



Lorraine Genevieve Suydam

July 5, 1929 - February 24, 2018

Lorraine Suydam passed away peacefully at home surrounded by loving family on February 24, 2018.

Lorraine was born Lorraine Genevieve Helland on July 5, 1929 in Epworth, North Dakota. She was the 9th of 15 children born to Bertha Matilda Helland and Andrew Martin Helland. In 1948, Lorraine met and married her husband, William “Norris” Suydam in Minot, North Dakota. Norris and Lorraine migrated to Washington and then to California to settle in Palo Alto for 35 years, where they raised their four children. Lorraine spent many years providing child care to several children. She enjoyed spending time in her kitchen and tending to her flower garden. Dancing and restoring furniture were two of her favorite past times. Her family was the most important part of her life.

In 1997, Norris and Lorraine retired to Greenview, California, where they had their dream home built. During their retirement years, they enjoyed spending time with family and friends and working on their property. They cherished watching their grandchildren and great grandchildren grow up. Lorraine was proud of her and Norris’ Norwegian heritage, and passed down Norwegian songs, phrases, and recipes, including the family favorite: Lefse.

Lorraine is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Bill and Linda Suydam of Estacada, OR; a son, Bruce Suydam of Estacada, OR; a daughter, Cherlyn

Hubbard of Fort Jones; a daughter, Sharon Suydam of Longview, WA; her brother, Donald Helland of Tumwater, WA; along with many nieces and nephews. Her legacy leaves 15 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren that will miss their “Nanny” very much. Lorraine was preceded in death by her husband, William “Norris” Suydam Sr., her parents, and 13 of her siblings.

A service to celebrate Lorraine’s life will be held on Saturday, April 28 at 3:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Center in Fort Jones.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR **28**. 3:00 PM (PT)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Parish Hall

101 Carlock Street

None

Fort Jones, CA 96032