



## Vera Josephine Rizzardo

October 1, 1929 - February 3, 2021

Lifelong Siskiyou County resident Vera Rizzardo passed away peacefully on February 3, 2021 at Madrone Hospice in Yreka. She was 91 years old.

Vera was born to Frank and Frieda Deas on October 1, 1929, and married Mario Rizzardo in 1947. They had three children and continued life on the ranch. Vera had a beauty shop in her home for 36 years. She was active in the Catholic Church and Choir, was a community 4-H leader for 15 years and taught boys cooking class. She was a very involved mother with her children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was always ready to go to a ball game or a rodeo. Another highlight of her life was going hunting out of state with her family and friends. Vera raised a beautiful garden, and loved sharing her famous pickled beets and salsa. Her flowers were one of her passions as well. She enjoyed quilting and reading. She always had plenty of good food on the table because undoubtedly someone would pop in at mealtime.

In 1998, she and Mario sold their ranch and built a home just north of the ranch on Montague-Grenada Road. Their views of the Shasta River and Mt. Shasta were spectacular. She remained there after Mario passed away in 2011. In 2019, when her health began to decline, she moved into assisted living in Yreka. She remained there until further health issues required her to move to Madrone Hospice.

Vera is survived by a daughter, Linda McKoen; a son, Frank Rizzardo; a daughter-in-law, Devanee Rizzardo; grandchildren Billy Gallagher (Stacy), Ryan Gallagher (Sam), Christopher McKoen (Loralee), Nate Rizzardo (Jessica), Stephen Rizzardo (Natalie), Kyle Rizzardo (Marissa), Stephanie Rizzardo (Jerry) and Bethanie Bray (Pistol); great grandchildren Will (Rosa), Wyatt, Garrett and Hadley Gallagher, Oaklee and Rita McKoen (and an expected new baby), Cailey, Kaylynn, Sutter, Tanner, Steele, Klayton, Kolton and Ava Rizzardo, Kayla Graves, Jaiden Unruh, and Colt and Brittany Bray; a great great grandson, Tripp Gallagher; a sister, Stella Sutter; a brother-in-law Marino Rizzardo (Nola); a sister-in-law Tersilla Precie; and many nieces, nephews and friends she loved dearly.

Vera was preceded in death by her husband, Mario; a son, Ernie; a son-in-law Mike McKoen; a brother and sister-in-law John and Edna Rizzardo; and brothers-in-law Mike Precie and Martin Sutter.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be for family only, due to COVID restrictions. A memorial graveside will be open to everyone on Saturday, February 20, 2021 at 11:30 AM at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Yreka. Everyone is also invited to a barbeque at the ranch on Montague-Grenada Road. Please dress for the weather. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to Madrone Hospice, 255 Collier Circle, Yreka, CA 96097, or to a charity of one's choice.

# Tribute Wall

CH

“ *I will remember Vera as a woman with a heart of gold.*

Cheryl Harrington - September 26, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ *Robin Cooley lit a candle in memory of Vera Josephine Rizzardo*



Robin Cooley - February 20, 2021 at 12:00 AM

DW

“ *One very fine Lady. She will never be forgotten! Deb Wilson*

Deborah Wilson - February 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Vera, was the kindest person, greeted you with a glorious smile, asking how you were, interested in your activities and you could see her in a multitude of places, Vera made you feel good and smile! Her ability to show care and concern, put people at ease and those promises Vera, made were never broken. Her presence will be missed! Prayers for your journey and thanks for knowing you! ❤️*

Liz Hockaday - February 14, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *From loving sister Stella and family*



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**Tribute Store** - February 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

FC

“ *our thoughts and prayers are with all of you!*



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**Frank and Ronda Collier** - February 12, 2021 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ *So sorry for your loss.*

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**Peggy Claassen** - February 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Zia was a soft spoken sweet lady that I will truly miss. The summer before I started high school I decided to cut my hair as I had hair where I could sit on it. She kept saying "are you sure you want to do this?" She cried the whole time she was cutting my hair. She cut it into a DA. I loved it so she felt better about it. She is with God now and was ready to be greeted there. She is now at peace.*

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**Constance Robinson** - February 11, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RP

“ *Such a special person. I have so many special memories of Vera. Love to all the family.*

Roxi Phillips - February 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

NE

“ *Such a wonderful lady. She will be missed.*

Neal Eller - February 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ *Sweet lady loved by many!* 🌸💕🌸

Charlene Broce - February 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *To the Rizzardo family we sent our deepest condolences, Vera was one of the sweetest ladies we have ever met, our hearts go out to you in this time of sorrow. Lucky and Ann Hall*

Lucky Hall - February 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ *Vera was a dear friend for many years. I'll miss her!*

Tat Chase - February 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

KE

“ *Our family will miss her. Such a wonderful lady.*

Karen Healy Eller - February 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

ES

“ *She was such a sweet lady, always had a beautiful smile!*

Elizabeth Stewart - February 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ *She will be missed such great neighbors!!*

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**Trey Soder** - February 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ *A wonderful lady.*

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**Roy Smith** - February 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ *Best grandma ever!*

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**Chris Walker- Soule** - February 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ *I'm sorry to hear about this, but I love the memory of Vera giving us lunch as kids while we fixed fence for her. There were only three of us but the food just kept coming and coming, and of course there was dessert to top it all off! She will be remembered in many hearts :) Nicole (Harris) MacAdam*

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**Nicole MacAdam** - February 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

GL

“ *Lovely lady, you will be missed by so many💖*

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**Grace Hester Leeman** - February 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ *Oh no. Such a sweetheart.*

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**Cindy Ready-Small** - February 10, 2021 at 12:00 AM