



Loretta V. Heihn

August 24, 1921 - May 2, 2020

Loretta was born in Tripp, So. Dakota & graduated from Tripp High School in 1939. She married her sweetheart, Leonard on Valentine's Day 1942 before he was called to active duty. Loretta started work in Washington DC doing government map revisions for the war effort, eventually transferring to California in 1944.

After WW II they lived in Oakland for 14 years and Loretta worked for Colgate-Palmolive's Berkeley warehouse - managing orders and driving a forklift for 33 years until she retired at age 57. They raised 2 children, Cheryl & Kevin, in Fremont where she lived for 61 years.

Loretta loved cooking and baking and had a very large cookbook collection. In retirement, she also took many floral arranging courses and became a very adept floral artist creating many professional quality arrangements for weddings, memorials and her Fremont church - Holy Trinity Lutheran. She also loved gardening raising beautiful roses, fuchsias & vegetables. Cake decorating classes were also a favorite pastime and she made many beautiful & unique birthday cakes for the grandchildren & other family events. She had a great sense of humor and loved her family and church community. She was very active in the daily lives of Kevin's 2 children Trisha and Shawn who lived next door for many years.

After moving to Carlton Senior Living in Fremont in 2018 she moved in with her daughter & family in early April 2020 in order to safely quarantine together. The family is so thankful for the time they were able to spend together before she passed away peacefully with her daughter Cheryl at her side on May 2.

Her infectious smile, humor & pleasant nature will be sorely missed along with her gratitude for all she'd been given. She will live forever in the hearts of her surviving family: daughter Cheryl & son-in-law Dennis, her 3 grandchildren Trisha Heihn of Half Moon Bay, Shawn Heihn of Henderson, Nv. & Melissa Gunsell of San Francisco. Loretta was predeceased by her husband Leonard in 2002 after 60 years of marriage & by her son Kevin in 2007.

A private family internment was held May 7th and a Celebration of Life will be held at a future date at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Fremont when gatherings are possible. Donations in her memory can be made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, 38801 Blacow Rd., Fremont, CA. 94536.

Comments



“ Cheryl and I were high school friends, and I always fondly remember staying overnight with Cheryl on an occasional weekend, Loretta (and Leonard of course) were always so welcoming to me, making me feel at home. I can remember Loretta always providing treats for us, always incredulously delicious goodies (and sinfully-calorie -wise)! I continued to stay in touch with her via Christmas cards throughout the years, and admired her for her decorative talents. I will miss her, what a fabulous person to have known!

Marilyn Golden May 2020

Marilyn Golden - May 17 at 07:51 PM



“ We were on a trip to Hawaii and met up with Cheryl, Dennis, Melissa and Loretta along with a third family. It was our first time to really spend a significant time with Loretta. She was funny and easy to talk to. I was very surprised about how much she knew about the plants of Hawaii. She and Dennis went home with orchids and they both had success. I was so impressed with her knowledge. I'll miss her. She was a lovely lady.

Janet Miura - May 11 at 12:01 AM



“ Loretta always made me smile and feel welcome. I use to love sitting by her and listening to her stories. I think she might have made the corsage I wore for my joining to the church. I also love asking her about baking. She was a beautiful lady and a good friend.
Thanks for being a part of my life.

Liz McHenry - May 08 at 09:21 PM



“ Richard and I will always remember Loretta fondly. Her beautiful flower arrangements and sly sense of humor will be missed at church. She was always at every church event:
worship services and Adult Forum (Richard would make sure she had her doughnut and tea!), Bible Study, and Game Night (bringing food even when it was difficult for her to do so, and playing dominoes and Tri-onimoes with June Bello). My Mom remembers enjoying going to cake decorating classes with her. Such a special lady!
- Keith Hillesland and Richard Taylan



Keith Hillesland - May 08 at 07:51 PM