



## Gabriella E. Zunino

June 6, 1940 - October 18, 2025

Gabriella Emilia Zunino passed away peacefully after a brief battle with cancer, in her home surrounded by her immediate family, on October 18, 2025 at the age of 85. If you knew her you would not forget her. She was a wonderful mother, wife, grandmother, friend and beautiful soul who always had a smile on her face. Born an only child on June 6, 1940 in Esino Lario, Italy to parents Cesare Viglienghi and Gemma Maglia, she grew up in Italy, received a master's degree in education and taught elementary school children there. She came to Vallejo to visit her cousin and to learn English. Little did she know, she would meet her soon-to-be husband of 60 years, Lawrence Zunino. They soon were back in her home town in Italy where they would be married. After coming back to Vallejo, Lawrence promised her to visit Italy every year to see her family, and they did. Gabby or Lella Z, which many of her friends called her, is survived by her husband Lawrence Zunino, son, John Zunino, daughter, Lisa Zunino, and her favorite and only granddaughter, Gemma Bahnsen. Her greatest joy in life was to spend time with her granddaughter and watch her grow up. They were best friends! Gabby taught Italian, worked for the family business, was a homemaker, and the Matriarch of family. She loved to play tennis, golf, bocce ball, and you couldn't keep her away from her Bridge games. In the kitchen, she was an amazing Italian chef, who was always willing to show you her secrets. She is in a better place now, looking down and guiding us all. She will be missed, but never forgotten. We will celebrate her life forever!

Family and friends are welcome to join in Celebrating her Life on Saturday, November 22, at 11am at Green Valley Country Club, with lunch to follow, at 35 Country Club Dr.

Fairfield, CA 94534

# Previous Events

## Family and Friends

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM (PT)

Green Valley Country Club  
35 Country Club Dr.  
Fairfield, CA 94534

# Tribute Wall

GF

“ George J Piombo and Family planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gabriella E. Zunino.

George J Piombo and Family - November 25, 2025 at 07:30 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gabriella E. Zunino.



November 21, 2025 at 07:16 PM

LG

“ Love you all, Marty and Rachelle Garton planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gabriella E. Zunino.

Love you all, Marty and Rachelle Garton - November 21, 2025 at 07:16 PM

PS

“ Pam Schemke purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Gabriella E. Zunino.



Pam Schemke - November 21, 2025 at 02:18 PM

PS

“ Pam Schemke planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gabriella E. Zunino.

Pam Schemke - November 21, 2025 at 02:18 PM

SP

“ Schemke P. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gabriella E. Zunino.

Schemke P. - November 21, 2025 at 02:14 PM

DB

“ Darlene Barker-Destefano planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gabriella E. Zunino.

Darlene Barker-Destefano - November 21, 2025 at 11:59 AM

DB

“ Darlene Barker-Destefano purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of Gabriella E. Zunino.



Darlene Barker-Destefano - November 21, 2025 at 11:59 AM

GB

“ Greta Bahnsen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gabriella E. Zunino.

Greta Bahnsen - November 20, 2025 at 11:49 PM



“ Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of Gabriella E. Zunino.



November 20, 2025 at 11:49 PM



“ 250 files added to the album Life Tributes



Twin Chapels Mortuary - November 20, 2025 at 02:14 PM

JV

“ So sorry to hear about Gabriella’s passing. She was always a vibrant lady. My mom and dad, Frank and Eleanor Ottolini fondly remembered many good wonderful memories with Gabriella and Lawrence at Cobb Mountain. Peace.

Joyce Vaughn - November 18, 2025 at 08:35 PM

DN

“ da Gigi e Nikita planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gabriella E. Zunino.

da Gigi e Nikita - November 13, 2025 at 02:00 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Gabriella E. Zunino.



November 13, 2025 at 02:00 AM

CJ

“ Charlie, Candice, Landon & Liam Johnson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gabriella E. Zunino.

Charlie, Candice, Landon & Liam Johnson - November 07, 2025 at 06:34 PM

CJ

“ Charlie, Candice, Landon & Liam Johnson purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Gabriella E. Zunino.



Charlie, Candice, Landon & Liam Johnson - November 07, 2025 at 06:34 PM

SF

“ Scott and Deb Foster purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Gabriella E. Zunino.



Scott and Deb Foster - November 02, 2025 at 09:39 PM

SF

“ I’m so sorry to hear of Gabby’s passing. I haven’t seen her in a long time. When Lisa introduced me to her 25-30 years ago, she gave me a hug and two kisses one on each side of the cheek. It was it was as if she had known me my whole life. Every time I saw her at an event or a party, she always smiled, held my hand and gave a hung or kiss. She never judged me or cared, who I was what I did or where I came from. She always just shared her love. The world was very lucky to have her and many people are better on this earth having known her . I wished I would’ve seen her more in the last year two, but I understand she wanted her privacy. Gabby was always the epitome of a classy lady full of grace and love. I still miss you terribly Hun, as will the many around the world will miss you.

scott foster and family - November 02, 2025 at 09:22 PM

EF

“ Eileen F. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gabriella E. Zunino.

Eileen F. - October 30, 2025 at 02:31 PM

JB

“ Joe C and Kitty B planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gabriella E. Zunino.

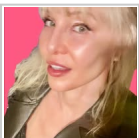
Joe C and Kitty B - October 28, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ Sweet Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Gabriella E. Zunino.



October 28, 2025 at 02:08 PM



“ I always enjoyed attending Gemma’s birthday parties and other events you hosted. One of the best parts of your events was being around your adorable parents. Gabriella’s beautiful smile will be missed.

Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you, Gemma, Johnny, and your dad right now during this difficult time.

Renee Ritchey - October 28, 2025 at 11:37 AM

NQ

“ We have Gabriella for years. Her granddaughter Gemma is my daughter's best friends since meeting in elementary school. We would often meet at Mass and yes her love for life was ever present. Gabriella lived her life on her terms. May her memory comfort her daughter Lisa, son and especially Gemma.

Norma I. Quintana - October 28, 2025 at 10:46 AM

RT

“ I'm saddened by the immeasurable loss the Zunino family has suffered. I remember Gabriella as a special person, always smiling, generous and intelligent. The entire community of La Spezia (Italy), sister city of Vallejo, sends its condolences to the entire family.

Rosi Tartarini - October 28, 2025 at 09:54 AM

RT

“ Rosi T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gabriella E. Zunino.

Rosi T. - October 28, 2025 at 09:48 AM

MF

“ Maggie F. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gabriella E. Zunino.

Maggie F. - October 28, 2025 at 01:43 AM

TF

“ Terry Curtola and the Curtola Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Gabriella E. Zunino.

Terry Curtola and the Curtola Family - October 27, 2025 at 04:25 PM

TF

“ Terry Curtola and the Curtola Family purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of Gabriella E. Zunino.



Terry Curtola and the Curtola Family - October 27, 2025 at 04:25 PM

TC

“ My wife Jolyn and I, had many fond memories with Gabriella and Larry, in Vallejo, up at Cobb Mountain and our favorite was spending a week in Esino and La Spezia, She was a first class lady, who was fun to be around. Rest in Peace my friend and say hello to Jolyn for me 🙏 Terry Curtola

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**Terry Curtola** - October 27, 2025 at 04:15 PM

SP

*Gabriella and I became friends 53 years ago when they moved onto the block. She was a powerhouse of energy and love. She is my son's godmother and John and Lisa are still friends with my children. She was with me many times to visit my husband before he passed away two years ago. I have so many good memories of our time together. I will miss her so much*

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**Sharon Powers** - October 29, 2025 at 11:14 AM