



Barbara Jean Simas

November 28, 1931 - August 2, 2017

Longtime Etna resident Barbara Jean Duffy Simas passed away on August 2, 2017 at Asante Rogue Valley Hospital in Medford, Oregon after a lengthy illness. She was 85 years old.

Barbara was born on November 28, 1931 in Los Angeles to Cole S. Nawman and Ann Marie Fahrner Nawman. She was the first of two children. The family moved many times over the years, finally settling in Scott Valley for the remainder of Barbara's high school years. She graduated from Etna High School on June 9, 1950. Barbara met her first husband, Hugh M. Duffy, at a Callahan dance, and they were married on September 25, 1950. They raised four children: daughter Kathleen Duffy McBroom (Dean) of Sawyers Bar; daughter Colleen Duffy Barnett (Bruce) of Elk Grove; son, Patrick Duffy of Callahan, and daughter Maureen Duffy Nunes (Roque) of Etna.

Barbara is survived by her husband of 42 years, Gerald "Bud" Simas of Etna; his daughter, Beulah Simas of Callahan, granddaughter Prairie Rose and her two children. Barbara's grandchildren: Wook John McBroom (Julia) and their daughter, Hannah, of Munich, Germany; Buck McBroom (Jaime) and their daughters, Lily and Zoe, of Etna; M. Hunter McBroom of Sawyers Bar; Drake McBroom of Sawyers Bar; Brent Barnett (Christina) of Sacramento and their three sons, Jett, Cole and Beau; Heather Duffy Wyatt (Jason) of Central Point, Oregon, and their three children, Jasmine, Jerod and Rose; Louis S. Nunes

(Melissa) of Virginia Beach, Virginia and their children, Gabriel, Rylee and Caydence.

Barbara was preceded in death by her first husband, Hugh; sister Marian Nawman Henley; her mother and father; a stepdaughter, Geraldine Simas Winklehousen; as well as various cousins.

A graveside service will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Etna Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to your favorite charity in Barbara's name.

Cemetery Details

Etna Cemetery

Sawyers Bar Road
Etna, CA 96027

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ Hi family,

I was saddened to find Aunt Barbara's obituary while looking for the same for my mom. I hope you all have many happy memories of your time with her and may she rest in peace. I think of you all and hope everyone is well.

Much love and many blessings,

*Michele Henley Morris
Tallahassee, FL*



Michele Morris - September 26, 2017 at 09:35 PM

KM

Dear Michele,

I have not been very cognizant of Girdner's obit page. Thank you for writing and for your kind thoughts. Miss seeing you and hearing about you, Donnie and Eddie.

Sad news last night (Oct. 15th) for us, Dean's dad had been failing like my mom, and finally succumbed to his ailments at the age of 88. We are all in shock and miss him terribly already. Not sure yet when the service will be. He was a Korean Vet so will have a graveside service this coming week.

My mother-in-law is 87 and not very good shape either, so just a matter of time there also. Bud, my step-dad is 93 and has a birthday Dec. 14th, if he will make it. Might outlive them all.

It was a blessing to have all four of them all these years when so many lose their parents years earlier. The down side of course is they are all old at once and pass away sooner rather than later.

I miss Mom more than I thought, and now with Pop gone that much worse. If you would like to email me your address I could send some pic's and eulogy. duffy@srrc.org

Take good care of yourself and maybe one day we can get together again.

All My Love, Cousin Kathy

Kathy Duffy McBroom - October 16, 2017 at 06:27 PM

 Sue
Allen

“ *I'm so sorry, Kathy, for the loss of your mother. Fond memories of your Mom and Dad from grade school.*

Sue Allen (Susie Nieman)

Sue Allen - August 12, 2017 at 12:22 PM