



Elizabeth Helen Connell

August 17, 1919 - October 12, 2018

Elizabeth Helen Connell, a resident of Montague, passed away on October 12, 2018 at Madrone Hospice House in Yreka, at 99 years old, after living a full and long life.

Elizabeth was born in Chicago, Illinois in August, 1919 to George H. and Mildred Florence Drury. She had three siblings: her sisters Marie and Mildred, and a brother, George Jr., all of whom preceded her in death. Elizabeth met and married Tom Connell in 1946 in Washington DC. Over the years, they moved to different duty stations when Tom was transferred (USCG), including Honolulu, Seattle and the Presidio in San Francisco, with kids in tow. In 1959 the family settled in Hayward, where they lived for many years until Mom moved to Stockton and then to Montague.

Elizabeth enjoyed traveling, Ireland being a favorite destination, which she traveled to several times. She especially enjoyed being Grandma to her two grandsons, Brian Jr and Kevin. She was involved with many organizations over the years including The Catholic Daughters and Retired Officer Wives Association, serving as President in both. She served for many years as a Eucharistic Minister at St. Bede Catholic Church in Hayward and Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Stockton where she made many friends. She attended St. Joseph Catholic Church in Yreka. Elizabeth returned to school in her later years and received an Associate of Arts degree

from Chabot Junior College in Hayward, of which she was very proud.

Elizabeth is survived by her son Thomas of Montague; daughter Sheila of Poteau, OK; son Michael of Patterson, CA; daughter Patricia of Mill Valley, CA and son Brian, Sr. (Johnnie) of Parker, CO. She is also survived by her grandsons Brian Jr. (Mindy) and great-daughter Bailey of Parker, CO and Kevin (Jackie) of Clovis, NM both of whom she was immensely proud of. She is also survived by her nieces and nephews. Elizabeth was predeceased by her husband, Thomas P. Connell, Jr. in 1975 and her son Steven in 1976.

Elizabeth will be buried at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Hayward. where both her husband and son are interred.

A private family service will be held at a later date.

Cemetery Details

Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

26320 Mission Blvd.
Hayward, CA 94544

Tribute Wall

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“ To my Aunt Betty's Family:

I was so sorry to learn about the death of my Aunt Betty, sister of my father, George Drury. Aunt Betty was a wonderful person, someone who I finally got to know in 1999 at the funeral of her sister, Marie Hentz. Because we lived so far apart, her in California and my family in Maryland, it was not until then that we met, but she was so interesting to talk with, and loving in every way, it was such a joy to be with her in an otherwise difficult time.

We talked a number of times in the ensuing years, and she kept in close touch with my brother George until his passing in 2012. Again, please accept my sincere condolences.

Pat Drury

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