetery
5810 Midway Road
Dixon, CA 95620

Tribute Wall

GM

“ *Ginamattis M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen De La Fontaine Porter.*

Ginamattis M. - March 13, 2024 at 10:38 AM



“ *Helen was such a wonderful lady. Some of my greatest memories are playing with the Gorden family in our neighborhood. She was so nice to our family growing up. She will be missed. My condolences to all the family.*

Daniel Vogelpohl - March 12, 2024 at 11:25 PM

JS

“ *James and Jessica Sickler purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Helen De La Fontaine Porter.*



James and Jessica Sickler - March 09, 2024 at 12:03 PM

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James and Jessica Sickler - March 09, 2024 at 12:03 PM



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Synda Relle - March 08, 2024 at 06:30 AM



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Synda Relle - March 08, 2024 at 05:17 AM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Helen De La Fontaine Porter.



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Synda Relle - March 07, 2024 at 05:27 AM



“ *Mama Helen was truly a special person. I will always remember her kind spirit and soul and our connection through her grandson and my daughter in their early grade school years at Trinity Lutheran School and the field trip we chaperoned together and had lunch at. I even had the pleasure of going to a Barry Manilow concert with Mama Helen and her sister and her crazy but truly amazing daughter my coworker of many years and friend Beeb. Mama Helen you leave behind a legacy of a family who truly adored you..... I know this by the love and compassion your daughter Beeb had for you each and everyday! My prayers and thoughts are with her 2 amazing daughters Beeb and Jeanette and their brothers and all of Helen’s family.... Grandkids, great grandkids, grandson on the way, son in laws, daughter in laws etc..... Glynis*

Glynis Davis - March 02, 2024 at 08:11 PM



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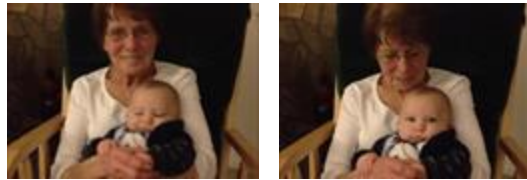
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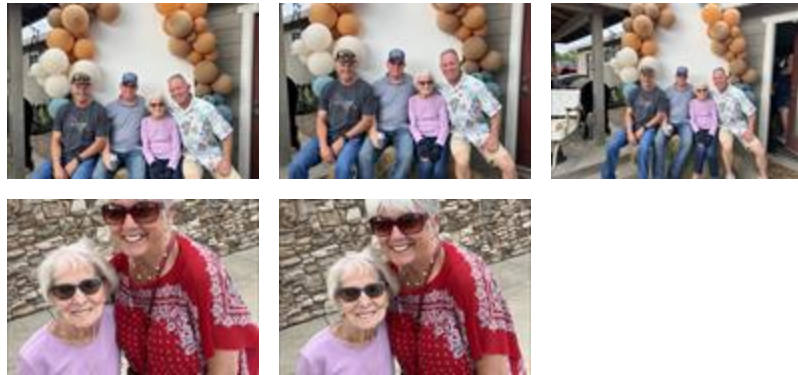
“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of Helen De La Fontaine Porter.



February 29, 2024 at 08:28 PM



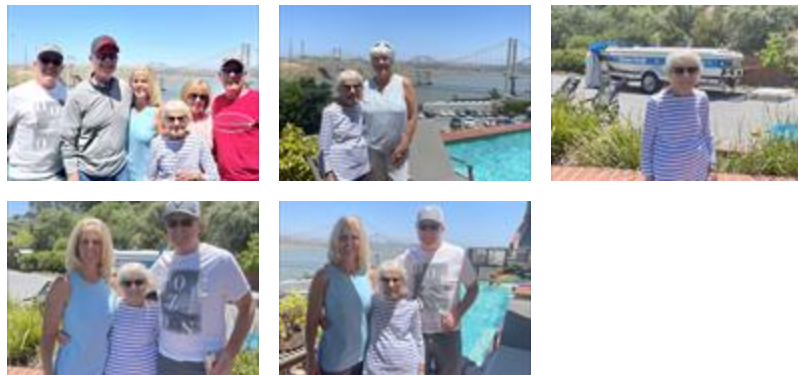
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“ Gram with her great-grandson Gunnar Gaudin on Valentine's Day.
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Synda Relle - February 29, 2024 at 08:02 PM

Donna
Gorden

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Donna Gorden - February 27, 2024 at 07:34 PM

MV

“ Helen will be greatly missed i will always be grateful for the love she showed me and my family we the Vaughn family love you always mama!!! your nice other daughter Merv, always in our hearts to the family she left so many memories the one that sticks out the most for me was my husband was during construction work out in front of Helen's house not knowing who she was (mama) she took him out a glass of ice water, stop traffic so he could back the truck out of the driveway and make uturns she just did traffic control for the company. As he telling me the story and i repeat it BeeB she realize he's talking about Mama Helen. She had a beautiful heart of gold! To my new family love you guys always. Beeb & Jeanette and family

Marilyn Vaughn - February 26, 2024 at 09:25 AM

PF

“ Paul Fulton and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Helen De La Fontaine Porter.

Paul Fulton and family - February 25, 2024 at 06:33 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Helen De La Fontaine Porter.*



February 25, 2024 at 06:33 PM



“ *My condolences to all of the family. Helen was a wonderful lady. She was always so nice to the Vogelpohl family. So many fond memories growing up in the old neighborhood. She will be missed.*

Daniel Vogelpohl - February 25, 2024 at 01:48 PM

DM

I worked with Helen at Westamerica Bank. My name is Dianne Massa. We worked together and ran the reception desk like a well oiled machine. She was fun to work with. She was the most amazing lady. She loved her family. She will forever be remembered and missed by many. Rest in peace Helen I'll miss you. 🥹❤️❤️

Dianne Massa - February 26, 2024 at 08:37 PM