



Leona Burns

December 25, 1924 - January 1, 2026

Leona Burns, age 101, passed away peacefully on January 1, 2026, in Benicia, California. She was born on Christmas Day, December 25, 1924.

Leona lived most of her life in San Leandro, California, where she resided in the same home for more than 63 years before relocating to the Benicia and Vallejo area, where she lived for the past eight years.

She was married to her beloved husband, Roy Burns, for more than 72 years, sharing a lifetime of love, devotion, and family. Leona worked for more than 20 years as a secretary, a role that reflected her strong work ethic and attention to detail.

Leona lived life with joy and purpose. She loved square dancing and traveled extensively throughout the United States and around the world. A talented and creative homemaker, she enjoyed sewing, knitting, and crocheting. She took great pride in hosting parties and celebrating family holidays, becoming especially famous among family and friends for her annual Easter egg hunts and memorable Thanksgiving dinners.

Above all, Leona cherished her family. She was a devoted fan of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, rarely missing their sporting events and milestones. She was the last surviving member of her family's four

siblings.

Leona is survived by her daughter, Juanita Burns, and her husband, Doyle Tyree; seven grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy Burns; her son, John Burns; and her daughter, Judy Chappelle.

Visitation will be held at Passalacqua Funeral Chapel on Thursday, January 8, from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Graveside services will be private, at their family mausoleum crypt at Mountain View Cemetery in Oakland, California.

Leona will be remembered for her warmth, generosity, creativity, and the deep love she had for her family—a legacy that will live on for generations.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (PT)

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