



## Jeanne Ballatore

September 10, 1911 - November 29, 2014

Jeanne Ballatore passed away quietly in her sleep on November 29th, 2014 surrounded by her loving family at the age of 103.

Jeanne is a descendent of a multi generations Sonoma County Family. She was born on September 10, 1911 in Bodega Bay, California. She graduated from Tomales High School in June 1928, the Sweets Business College in 1930, Santa Rosa Junior College in 1931 and received her Bachelors degree in science from the University of California Berkeley in 1933. She loved her family and Valley Ford where she resided for most of her life.

Jeanne was a role model for women. She held careers as a businesswoman running a market in Valley Ford. She also worked as a postmaster of the Valley Ford Post Office at the same time working nights in the Valley Ford Creamery during World War II (there were not enough men available to fill the jobs); and as a rancher. She retired from the Forestville Elementary School in 1976 ending a teaching career that began in 1958.

Her husband, Spirito Ballatore on November 20, 1981, preceded Jeanne in death. Jeanne is the Mother of six children. They and their spouses are as follows: William Robertson Merian (Rini); Jon "Jock" Charles Merian (Bernice) (she lost Jock to a tragic accident at a young age) ; Lynn Michelle Stornetta-Green (Jerry); Jeanne Spirita Ballatore-Woodford (Eric); Sally McGregor and

Spirito Jean Ballatore (Kathie). Jeanne felt blessed to have 23 Grandchildren, 21 Great-grandchildren and 4 Great Great Grandchildren.

Jeanne was a member of the Tomales Regional History Center. All donations should be sent to Tomales Regional History Center P.O. Box 262 Tomales, California 94971.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, December 6 at St Philip's Catholic Church, 3730 Bohemian Highway in Occidental followed by burial in Druids Cemetery.

Only one in a million people live to be 100 years old. That is our Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and Great-Great Grandmother: One in a Million.

Passalacqua Funeral Chapel, 745-3130  
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